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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs September 14, 2011

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Susan Schmitt** delivered the invocation. **Frank Mazzeo** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Anthony Scrocco** led the 4 Way Test. **Jim Dati** led a rousing rendition of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic.*

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk delivered a report on Shots for Tots. Ira and **Clara Anne Graham** welcomed twentytwo families. As a result, twenty-three children received sixty immunizations. Thanks to Ira and Clara Anne for their commitment to one of our Club's most revered service initiatives.

Meals of Hope

President Jim reminded us that on Saturday, December 17 in collaboration with Meals of Hope (formerly Kids Against Hunger) our Club will assume a leadership role in packing 100,000 meals in about two hours. Please mark your calendars now and plan on participating. As a way of raising money for this project, **Jon McLeod** unveiled his NFL football initiative. So have some fun, support your team and most importantly Meals of Hope. Inspired, your Editor will take the Cleveland Browns for all remaining NFL regular games, the post season and the Super Bowl.



And finally...**President Jim** reminded us that the kick-off of this year's Poinsettia Sale is fast approaching. Now is the time to consider approaching businesses and

companies as potential purchasers of our wonderful harbingers of the Christmas Season. Sale forms are available now—see President Jim for additional information.

This Week's Program Dr. Alan Weiss "Healthcare Update"

Last week we were happy to welcome Dr. Allen

Weiss back to our Club podium. Dr. Weiss is currently President and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System a position he has held since September, 2006. In his position he is responsible for a 681 bed, two-hospital integrated health care system in Naples, Florida.



Dr. Weiss is a graduate of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his training at both the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Hospital for Special Surgery of Cornell University. He is Board Certified in Rheumatology, Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.

Dr. Weiss led the Quality Committee of the Healthy Florida Foundation that shared recommendations for evidence based medicine. His presentation, as usual, was thoughtful and informative offering a local and national perspective



on health care issues.

We were also pleased to welcome Jim Martin, Chief Development Officer at the NCH Foundation. Thank you for the visit gentlemen. Editor's Note: Special Thanks go out to our Treasurer Tom Briers for sending along this helpful information.

Birthday Contributions Earn Paul Harris Credits

The Board has adopted a policy of crediting all undesignated 'birthday money" toward the member's next Paul Harris Fellowship level. The Club Treasurer will submit 'birthday money" contributions to Rotary International in November and May of each year. Members should make their "birthday" contribution payable to The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Rotary International will acknowledge the contribution upon receipt of funds and members can used the Rotary International letter as documentation for deducting the contribution as a "charitable contribution" on their income tax return.

Members who prefer to have "birthday money" go the Club's Foundation, instead of earning Paul Harris Fellowship credits, should make their check payable to The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita springs. It is not possible to receive Paul Harris credits for money donated to our Club's Foundation.

If you have any questions please contact Tom Briers, our Club Treasurer.

A Unique Choral Presentation



Last week members of our Board serenaded Rotarians Mark and Tom in celebration of their birthdays. Their rendition was very interesting.

Member Spotlight



Chris Cole stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A native of South Jersey Chris grew up working at his grandfather's bakery. He later started a landscape company with his younger brother. Being a strategic thinker even back then, he trained his brother to do most of

the work while he visited friends.

Chris graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Business Management with a minor in International Entrepreneurship. He worked as front office manager for the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples where he met his wife Danielle who is Bahamian. Now a permanent US resident, Chris and Danielle travel back and forth to the Bahamas to help with the family's hotel in Nassau. They have been married for five years.

A Licensed Board Certified Pedorthist, Chris owns Foot Solutions in Estero where he works with people to solve problems in, or related to, the foot and lower limb. His store participates in and sponsors multiple charity event annually. He also collects and distributes shoes for several nonprofits, locally and internationally.

Chris spoke eloquently about the mission and purpose of volunteering and about the need of "making time to give to the community and just doing good in general." He views Rotary as one means of accomplishing that goal and mission.

He has a number of interests, among them music, camping, boating, all sports and outdoor activities. Thanks Chris—we are very glad that you are a member of our Club.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize-\$1051



Last week an ebullient Jon McLeod drew the Queen of Diamonds to win \$5.00

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



None to Report

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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!

Vive Le Rotary

Let all good Rotarians stand up and sing. Vive le Rotary! With service and love let this song loudly ring. Vive le Rotary!



Chorus: Vive le, Vive le Rotary! Vive le, Vive le Rotary! Truth is our right, Love is our might, Vive le Rotary! An honest day's work is a duty we claim. Vive le Rotary! And truth in our bus'ness will honor our name. Vive le Rotary! Chorus A friend with a smile is the person we need, Vive le Rotary! Who truly believes in our Rotary creed. Vive le Rotary! Chorus Be quick to give service, we must not be shy, Vive le Rotary! Let's join all our voices and give a great cry. Vive le Rotary! Chorus

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