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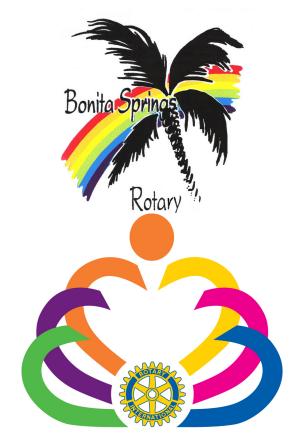
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Last Meeting

President Jim presided. Ira Hawk delivered the invocation. Jack Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance and John Knowles led the 4 Way Test. Ron Anderson led a rousing rendition of *Shine On Harvest Moon*.



Scott Anderson briefed us on this year's mentoring program If you are interested in more information or serving as a mentor in this most Rotarian of projects, please see Scott.

Len Eckert advised us that Poinsettia sale forms are currently available. Let's get this year's sale off to a rousing start. Consider who you might contact now as a potential purchas-



ers of our wonderful harbingers of the Christmas Season.

A Paul Harris Moment



It's always a great and memorable Club moment when Gerry Myers conducts a Paul Harris recognition ceremony. Last

week we recognized **Richard Garner**, **Jay Berube**, and **Gary Murphy**. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity and your leadership.

This Week's Program Ike Lichtenstein Vincent Izzi 'SCORE'

Last week we heard from our own Ike Lichten-

stein, SCORE'S Deputy Director for Client Services for Bonita Springs and Vincent Izzi SCORE Naples Director.

SCORE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small business



start, grow, and succeed nationwide. The organization offers businesses confidential counseling services at no charge as well as local workshops and events helping connect business owners with the people and information they need to start, grow, and maintain their businesses.

Vin offered an interesting overview of SCORE's



impact and outreach here in Southwest Florida and Ike provided an exciting update of SCORE's new office here in Bonita Springs. Thank you gentlemen for a timely report on an organization with an outstanding mission.

Welcome Susan

The Spoke is pleased and excited to announce that **Susan Schmitt** has come on board as its Associate Editor. Susan penned this week's Member Spotlight and will bring fresh perspective to these pages. Thanks Susan for your generosity of time and talent.

New Member Social

This past Wednesday evening we all met at the Trianon Hotel to enjoy each other's company and welcome prospective members to our Club. Thanks to **Stephanie Kissinger** for arranging this event. As the pictures attest, it was great fun.



A Reminder...Dictionary Day is set for October 7. If you have not already signed up for a distribution site—please see **Roger Brunswick** and do so this morning. Dictionary Day, an initiative in support of public education, is an extraordinarily Rotarian endeavor.

Member Spotlight

This week the spotlight was really focused on **John Knowles!** Early in our meeting, it was announced that he was recently recognized in the "40 under 40" group in Bonita Springs. When he began tell-



ing us a little about himself, it was easy to understand how he fits in this elite group!

At 31, John is almost the youngest member of our club. A native of suburban Detroit, he attended Western Michigan

University and then received his law degree from Michigan State.

His first and favorite job? Delivering pizzas for Hungry Howie's in his 1991 Escort GT! What a happy coincidence that his career path brought him to Ave Maria University, where he now works for the man who founded Domino's Pizza - Tom Monahan.

In June of 2009, he left the office of the Michigan Attorney General in a "leap of faith" to move to Naples as Ave Maria relocated to the area. His job in Public Relations and Fundraising brings him great pleasure, and he finds that one of the many pleasures is changing people from supporters to investors. Luckily for John, he is finding that the area is full of Midwesterners to make him feel at home.

After speaking to our club last year, he decided this might be a good match for him. In addition to Rotary, he has been active in his church, Knights of Columbus, and other civic groups. On a very personal note, he shared that he is "one of those guys who is crazy about his wife." John, it's great to have you in our club!

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize-\$1161



Last week an overjoyed **Len Eckert** drew the Two of Clubs to win \$5.00

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the crowd -Buy me some peanuts and
Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get
back!



We will root -- root -- root for the home team
If they don't win it's a shame;
For it's one! two! three strikes you're out!
At the old ball game.

Happy Birthday

William Banfield, September 29 Klaus Helf, October 3 Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday
Fort Myers South/Holiday
Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday
Estero Spring Run 11:45 am
Naples Gulf Shore 730 am
Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club 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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