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Last Meeting

President Stephanie presided. **Jamie Weaver** delivered the invocation. **Sue Masters** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim O'Leary** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk delivered a Shots for Tots Report. This past session 30 shots were administered to 15 children. Special thanks go out to **Mark Generales** and **Bob Lorenz** for their assistance with our signature service initiative.

It's That Time Again...and **Jon McLeod** is ready with his alternative fundraising initiative which will allow you to follow the NFL, contribute to our Foundation and impress everyone with your superior sports prognostication abilities. So look for those "pool sheets" each and every week, participate, enjoy those games and most importantly support a great cause.



300 are sold and we are just getting started. **Susan Schmitt** encouraged us to leave no stone unturned as we look for buyers of our plants. And don't forget...every poinsettia order delivered allows you to draw from the poinsettia table's grab bag and win a fabulous prize. Keep those poinsettia orders coming and thanks for your help and support of this important fundraiser.

And finally...it was great welcoming **Don Manley** back from his summer adventure as his son Hector braved and conquered the Mississippi in support of the Wheelchair Foundation and Wounded Warriors. Don reports approximately \$33,000 has been raised in support of those worthy causes. Congratulations.

Last Week's Program Maribel Slabaugh "Bonita Assistance Office"



We enjoyed visiting with our good friend Maribel Slabaugh, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office last week as she offered her traditional, annual report on the activities of the BSAO. The mission of the Assistance Office is that of providing help to Bonita Springs residents who have been affected by an unexpected crisis.

As Maribel noted, one of the "signature services" BSAO provides the community is its food pantry program which offers ongoing food drives and supplemental food distribution on a weekly basis. We learned that the food pantry program's reach and breadth has increased since BSAO has moved into its new location. It was also gratifying to learn of the positive impact our Club has had on those activities through our food drive and our Foundation's grant which helped provide the financial resources necessary to allow BSAO to acquire a commercial freezer.

Maribel also provided an overview and update on the other programs BSAO offers such as its financial assistance and a “coaching money management program.” The program offers assistance to anyone interested in learning basic methods of managing their income. BSAO is currently the only agency offering such a program in Spanish.

BSAO receives its support from individual, charitable and civic organizations and is always seeking volunteers to help it meet its mission of service and caring. Thanks Maribel for a great presentation. We are proud to partner with your wonderful organization

A “Special” Invitation

Jamie Weaver offered an opportunity and invitation last week as she described her activities and commitment to the Special Olympics of Collier County. Jamie currently serves as a Special Olympics coach and is seeking to develop a list of “Go To” Rotarians who would be interested in learning of volunteer opportunities as Special Olympics announces new sports or competitions. If you are interested, please see Jamie for more information.

It Just Keeps Getting Better



Just when you thought our meetings couldn’t be any more fun our 50/50 raffles have been marked by surprise “bonus” drawings. Last week **Bob Lombardo** generously donated a YMCA Family membership happily won by **Chris Riesen**.

Calling All Golfers

After our Saturday golf games all summer, you just might be ready for a tournament, and the Rotary Club of Estero has a great one coming soon. On Saturday, September 29, the Rotary Club of Estero will host a four-person shotgun scramble beginning at 8:30 A.M. There are super prizes, including a brand new automobile for that “hole in one!” There are still holes open for sponsorships (\$100) and slots open for players (\$80 pp) so get your team together and get ready for a day of fun! For an entry form or more information, email Rosemarie Hurley: hhurley13@comcast.net or contact any member of the Estero Rotary Club.



From RI

“On Perseverance”



Perseverance and dedication are qualities that both Paralympic athletes and Rotarians use to reach their goals. To highlight this common bond, British Rotarians used the excitement surrounding the opening day of the 2012 Paralympic Games on 30 August to rally government dignitaries from the United Kingdom and Pakistan to raise funds for Paralympic athletes and Rotary’s PolioPlus program.

Rotary International, in association with UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the British Pakistan Foundation, and the Global Poverty Project, sponsored the garden party in London attended by more than 100 people, including five Paralympic athletes, three of whom are polio survivors.

The event raised thousands of dollars for PolioPlus and the Pakistani Paralympic Committee and advocated for a polio-free world.

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



A delighted **Richard Garner** drew the Eight of Spades 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

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BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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Rotary "Sings"



Bye, Bye Blackbird

Pack up all my care and woe.
Here I go, singing low,
Bye, bye blackbird.
Where somebody waits for me,
Sugar's sweet, so is she/he,
Bye, bye blackbird.

No one here can love and understand me,
Oh, what hard luck stories they all hand me.
Make my bed and light the light,
I'll arrive late tonight,
Blackbird, bye, bye.

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