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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

October 17, 2012



## Last Meeting

**President Stephanie** presided. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation. Gift of Life Executive Director Rob Raylman led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Susan Schmitt** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *This Land Is Your Land*.

**Flower Power Rocks...**we are fast approaching the conclusion of this important fund raiser. So keep selling those poinsettias and remember every poinsettia order delivered allows you to draw from the poinsettia table's grab bag and win a fabulous prize. Thanks for your help and support—we will be placing our order this month.



**Marks Your Calendars...**"Halloween in the Park" and "Dictionary Day" is October 31 and November 2 respectively and volunteers are needed for both events. Please see **Bobbi Bird** or **Gary Colecchio** if you are able to help. Additionally, **Richard Garner** reminded us that Friday, November 9 is the date of the YMCA Luau/Clambake. Tickets are \$75 a couple and will be available at our meeting this morning.



**Attention Keglers.** **Jaime Weaver** announced our first fundraiser in support of our 2013 Rotary Rocks Relay for Life team—a Bowling Party! Festivities get underway 2:00 p.m. November 3 at Beacon

Bowl, 5400 Tamiami Trail North. Proceeds will benefit Special Olympics and the Bonita Springs and Immokalee Relay for Life. The \$30 entry fee also sponsors two SOCC athletes. So let's get rolling!

Next week's program...a visit from our Rotaractors.

## Last Week's Program

**Mike Sullivan**

**"Love A Child"**



Last week Mike Sullivan visited with us. Mike is a Marketing Missionary. Upon retirement from Proctor and Gamble Mike started his own consulting business in

Dallas where he provided Drug and Crime Prevent curriculum to schools and law enforcement officers. After volunteering at the ECHO Global Farm in 1994, Mike sold his business to become ECHO's first Development Director where he spent 15 years raising resources for ECHO.

Mike has now joined Love A Child and he proceeded to share with us the good work of that organization. Love A Child is both a non-profit Christian Humanitarian Organization and a Private Voluntary Organization. Earning the Independent Charities of America "Best in America" Seal of Approval, Love A Child works to reduce poverty in Haiti.

Mike's presentation focused on the various outreach programs Love A Child promotes, such as its feeding programs which provides food to 11 villages and 13 schools and its healing center that supports ongoing outreaches in malnutrition, maternal education and community health care. Thanks Mike for a great presentation.

## A Gift of Life Visit



It was nice seeing old friend Steve Agius who introduced us to Sonny Grech from the Naples Club who serves as the Vice President of our District's Gift of Life program and Rob Raylman, the Executive Director of Gift of Life International. Steve explained that Sonny and Rob were visiting Clubs in our District, offering thanks for support of the Gift of Life program. Rob did indeed offer thanks but also informed us of GOL's impact and growth. The Gift of Life network has grown to seventy-one programs on five continents offering assistance to over 15,000 children. Rob described GOL as "the second most significant Rotary program," only to Polio Plus. Rob also emphasized the significance of GOL's efforts in developing programs so that children can often be treated in their own country. Gift of Life coordinates training missions to train doctors and nurses so that they can take care of children on their own. (In fact, the GOL News reports that the "Our Hearts Are In" program created in 2008 develops "sustainable pediatric cardiac programs in emerging countries" has empowered doctors and nurses to care for more than 600 Ugandan, Salvadoran, and Jamaican children.) Thanks Steve, Sonny and Rob for your commitment to this extraordinarily significant Rotarian initiative which provides "healthy and bright futures for children around the world."

### *Our President's Monthly Message*

## What's Your Rotary Moment?

Every Rotarian is different. Every Rotarian was drawn into Rotary for different reasons, and many vividly remember their first "Rotary Moment" - the moment when they went from being members of their Rotary clubs to being committed Rotarians.

I love hearing these stories and learning about what drew each Rotarian into Rotary. For some, it was a Rotary office, a particular project, or a convention. For me, it was a speaker at an ordinary weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Yashio, about two years after I'd joined.

I am a charter member of my club, and I was invited to join by the charter president. I had never heard of Rotary, and at the time, I didn't really know what service meant. But I was new to Yashio. I had just moved there from Tokyo, and I didn't know many people. I thought Rotary would be a good way to make friends and to help my business, and I respected the person who invited me, so I joined.

But to be honest, for the first two years, we didn't do much. Every week, I came to my meeting, I ate lunch, and I listened to a speaker. I paid my dues, and I gave money to The Rotary Foundation. But I wasn't involved in any service. I didn't know what Rotary service was supposed to be. That all changed one week, when we had a speaker who talked about vocational service.



This was a new idea to me. Until then, I had never thought much about the purpose of my life, or why I was in business. I was too busy working. I was always focused on my business, and on how to make it larger and better. I never stopped to consider any deeper purpose of my work.

Understanding the idea of vocational service completely changed my attitude toward my work, and toward my own purpose in life. I realized that the goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of the community, to make the community stronger, and to help make other people's lives better. When I understood this, and understood the concept of Service Above Self, it changed my life - and set me firmly on the path to a life of Rotary service. That is my Rotary Moment.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$  
This Weeks Big Prize—\$855



An elated **An-  
thony Scrocco**  
drew the Four  
of Hearts to win  
\$5.00.

As always...we're all winners as the  
"fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club  
strong and ready to serve.

# Happy Birthday

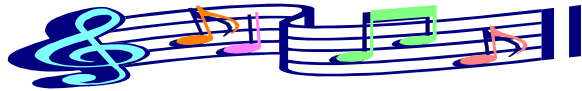
## None to Report

### The Spoke

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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?



### "Rotary "Sings"



### Shine on Harvest Moon

Oh, shine on,  
Shine on Harvest Moon  
Up in the sky.  
I ain't had no lovin' since January,  
February, June or July.  
Snow time, ain't no time to stay  
Outdoors and spoon.  
So shine on, shine on  
Harvest Moon,  
For me and my gal.

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