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# The Spoke

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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs February 1, 2012

#### Last Meeting

**President Jim** presided. **Ray Faubion** delivered the invocation. **Guy Quinn** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jason Dolle** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *The Yellow Submarine.* 

#### Habitat for Humanity

Now is the time to return your Habitat work forms to **Ron Anderson**. If you enrolled online, please advise Ron of that fact as well. The work day is scheduled for February 25th.

**President Jim** advised that due to **Brian Zamorski** leaving our Club (reported below) a vacancy exists for the position of Member Spotlight Coordinator. If you would like more information on this position, please let **President Jim** know.

We should all have received our Reverse Raffle tickets (if not, please see George Cohan). One of our biggest and most important fundraisers, the event is scheduled for March 10. Additional tickets are available for sale—so after you've taken care of your first three, ask for three more.

The bittersweet moment is often a constant companion as we move through life's journey. Such was the case Wednesday morning as **Presi**-

**dent Jim** announced that **Brian Zamosrski** had resigned from our Club to pursue a career opportunity in Tampa. We were all happy to hear of Brian's good fortune but couldn't help but feeling sad in knowing that would we miss our good friend. Thanks for all you've done Brian good luck and Godspeed.



# Last Week's Program Thomas Brown "The Patriot Guard Riders"



Last week we were privileged to hear from Tho-"T-Man" mas Thomas Brown. is a native of Tampa, Florida where he graduated from the University of South Florida

with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Serving our country in the military for over 10 years, Thomas is a U.S. Army Disabled Veteran (Special Forces) and currently serves as a Veteran Outreach Specialist where he locates homeless veterans and works with them to establish and maintain relationships with community providers.

Thomas' main objective, however, was to inform and educate about the good work and mission of the Patriot Guard Riders where he serves as one of the organization's Assistant State Captions in Florida. With over 255,311 members nationwide, the Patriot Guard Riders is a group of riders that ride together to honor fallen soldiers at funeral services across the country.

We heard a very poignant presentation about the ways in which this organization offers the respect our service men and women deserve. If you would like more information on this organization, how you can help, and perhaps participate in a Mission Ride, visit their website at www.patriotguard.org. Thank you Thomas.

## Gift of Life Mini Golf Outing

A cool, crisp evening, and maybe a slice of pizza or two provided a wonderful and relaxing backdrop for this year's Gift of Life Mini Golf Outing at Congo River. Thanks to **Bob Lombardo** and his Committee for creating this wonderful opportunity to support Gift of Life.



"Line-em Up, Pick-em Up"



As the above picture suggests, **Jon McLeod**, Director and Coordinator of our Alternative Fundraising Initiative has Club members moved to fever pitch as they participate in "Super Bowl Squares." 65 of the 200 total squares have already been sold. If we sellout, "Super Bowl Squares" will generate \$2000 for our Relay for Life team. So stop by today and make your selection..

# A Rotaract Welcome



It was great welcoming Veronica Arrieta, Sydney Ilano, and Brynne Pierce of this year's Rotaract leadership team We enjoyed viewing a special video, which in part was a tribute to outgoing President Yan Bohyn. Have a great year—we are proud of your accomplishments.

# \$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize-\$892



An exuberant Len Eckert drew the Seven of Diamonds to win \$5.00

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



Larry Miller (rr), February 2



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

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

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