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# The Spoke

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
Chartered November 3, 1978



**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**  
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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

June 27, 2012



## Last Meeting

**President Jim** presided. **Carl Bals** delivered the invocation. **Sandy Scoggins** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jay Berube** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** delegated a rousing rendition of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

## Bedding for the Future..Part 3



The Spoke Nation is absolutely electrified over the fact that our Club will be fielding a team in the “Old Fashioned Bed Race” which will take place

as part of the Bonita Springs July 4th Celebration—so much so that Editor Emeritus **Scott Gerrish (rr)** took time from his northern holiday to forward us this bed race picture. Thanks Scott for your interest in this event which will benefit YMCA camp scholarships. **Bobbi Bird** also reminded us that a time honored Club tradition endures— we will selling (and pouring) beer during the July 4th Celebration. Sign up sheets are circulating—please help if you can.

**Gift of Life...Ron Anderson** offered a report on Gift of Life. We learned that we will be welcoming a candidate, a 15 year old, who will be treated in Tampa. Logistics are such that we will need a host family for a several days, probably in early August. If you able to help, please see Ron.

## Last Week's Program Colin Downey/Jeremy Gentile American Red Cross



Last week we heard from Colin Downey and Jeremy Gentile of the American Red Cross. Colin is the Communications Director for the Red Cross, handling media relations, website administration and social media engagement for Florida's Southern Gulf region. Jeremy is the Southern Gulf Region's Armed Forces Coordinator and AmeriCorps Director.

Colin offered a comprehensive overview of the Red Cross offering us insight into why the organization is a premier emergency response organization and how the organization has expanded its efforts to community services, educational programs, international relief and development programs. Jeremy focused on the Red Cross' efforts in providing support and comfort for military members and their families. He also briefed us on a Veterans Fair scheduled for June 23 at Hodges University. Thank you gentlemen.



**Brian Olitsky** reminded us that the “Star Spangled 5K” will take place 7:00 am July 4th. The race will kick off Bonita’s Independence Day celebration. We are looking for runners and helpers. A sign-up sheet is circulating. If you are not competing, please sign up.

**Susan Schmitt** reported on our Poinsettia Pre-Sale initiatives. She observed that a number of organizations make holiday purchasing commitments during the summer. The Committee will thus be focusing its attention on identifying and calling upon those organizations. If you would like to serve on this year’s Poinsettia Committee, or know of a prospective purchaser, please see Susan.



**Sandy Scoggins** advised that a Rotary Foundation meeting will take place July 21 in Port Charlotte. The purpose of the meeting is to offer training and certify individuals on the new matching grant process. Going forward, only individuals certified will be able to process grants. Please see Sandy if you are interested in obtaining training in this important process.

**A Banner Day...**while attending a convention in Washington D.C. **Clara Anne Graham** and some fellow Rotarians attended the meeting of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill and proudly presented **President Jim** with a banner commemorating that visit. Thanks Clara Anne for your report and the great banner.



From RI

## Rotary Announces Two New Partnerships

Two new service partnerships announced by Rotary International will support humanitarian efforts by clubs and districts.

RI will combine resources with the Global FoodBanking Network to alleviate hunger worldwide. And Rotary and YSA (Youth Service America) will work together to encourage young people to participate in service projects in their communities.



Working with the Global FoodBanking Network, Rotary clubs and districts will be able to volunteer at food banks and help create new ones, organize food collection drives, sponsor trucks for food delivery and distribution, raise awareness of hunger, and distribute food to hungry children through the Backpack and other school food programs.

**“Rotarians have served selflessly in the communities where we are developing and expanding food banks,”** says Jeffery D. Klein, CEO of the Global FoodBanking Network. **“We want to connect Rotary clubs and districts to service projects and food distribution in the more than 20 countries where we are currently engaged in food banking activity, and inspire them to take leadership in this generation’s quest to end hunger.”**

Founded in 1986, YSA has partnered with hundreds of organizations in more than 65 countries to increase the number and diversity of young people ages 5 to 25 serving in their communities. The organization works to educate youth, teachers, community organizations, and public officials in the power of young people to solve problems, and to engage the children and youth as volunteers, academic achievers, and community leaders. YSA’s annual Global Youth Service Day campaign mobilizes millions of young people in service activities.

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This Weeks Big Prize  
Congratulations Gene!



Happy Birthday

Hank Hochstetler, June 27  
Rick Barber, July 2  
Tom Burgess, July 2  
Anthony Scrocco, July 2

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*Let's Sing, Rotarians!*

### National Anthem



Oh say, can you see,  
By the dawn's early  
light,  
What so proudly we  
hailed  
At the twilight's last  
gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,  
Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night  
That our flag was still there.  
Oh say, does that Star-spangled Banner  
Yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?

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