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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs January 11, 2012

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Susan Schmitt** delivered the invocation. **Jim Dati** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Chris Riesen** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *Vive Le Rotary.*

Shots for Tots

Dick Fredrickson offered a Shots for Tots Report. Ten families were present this past week, allowing sixteen children to receive twenty-five immunizations. Thanks go out to **Scott Gerrish** (**rr**) and his wife Amalia for coordinating this most recent Shots for Tots session and supporting one of our Club's most cherished and long-standing community service traditions.

Gift of Life Mini Golf Outing



Bob Lombardo briefed us on what is becoming another of our Club's signature fund raisers—the Gift of Life Mini Golf Outing. The Outing will take place this year on January 27 at Congo River Golf, 24270 South Tami-

ami Trail from 3:00 pm until close. Sign-up sheets are currently available for tickets, priced at \$10 each. The tickets can be redeemed that day—or anytime thereafter for a round of mini golf. Make your plans now to attend and support this worthwhile and fun event.

President Jim advised that the Club is considering participating in an Imperial River bank cleanup project. If you would like more information on how you can become involved, please see **President Jim**.

Last Week's Program Laura Thomas "Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation"

Last week we heard from Laura Thomas, Pro-

jects Manager for the Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation. Laura hails from Nebraska and is completing her Masters in Mission Driven Organization Management from the School for International Training. She is a



Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient and is project to travel to South Africa in 2013.

Laura movingly described the mission of the Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation, namely that of educating young children and adults about water safety through the "Josh the Otter Water Safety and Awareness Project." The Foundation was founded by Blake and Kathy Collingsworth in honor of their son Joshua, a drowning victim, with the hope that "Joshua's legacy will continue through the education of parents ands children to keep them safe in and around water..."

We also learned of the Foundation's "Rotary Connection." Beginning with the Merritt Island Club, Rotarians have distributed thousands of the "Josh the Baby Otter" books and have organized numerous literacy and water safety initiatives.

Thanks Laura for an inspiring presentation.

Rotary Leadership Institute

President Jim announced that the next Rotary



Leadership Institute will take place February 25 in Port Charlotte. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) offers Rotary knowledge courses in three areas described below, the courses

being designed to provide leadership skills and advance Rotary knowledge and understanding. "The Rotarian" provides an overview of Rotary programs and helps develop ideas program participants can take back to their Clubs. "The Rotary Club" focuses on fostering qualities of a knowledgeable Rotarian and considers topics in the areas of team building, strategic planning, service projects, membership attraction and public relations. "The Rotary Journey" helps one understand what it means to be a Rotarian and how one can utilize their RLI knowledge to better their Club. If you would like more information see President Jim, Bobbi or Stephanie and sign up on the District website. Our own Bobbi Bird will be serving as a discussion leader. (Photo from RI)

Congratulations...Steve McIntosh advised us that **Mayor Nelson** would be offering a Proclamation honoring our Interact Club for its 15 years of service to our community which includes nearly 10,000 hours of community service. Thanks to Interact for its ongoing service commitment.

Melissa Taylor provided us with a summary of the Bonita Assistance Office Food Drive results. The Drive was extremely successful with our Club alone donating over 780 pounds of food. This example of the Rotarian generosity exhibited by our local Clubs required the Assistance Office to procure additional storage space. Thanks to all for your help and your concern.

Ron Anderson offered an overview of our Club's Habitat for Humanity initiative. Our Board has approved participation in a "work day" on Saturday, February 25.

Member Spotlight



Last week the spotlight was on **Jamie Weaver**, who presented a very clever story of the "shoes of her life." The first footwear of choice was a pair of pink booties for the baby girl born in

Clearwater. Next, she found a pair of soccer shoes as young Jamie became part of a national championship soccer team.

When she entered college at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, snow boots became essential footwear, then medical school in Philadelphia and surgical training in San Francisco found her in walking shoes, which came in handy both places.

After moving to Naples to begin her podiatry practice, wedding slippers were necessary, and now she seems comfortable in the running shoes that she surely wears to see patients at the Joint Replacement Institute in Bonita Springs where she specializes in foot/ankle treatments.

Her motto is "Informed patients bring positive and predictable results," and if her techniques are anywhere close to the creative approach she used to tell her "Life of Shoes" story, she will find success in the flip flops she will be able to wear to the beach for rest and relaxation.

Thanks for your very clever story, Jamie...and welcome to our club!

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize-\$679



An overjoyed Wendy Arsenault drew the Nine of Clubs to win \$5.00

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



Hal Cooper, January 3 Peter Zahner, January 3 Ron Anderson, January 8 Don Manley January 12

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Battle Hymn Of The Republic



Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stor'd;

He hath loos'd the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

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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