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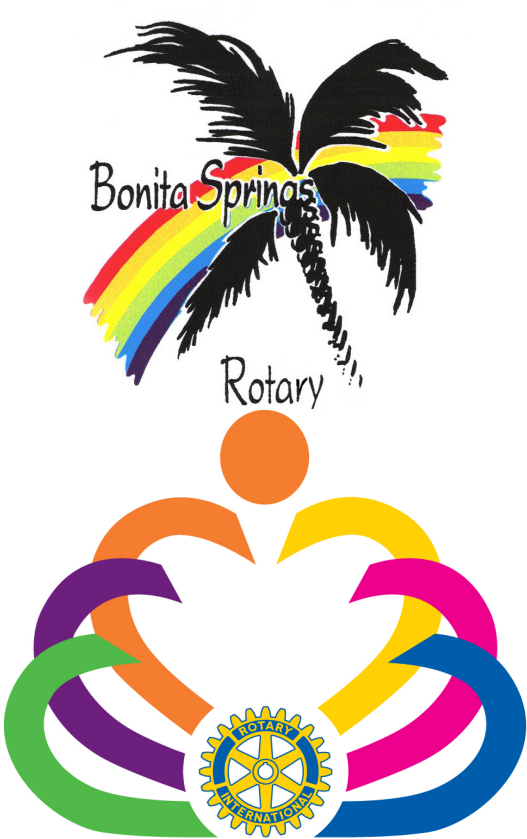
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# The Spoke

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**  
**Chartered November 3, 1978**



**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**  
Meets Wednesday at 7:30 am at Bonita Bay Club  
**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**  
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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

December 21, 2011



## Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Dave Shellenbarger** delivered the invocation. **Jamie Weaver** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Steve Krchniak** led a wonderful, musical rendition 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *Jingle Bells*.

**Bobbi Bird** offered a report on the reopening of the Shangri-La. Our Club was asked to be the non profit partner for this event. The Ribbon cutting for the event is this evening at 5 pm with the "Season of Giving" events this evening and on Thursday. If you would like additional information on this special two-day Holiday event, please see Bobbi and thanks to those who are participating.

## A ROTARIAN'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Gracious Eternal God, This is the season of light. Light from the festive glow of the Menorah, warmth from the yule log fire, radiant beams from the tender face of the babe born in Bethlehem. In this the darkest of months, we give thanks for the light You bring to humankind. We give thanks for the light this Rotary Club has shed throughout its long history on so many others, both here at home and throughout the world .We ask that we be nourished by this food, fellowship and reflection on our past. . . and energized to convey Your perpetual light. . . forward into the future. In Your holy name, Amen

*Craig W. Johnson, Austin, Rotary.*

## This Week's Program Sandy Scoggins/ Jay Berube "International Service Update"



Last week **Sandy Scoggins** and **Jay Berube** provided a very comprehensive update on our Club's International Service initiatives. We received a briefing on the workings of the Rotary Foundation's Matching Grant Program and then tangi-

ble proof, how through vision and creativity, we can make a difference internationally. Our accomplishments in this area (QBeta, Water Tank in Guatemala; Tata Swatch; Chilean ambulance; Gift of Life; OPOKA After School Program; Bolivian Education Initiative and the School Renovation in Huehuetenango) bespeak a sense of great Rotarian leadership commitment. Thanks Jay and Sandy.



## Meals of Hope

It is sometimes said that pictures convey as much or more than the written word. So it was last Saturday morning as friends and Rotarians from throughout the region joined our Club to pack 100,000 meals. Thanks to **Nancy Ross**, **Brian Olitsky** and all who participated in this very special community event.



## Estero High School Awards of Excellence



Last week **Steven Slachta** continued our Club’s tradition of recognizing faculty, staff and students who demonstrate exemplary commitment to service and academic excellence at Estero High School. Congratulations to Melody Shipman (Academic); Victor Arriaga (Academic); Troy Beall (Faculty); and Kathi Burrell (Staff).

## *Our Christmas Tree Sale* A Holiday Tradition



**Jay Berube** updated us on the progress of this year’s Christmas Tree Sale. As of Wednesday morning, our “inventory” stood at about 60 trees. Since the beginning of the sale, we have sold over 420 trees assuring another financial success. Plans were to keep the tent open through Sunday—or until the last tree was sold. Special thanks go out to Jay and his Committee and all who helped throughout the sale. Amongst the hard work and yes, the pine needles, abides a feeling that this sale truly exemplifies the Season and all that is Rotarian.

## Our Christmas Party

This past Saturday we all gathered to enjoy each other’s company and friendship—all in a wonderful Holiday setting. Thanks go out to **George Cohan** and his Committee for arranging an enjoyable evening—and to **Mike Liggins** for memorializing the event with these photos.





\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$  
This Weeks Big Prize—\$507



A delighted **Patti Dennis** drew the Jack of Spades to win \$5.00.

As always...the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the prize purse.

**Happy Birthday**

Mike O'Dell, December 18

**The Spoke**

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The 4-Way Test  
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?  
Will it build GOODWILL and  
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?



*Let's Sing, Rotarians!*

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
we wish you a Merry Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we  
bring  
to you of good  
cheer:  
Good tidings for  
Christmas  
And a Happy  
New Year



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