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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

July 18, 2012



Last Meeting

President Stephanie presided. **Melissa Taylor** delivered the invocation. **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Joe Murgalo** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of the *In The Good Old Summertime*.

We received financial updates for our July 4th fun *and* fundraisers. **Brian Olitsky** thanked all who worked and participated in the Star Spangled 5K and estimated that the event grossed over \$7,000. **Bobbie Bird** reported that we netted \$2,463.09 for our beer sale efforts and also acknowledged all who participated. Thanks for your help and support.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk offered a Shots for Tots Report. On Tuesday July 3, 64 immunizations were provided 24 children. Ira then took a moment to summarize the history, tradition, and importance of the Shots for Tots initiative to our Club. The program began in January, 1995 at the request of the Children's Services Council. For over 17 years this cooperative effort with the Lee County Health Department and the First Presbyterian Church has resulted in 208 monthly sessions administering 15732 immunizations to 7271 children. Thanks Ira and to all who have participated in this program, in many ways the signature service project of our Club, over the years.

Steven Slachta advised that Bonita Springs will be celebrating National Spirit of '45 Day at Spanish Wells, Sunday August 12 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The event will include a veterans tribute ceremony. For information contact Eryka at 800-527-5395, x-852.

Last Week's Program

Dr. Paul M. Fahnestock

Ron Watford

"Love INC"



Last week **Ray Faubion** introduced us to Rev. Dr. Paul M. Fahnestock, Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs and Ron Watford the first Executive Director of Love in the Name of Christ (Love, INC) of South Lee and North Collier County. Their presentation focused our attention on Love, INC a cooperative effort between churches and community agencies to offer effective help for the disadvantaged.

Responding to a concern that resources are often not adequate to meet growing levels of need and churches alone cannot deal with the complex issues of poverty, Love, INC has created a clearinghouse where trained volunteers screen requests for help. As a result, Love, INC connects individuals and families with verified needs to a church ministry or local service agency equipped to offer help.

Thanks for a most helpful presentation.

Our July Food Drive

Please remember to support our July Food Drive which lends a helping hand to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office by bringing items to this morning's meeting. We will again be "competing" with the Noon Club to see which Club contributes the most food (determined by total poundage). The losing Club will donate \$250.00 to the Assistance Office. Please see Melissa if you can help load food after this morning's meeting. Thanks.

A Time of Transition

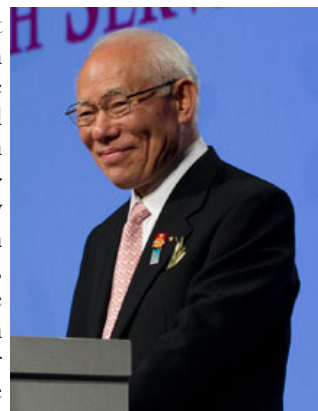


RI reports that the "term *Rotary year* has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs." And we saw evidence of the new Rotary year at our last meeting, as we lauded new leaders, past service, and welcomed **Peter O'Flinn** to our Club. But acknowledging the Rotary year does more than that. In many ways Rotary represents the "pilgrim soul" to which the poet referred so long ago. A new Rotary year always reminds us of that--the continuing journey that is Rotary, appreciating our past but always celebrating our future. Happy New Year all.

From RI

Our New President's Message

I am part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after a terrible war. I think it is natural that my countrymen now place a great priority on peace. We saw where militarism brought our country, and we also saw the great economic growth that came when our nation made the choice to embrace peace. This was the decision that allowed Japan to grow and thrive. It allowed generations of children to grow up in safety, to become educated, to improve their lives. It fundamentally changed the Japanese attitude toward other countries and cultures. It caused us to open our minds, to become more tolerant, to seek greater understanding.



And it allowed us to redirect our energies toward positive goals. In Japan, it is traditional to prioritize the needs of the society over the needs of the individual. This has always been part of our culture. In the weeks and months following the great earthquake and disaster of March 2011, this was what helped us to survive and rebuild.

This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs - when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all - this changes everything. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace. In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal, and I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for *Peace Through Service*.

And so I ask you all to put *Peace Through Service* at the forefront of your Rotary work this year, and to commit to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International

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This Weeks Big Prize



An enthralled **Steven Slachta** drew the Seven of Hearts to win \$5.00.

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

Happy Birthday

Rolando Rivera, July 17
Ken King, July 18
Rex Sims, July 19

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!

(Up A) Lazy River



Up a lazy river by the old mill
stream
That lazy, hazy river where we
both can dream
Linger in the shade of an old
oak tree
Throw away your troubles,
dream a dream with me

Up a lazy river where the robin's song
Wakes up in the mornin', as we roll along
Blue skies up aboveeveryone's in love
Up a lazy river, how happy we will be, now
Up a lazy river with me

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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