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This Weeks Big Prize—\$500



A delighted Ashley Faubion drew the King of Diamonds to win \$5.00

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

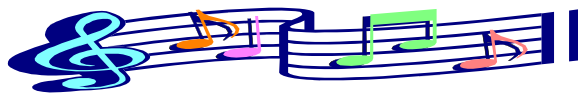
Happy Birthday

None to Report

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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!

Auld Lang Syne



Should auld ac-
quaintance be forgot
And never brought
to mind?
Should auld ac-
quaintance be forgot
In days of auld lang
syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday	Estero Spring Run 11:45 am
Wednesday	Naples Gulf Shore 730 am Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
Thursday	Naples North Country Club of Naples 7:30 am Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC
Friday	Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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The Spoke

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Chartered November 3, 1978



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

December 28, 2011



Last Meeting



President **Jim** presided. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation. **Mark McCaw** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Todd Kluener** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

A Time to Celebrate

It was great to hear “wrap-up” reports from our Christmas Tree, Meals of Hope, and Christmas Party Chairs (Jay, Nancy, and George). We have already celebrated the success of our Christmas Tree sale. Over 350 people participated in the Meals of Hope Program, allowing us to pack 100,000 meals. Total bidding at the Christmas Party exceeded \$19,000. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in and helped make these programs a success during this special time of year.

A “Gift of Life”



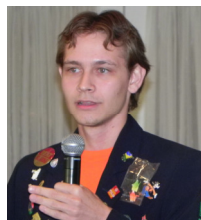
Mark McCaw reported that Travis and his Dad Henry were on their way home after successful surgery. Thanks to the McCaw family for their hospitality and **Ron Anderson** for forwarding this picture.

This Week’s Program Bronislau Prestes “On Brazil...and Family”



Last week we were very happy to visit with Bronislau Prestes, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Bronis comes to us from Conenda, Brazil, where his Family also resides. His father Max, suggested he consider participating in the RYE program—and the rest is history.

Bronis offered an entertaining and engaging overview of his country. But as he spoke, a wonderful theme emerged. Elsewhere in these pages our International President refers to family as “where everything begins...where life begins.” Bronis helped us understand what those words really mean, referring to his “family” not only in Brazil, but here in Bonita Springs.



It is, as the author referred so long ago, “the distant soaring range,” linking the humanity in all of us. Thanks Bronis for helping us make that connection—Happy New Year, Rotarians.

Our President’s December Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary

In late August, Binota and I were in Ghana, where Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair Sam Okudzeto and enthusiastic local Rotarians took us to the ribbon-cutting for a water project in a little village, Abutia Teti, about 60 miles from Accra...Everyone had been waiting since early morning to welcome us. In the past, the women had to walk over 3 miles to carry pails of water from a river. Now they had a supply of safe, clean water from tube wells in the village itself...But what struck us most that day was family: The men, the women, the children were all there together, dancing, singing, and welcoming us. It made me think about how everywhere around the world, people come together in families, and families join together as communities.



And this made me happy that the first of our emphases in this Rotary year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our Rotary service must begin. Because it is

the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community – and of Rotary.

It is one of my great priorities to encourage the involvement of families in Rotary service....Rotary service should be something that brings the family closer together. For myself, if I cannot bring Binota with me to a Rotary event, it’s simple – I don’t go! Rotary is not just for me; it is for both of us. This is why I encourage districts to welcome families at district conferences, to involve spouses and children in service projects, and to plan meeting times with families in mind. The more that families are involved in Rotary, the more Rotary will thrive – today and tomorrow.

What is Rotary about? It’s about so many things, but at its core, Rotary is about these words: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. Rotary is about love, and that love has to start with us – and with those closest to us. Kalyan Banerjee, President.

A Paul Harris Member Spotlight



Last week we enjoyed a very special occasion as **Todd Kluener** was the recipient of his first Paul Harris designation and then proceeded to offer his “Member Spotlight” presentation. Paul Harris presentations are always special times within our Club as we acknowledge Rotarian generosity and leadership. Todd’s Member Spotlight presentation made the occasion all the more memorable.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Todd earned bachelors degrees in biology and chemistry from Xavier University. Todd met his wife Adrienne at Xavier and those two Musketeers fell in love and were married in 2004.

Todd and Adrienne then relocated to Florida in 2002, Todd ultimately accepting a position as Vice President at BB&T Bank and Adrienne a Physical Therapist at Healthpark Hospital. They are the proud parents of two children, Aaron and Liam

Emphasizing the key areas of God, Family and Friends, Todd brings to our Club a deep respect and understanding of the importance of service and helping others. Thanks Todd. We are glad you are a member of our Club.

