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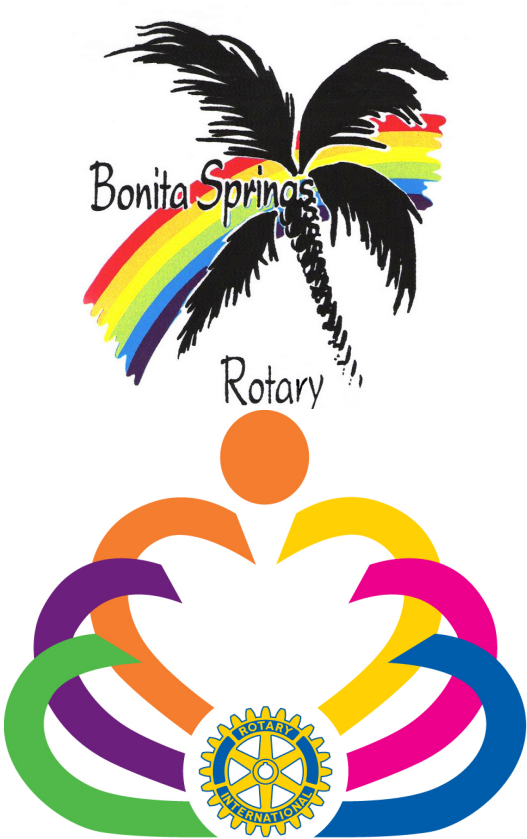
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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

December 7, 2011



Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Steven Slachta** delivered the invocation. **Ken King** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Todd Kluener** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *Proud Rotarians*.

Time to Mark Your Calendar

Our Club Christmas Party will take place Saturday, December 17th at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. Your \$100 donation secures appetizers, dinner for two and an open bar. If you have silent auction items you would like to donate, please see **John Mathes** or any Committee member. Last year's event raised over \$10,000 and the Committee aims to surpass that number. Let's help them reach and surpass that goal.



We were happy to welcome and enjoy breakfast with members of the Lee County Sheriff's Department who picked up the toys we had donated in support of their Adopt a Family Program. Thanks to all who participated.

Nancy Ross reminded us that Meals of Hope will take place December 17 at the Hyatt Coconut Point. Packaging gets underway at 9:00 am. Sign-up sheets have been circulating. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending—with a friend or two.

Melissa Taylor reminded us about the Food Drive Competition currently underway between our Club, the Noon Club and the Estero Club. Your food and cash contributions are made in support of the Bonita Assistance Office.

This Week's Program

Christine Ross

Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council

It's always good to see old friend Christine Ross and this time Christine visited us in her capacity as the new Executive Director of the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council. Highlighting the Council's "regional" focus, Christine emphasized the need to offer support to existing businesses within our communities. The Council is organized to build a place to live and work that is economically diverse with a year-round economy that enhances the environment and reflects the character of the inhabitants of the Bonita Springs/Estero area. Thanks Christine for a great presentation.



A Job Well Done

This Year's Poinsettia Sale

Thanks to **Susan Schmitt** and **Dave Shellenbarger** for forwarding these pictures of Friday's Poinsettia delivery. Thanks also the sale Committee and all who supported this most meaningful Holiday tradition.



Welcome Henry and Travis



It was great visiting with Travis Dueck, our Gift of Life candidate and his Dad Henry this past Wednesday. Thanks also go out to **Mark and Karen McCaw** for providing Travis and Henry hospitality during their time here in Southwest Florida. Godspeed Travis. We all wish you health and a bright and happy future.

A New Member Moment



Congratulations and welcome to our newest members, **Les James** and **Jamie Weaver**, pictured with their sponsors **Jay and Jess Berube**. We are glad you are members of our Club.

And finally...**President Jim** advised our Board of Directors Nominating Committee is completing its work. For more information see **John Spear**.

Member Spotlight

Learning that **Tom Burgess** was born into a family of judges (dad and grandfather) and politicians (grandpa was a state senator), it will come as no surprise to you that Tom met his future wife at a pajama party. Unlike most politicians, however, Tom actually married his “pajama party friend” and they have spent 48 happy years together. They have three children and four grandchildren. No future in politics for you, Tom – your story is way too classy!



After graduating from the University of Kansas, he earned his M.S. degree in City Planning and Management. Tom spent his first ten years in the public sector as a City Manager, then 30 in the private sector. While working for Gulf Oil Land Development, he was actually part of the development team for the City of Reston, VA. In 1995 he moved to Southwest Florida – first to Tampa and then to Bonita Springs where he has been involved with Bonita Bay in Community Operations.

Ours is his fourth Rotary club; he has a total of 40 years as a Rotarian. And while he didn’t mention his involvement with Rotaract at FGCU, Tom has been a wonderful advocate for this very successful campus organization.

On Being Rotarian

Thanks to **Ron Anderson** who provided this picture documenting a true sense of Rotarians hospitality. Thanks to those who exemplified service above self in welcoming Travis Dueck and his Dad Henry as they arrived in Fort Myers last week.



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This Weeks Big Prize—\$500



A delighted **Ira Hawk** drew the Four of Diamonds to win \$5.00

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

Happy Birthday

John Mathes, December 10
Sandy Scoggins, December 11

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!



God Bless America

God bless America, land
that I love.
Stand beside her and
guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

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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