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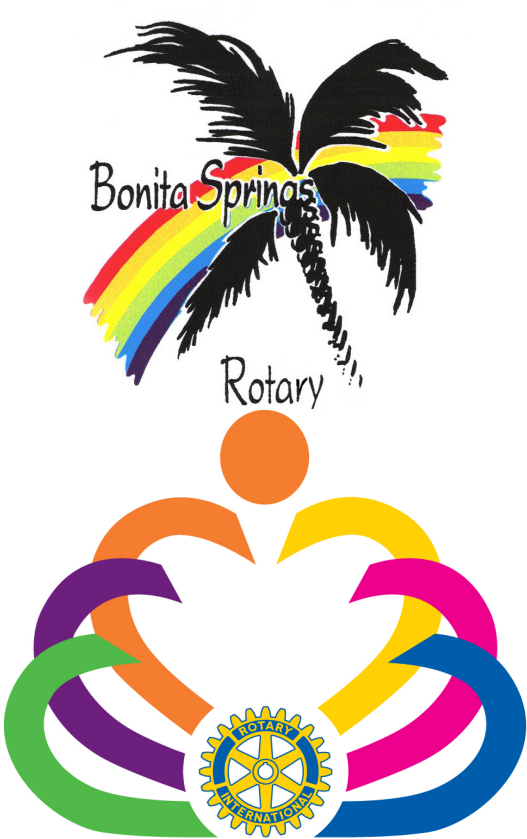
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October, 26, 2011



Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Dick Fredrickson** delivered the invocation. **Joe Murgalo** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Rolando Rivera** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*.



It was good to see **Dave Shellenbarger** back with us as he provided an update on our Poinsettia Sale. Thanks for your continuing support of this important fund-raising initiative and if you have not already done so give some thought to an organization or business as a potential purchaser of our wonderful harbingers of the Holiday Season. And to help with that thought process, thanks to **Joe Murgalo** and the Hyatt, the seller of the most poinsettia plants will receive a gift certificate for dinner at Tarpon Bay (One of the Spoke's favorite dining spots—the ceviche is outstanding)

President Jim reminded us that applications are being taken for the upcoming Grouip Study Exchange to South Korea next March and April. GSE accommodates two applicant classes. Anyone between the ages of 25-40 who is not a Rotarian, or related to a Rotarian can apply for inclusion in the GSE team. Rotarians may apply for selection as a GSE team leader. See **President Jim** for additional details.

President Jim briefed us on our Foundation activities as reported to him by Foundation Board Chair **Ray Faubion**. The Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$900 for a wheel chair accessible picnic table at Camp Florida. In addition it approved a \$2500 grant in support of our December meal initiative.

This Week's Program

Kitty Green

"Habitat for Humanity"



This past week we heard from Kitty Green, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties. Kitty's record of service and devotion to her community is impressive.

She is the incoming Chairperson of the Lee County Horizon Council, a 2008 Gulfshore Life Woman of the Year and has been a dynamic force responsible for the development of several communities within Lee County, at one point serving as President and CEO of Bonita Bay Group.

In her role at Habitat for Humanity she is responsible for guiding the efforts of an organization dedicated to helping low income families achieve homeownership through the use of zero-interest mortgages, volunteer labor, and donor contributions. Kitty offered an impressive overview of Habitat's activities which has resulted since 1982 in providing housing to over 1,100 families in Lee County.

She also briefed us on Habitat's ReStore program which provides new and gently used home improvement materials and appliances to the community at affordable prices. It was too good to hear that a new ReStore facility will be opening soon in Bonita Springs. Thanks Kitty for a thoughtful and inspiring presentation.

Two Updates from Jason

Jason Dolle stepped up to the podium and advised of two intriguing initiatives and opportunities. The first—a new fundraiser. A committee is being formed to plan and sponsor a cornhole tournament. This tournament, most probably to be held in February, will offer a new and exciting fundraising and social opportunity. The second—a Rotary book club. Members of our Club will be meeting to discuss and consider topical and interesting publications. If you would like additional information on either initiative, please see Jason.

From RI

On Vocational Service...Egyptian Club Discovers the Power of Microlending

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Georgia) felt strongly enough about vocational service to make it a districtwide priority. "Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics," says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain.



The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop to meet the needs of low-income community members, helping women in particular to start businesses and learn useful work skills.

"We gave loans to deprived women supporting large families," says past club president Heba Kabel. Club members made loans of about US\$85 to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again -- turning the club's initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program.

The club also financed literacy classes, helping 75 women learn to read and write, and a sewing lab, which drew 45 women to sewing lessons every month. Kabel notes that the club put a priority on efforts that would help community members increase their chances of finding a job. "We made a big bazaar at the end of the year and sold their products," Kabel says, explaining that the proceeds went to the women.

Happy Birthday Yan!



We observed our FGCU Rotaract President Yan Bohyn's 23rd birthday in grand style this past week as we all serenaded Yan with our unique version of "Happy Birthday." Yan, pictured with his Rotaract colleagues Antoine de Maleissye-Melun and Louis-Marie De Montleau, also briefed us on Rotaract activities at FGCU, among them a professional development workshop on public speaking referred to in last week's Spoke and a luncheon series. The Rotaract Club will hold elections on November 4—and we look forward to visiting with next year's leadership team at a meeting next month. Thanks Yan for your generosity of time and leadership.

Estero High Student of the Month

Last week **Steven Slachta** introduced us to the Estero High School Student of the Month **Kim Winning**. Kim pictured along with **President Jim**, her Dad **Scott**, and



Steven was recognized for her academic achievements. She plans to pursue a degree in Business at FGCU. Congratulations Kim.

Congratulations Todd!



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching
in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.



Happy Birthday

Harv Humphrey, October 29

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?

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 Collier Athletic Club 7:30 am Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC
Friday	Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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