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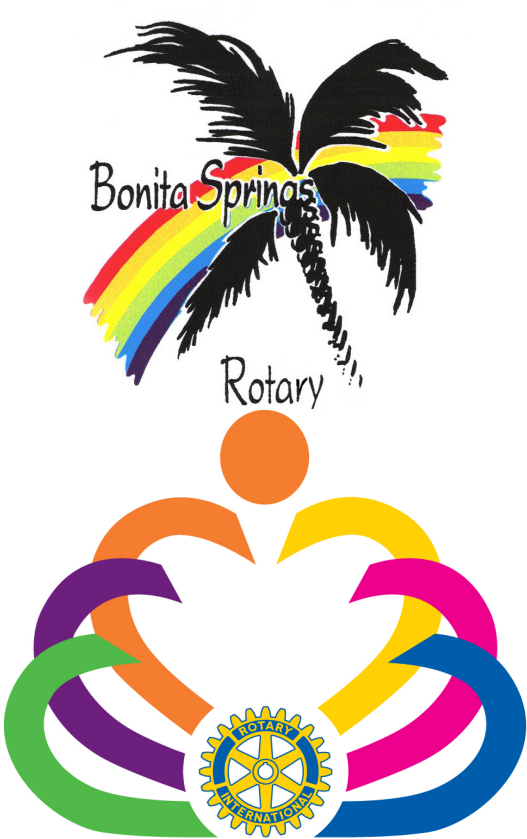
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# The Spoke

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**  
**Chartered November 3, 1978**



**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**

Meets Wednesday at 7:30 am at Bonita Bay Club

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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

November 16, 2011



## Last Meeting

**President Jim** presided. **Jason Dolle** delivered the invocation. **Melissa Taylor** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Herb Barnes (rr)** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *This Land Is Your Land*.

## On Being Rotarian

Our District has a long and proud history of supporting the Wheelchair Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose goal is that of providing a free wheelchair to every child, teen, and adult who needs one. Last week, Steve Agius, Chairman of the Wheelchair Foundation Committee visited our Club to offer thanks and recognition to our Club members who made donations in support of this worthy cause. Thanks for your generosity and leadership.

**Nancy Ross** reminded us that Meals of Hope will take place December 17 at the Hyatt Coconut Point. If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars and plan on attending this very worthwhile event. See Nancy if you would like additional information.

**And finally...**Time is running out as **Dave Sheltenbarger** relented reading the list of those who have not yet turned in their poinsettia sale orders. If you have not already done so give some thought to an organization or business who would enjoy those wonderful harbingers of the Holiday Season...and turn in those orders.

## This Week's Program

**Mia Bella Frothingham**  
"The Peace Leader"



This past week we heard a very special presentation from Mia Bella Frothingham. A "Peace Leader," Mia is a 12 year old honor student at the Bonita Springs Charter School where

she attends the 6th grade gifted program.

She is the creator of a peace website [mypeaceplanet.com](http://mypeaceplanet.com) which she created with the idea of sharing her ideas and spreading harmony to everyone.. She contributes to a number of community and peace-related initiatives among them the "Pennies for Peace" program of the Central Asia Institute, designed to help students broaden their cultural horizons.

With her motto "Peace is a state of mind that can be achieved by the simplest actions when done with the best intentions," she offered a very beautiful and insightful presentation on the meaning and impact peace can and should have in all our lives.

Prior to Mia's presentation, **Clara Anne Graham** offered a very interesting and comprehensive overview of the United Nations and the role Rotary International and the League of Women voters played in its formation.

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## The Rotary Foundation Cited As A Top Non Profit Organization

The Rotary Foundation has moved up 14 places in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* annual survey of the top 400 fundraising charities in the United States.

In the survey, based on fiscal year 2010, the Foundation is 61st on the list of charities that raise funds from private sources, compared with 75th the previous year. Funds raised for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge contributed to the ranking.

The *Chronicle*, which covers nonprofit news around the world, ranks the fundraising performance of charities based on cash donations, as well as gifts of stock, real estate, art, medicine, food, and other noncash items.

An article published on 16 October provides an overview of the survey and highlights the Foundation's fundraising efforts for polio eradication, particularly among younger donors.

"This is a reflection of yet another outstanding year of fundraising for our Foundation," says John T. Osterlund, Foundation general manager.

The article also notes that Rotaractors raised nearly \$192,000 and Interactors nearly \$274,000 for the challenge over the year.

Osterlund said involving young donors served as a creative fundraising approach and raised significant dollars.

Based in Washington, D.C., the *Chronicle* is considered the top news source for charity leaders, foundation executives, fundraisers, and others involved in philanthropy

### Time to Mark Your Calendar

Our Club Christmas Party will take place Saturday, December 17th at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. Your \$100 donation secures appetizers, dinner for two and an open bar. If you have silent auction items you would like to donate, please see **John Mathes** or any Committee member. Last year's event raised over \$10,000 and the Committee aims to surpass that number. Let's help them reach and surpass that goal.



## Congratulations Rotaractors



Our FGCU Rotaract Club recently held elections and it was great welcoming incoming President Sydney Ilano, pictured along with members of her leadership team—Veronica Accieta, Imani Gibbs, and Jazmin Williams and our own **Tom Burgess**. Best wishes as you embark upon another year of service and leadership at FGCU.

## Estero High School Awards of Excellence



**Steven Slachta** introduced us to this month's recipients of the Estero High School Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to Samuel Auer and Mia Frank who received recognition for their Academic and Service achievements. Congratulations also go out to the Annmarie Ferry and Dave Susinno who received recognition as the Faculty and Staff member of the Month.

\$\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$  
 This Weeks Big Prize—\$500



Last week an ecstatic  
**Bobbi Bird** drew the  
 Three of Diamonds  
 to win \$5.00

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

Happy Birthday

None to Report

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!*



*Sing Rotarians*

"On Wisconsin"  
 Sing, Rotarians --  
 Sing, Rotarians  
 Sing with all your  
 might.  
 Don't let troubles  
 get you down,  
 folks  
 Ev'rything's all

right.

Open up, now -- Sing it out, now  
 Make those rafters ring.  
 Hey gang, just pitch right in  
 And let's all sing.

**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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