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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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Last Meeting

President Stephanie presided. **John Knowles** delivered the invocation. **Len Eckert** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **John Spear** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a swingin' rendition of *(Up A) Lazy River*.

Star Spangled Wrap Up....Brian Olitsky reminded sponsors of our 5K race to forward their checks to Brian or the Committee as soon as possible. Thanks again for your help and generosity.

President Stephanie provided an overview of our Club Committee system and the opportunity it provides to get involved as we start our new Rotary year. Our community garden initiative is one example of a project worthy of your time and support. Please see **President Stephanie** for details. **Bobbi Bird** is also looking for volunteers to help frame and shape our new fun and fund raiser which will welcome and celebrate "season" and our seasonal visitors. Please let Bobbi know if you are able to help. The first planning meeting is tomorrow, July 26 at 6:00 pm at Bobbi's house.

Our July Food Drive



It was a happy group of Rotarians who helped **Melissa Taylor** load food at the conclusion of last week's meeting. Thanks to all who supported our July Food Drive which lent a helping hand to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. Another drive will be held in the Fall in conjunction with the Noon Club. Thanks Melissa for your hard work and commitment to this important project.

Last Week's Program Karen Mason "Our Mother's Home"



Last week we heard from Karen Mason, Executive Director of Our Mother's Home. A Fort Myers native, Karen earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2008 and has been associated with OMH since 2007.

OMH, "where children are cherished and futures are fostered," seeks to provide teen moms a supporting environment to stay with their children, learn life skills and finish their education.

Karen offered several examples of the services OMH offers teen moms, the primary being a variety of mentoring experiences. In these settings staff and volunteers offer practical teaching experiences from cooking to finance to couponing, all aimed at achieving a level of self sufficiency. Thanks Karen for your presentation and your leadership in our community.

From RI International

Rotary Foundation Launches Partnership with Oikocredit

The first project in the strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and Oikocredit has been launched in the Philippines.

The Rotary Club of Plaridel South, Bulacan, Philippines, will assist groups of people who are clients of ASKI with vocational training and strengthening their market presence by forming small cooperatives. ASKI is a microfinance institution in the Philippines with more than 100,000 clients, most of them women.

The project aims to build the capacity of women and out-of-school youth by providing education on savings and the importance of insurance, while providing business-specific training including:



- Food processing, to assist members in opening a small canteen
 - Agricultural training for farmers to take care of livestock
- Mat production and sales
- Approximately 160 people from five communities in the Philippines are expected to participate in the joint

project, which is funded by a Rotary Foundation packaged grant.

Through the partnership between The Rotary Foundation and Oikocredit, Rotarians collaborate with microfinance institutions in their own communities to develop and carry out targeted training programs that increase the impact of microcredit lending. The partnership offers Rotarians service opportunities in Rotary’s economic and community development area of focus.

From our District Website

Welcome Governor Steve

A Rotarian since 1998 with the classification of Manufacturing – Contract Electrical, Steve Schlueter has been blessed with several “Rotary Moments”. Those moments have inspired Steve to serve Rotary beyond the Club, a journey he finds rewarding and fascinating. Steve’s current focus is The Rotary Foundation, but he enjoys all aspects of being a Rotarian. He has twice been President of his Club and is a Past Assistant Governor for District 6960 in Area 11. He has served on the District Finance Committee, District Simplified Grants Committee, the District Training Team, the Board of Rotary’s Camp Florida, the Board of Florida PETS and has Chaired the District’s Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee.



In 2010 Steve served as Captain of his Class for Zones 33 & 34 at the Zone Institute. Steve and his Rotarian wife Pam are members of the Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island, Major Donors, members of the Bequest Society, Benefactors, multiple Sustaining Members, Charter Members of the District’s Paul Harris Society, and Discussion Leaders for the Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division.

Steve built a career in the manufacturing sector after serving three years in the Army, including one year in Vietnam. Since 1990, he has owned a contract electrical manufacturing company which has had operations in both the United States and Mexico. Its current headquarters is in Mayville, Wisconsin.

Steve is now semi-retired and is grateful for the wonders of technology that allow him to telecommute from sunny Florida.

Steve loves to fish, cook and read and is passionate about music. He enjoys playing bass guitar, especially in the classic rock and pop genres. Steve was born in the Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and lived in Southeastern Wisconsin until 2002 when the Schlueters moved to the Bradenton, Florida area, where they currently reside. Steve and Pam have four children and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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This Weeks Big Prize



A delighted **Gene Hoyt** drew the Queen of Diamonds to win \$5.00.

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

Happy Birthday

Jim Dati, July 25
Ben Nelson, July 25

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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!

Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'

There's a bright golden haze
on the meadow,
There's a bright golden haze
on the meadow,
The corn is as high as an
elephant's eye,
An' it looks like its climbin'



clear up to the sky.

Chorus:

Oh what a beautiful morning,
Oh what a beautiful day,
I've got a wonderful feeling,
Everything's going my way.

Repeat chorus

All the cattle are standing like statues,
All the cattle are standing like statues,
They don't turn their heads as they see me
ride by.
But a little brown mav'rick is winking her eye.

Repeat chorus

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