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# The Spoke

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

August 22, 2012



## Last Meeting

**President Stephanie** presided. **Jay Berube** delivered the invocation. **Guy Quinn** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Anthony Scrocco** led the 4 Way Test. We all collaborated on a rousing rendition of *Good Bless America*



**Susan Schmitt** delivered her report last week from the “Poinsettia Table,” which will grace our Club meeting room until we sell 1,000 plants. (Thanks to **Bob Lorenz** and **Marjorie Rubacky** for placing our first two orders) Every poinsettia order delivered

to the “table” will entitle one to draw from the table’s grab bag and win a fabulous prize. Keep those poinsettia orders coming and thanks Susan for adding a unique and fun spark to this important fundraiser.

## Congratulations Jamie



Receiving the blue badge is a sign of Rotarian accomplishment and commitment. So we all were happy to recognize **Jamie Weaver** as she received her blue badge in the presence of her sponsor **Jessica Berube** and **President Stephanie**. Congratulations.

## Last Week’s Program

**Missy Saracino**

## “Naples Equestrian Challenge”



Last week we heard from Missy Saracino, Program and Volunteer Manager for Naples Equestrian Challenge. In her role at NEC Missy oversees the evaluation and proper placement of all program participants as well as scheduling and communicating with NEC volunteers.

We learned of the NEC mission—improving the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding. Missy’s excellent AV presentation underscored the benefits of equine therapy—as it relaxes muscles, increases joint mobility, strengthens and improves posture, balance and coordination while developing self-confidence, concentration and trust.

NEC also offers a number of community outreach programs among them Operation Strides, a program offering therapies to military service veterans. We also gained insight into those wonderful creatures that make NEC happen—the horses, who with their gentle patience, make all the difference. Thanks Missy for an inspiring presentation.

## “Setting the Stage” Toward A New Fundraiser



**Bob Lombardo** provided the framework of a new fundraiser approved by our Board—a Theater Production scheduled for Christmas Season 2013. It is anticipated that this production will be fashioned as a live radio show (calling to mind the *Grand Ole Opry* or *A Prairie Home Companion*.) Bob was excited to announce that we have secured the services of a professional director to assist with the project. Currently we are in search of a venue to hold the event, volunteers to make the evening come alive, and sponsors to insure its success. If you have ideas and would like to help, please see Bob.

## A Paul Harris Moment



As we all proudly know, **Don Thomson** earlier this year was named the 2012 Love of Bonita Award Recipient by the Bonita Springs Community Fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for his commitment and devotion to community service. In recognition of that achievement **Jim O'Leary** named Don an honorary Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Don and thanks for your leadership, example, and generosity of time and talent.

## RLI—A “Leadership” Invitation

**President Stephanie** briefed us on the importance of the Rotary Leadership Institute, particularly as it enters a “new season.” RLI offers a comprehensive and unique way to garner Rotary leadership skills. The following article from the District website describes the RLI experience in greater detail. The day and times of the various Institutes can be found at [www.RLItraining.org](http://www.RLItraining.org).

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs (and also Rotaract Clubs) in member districts identify those members who seem to have the POTENTIAL for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organizations.



### What to expect at RLI

RLI is an interactive experience with fellow members from different clubs in small classrooms with up to 15 attendees per room. The sessions are led by RLI qualified and trained Discussion Leaders who only serve to stimulate and facilitate discussion in harmony with the course curriculum. RLI attendees learn from participating in the discussion and also working with others in problem solving group exercises.

### RLI Philosophy

"Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be."

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 This Weeks Big Prize



A delighted  
**Roger Brunswick**  
 drew the  
 Eight of Spades  
 to win \$5.00.

As always...we're all winners as the  
 "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club  
 strong and ready to serve.

Happy Birthday

Jonathan Gopman, August 24  
 Joe Murgalo, August 27

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 Will it build GOODWILL and  
 BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
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Rotary "Sings"



*America, the Beautiful*



O beautiful for spacious skies,  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majes-  
 ties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 America! America! God shed  
 His grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea!

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