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The Spoke

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
Chartered November 3, 1978**



**Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am
at Bonita Bay Club
The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



July 14, 2010

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Steven Slachta** delivered the invocation. **Ray Faubion** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bob Lombardo** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing rendition of *The Beer Barrel Polka*.



A very poignant moment occurred during our meeting when **President Jim** presented **Past President Nancy** with a well-deserved floral tribute for a job well done.

Poinsettia Sale

Bobbie Bird briefed on us on our Poinsettia Sale. We are expected to sell a minimum of ten plants. Each of us received an envelope containing sales slips and information. Money must be included when the sales slips are returned. **President Jim** advised us that the Club, for purposes of the Poinsettia Sale, has been divided into teams. The winning and losing teams earn "special" prizes so sell, sell, those poinsettias!



Bob Lorenz offered a report on Shots for Tots. Approximately twenty families were in attendance with about eighty shots administered. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

Last Week's Program

Anatole Kurdsjuk

"The Long Walk Home with Miracles Along the Way"



Last week we heard from Anatole Kurdsjuk, lecturer and author of *The Long Walk Home with Miracles Along the Way*.

Anatole was born in Russia on the shores of the Sea of Azov. He was forced from his home at the onset of World War II and survived three years in a German slave labor camp. He related a number of harrowing experiences during this period of time. It was clear that bravery, faith, and fortitude were qualities that kept him and his family persevering.

Anatole and his family were able to immigrate to this country in 1949. He was educated in aeronautical engineering and computer sciences. He is a veteran of the US Air Force and enjoyed a career in the information systems industry as a designer, manager and executive until he and his wife Linda retired to Fort Myers in 1997.

The Long Walk Home with Miracles Along the Way is more than a book—it is a story as Anatole suggests of "love, faith, and the human will." Thank you Anatole for sharing that story with us.

From Rotary International
President Ray Klinginsmith's July Message

“Winds of Change “

What an amazing world! Advances in technology are happening so quickly that they cause constant changes in our businesses and professions. Yet about one-third of the world's population is still living at a subsistence level with little change in their lives. It is a stark contrast and a cause for concern.

Rotary has both a distinguished heritage and a bright future. My primary task as president is to enhance the vitality and viability of Rotary clubs and to enable them to succeed in the midst of societal changes. This is an important task because it is the clubs that address and alleviate the root problems of society and thereby make the world a better place.

Wind of change was a new and significant phrase when I was a Rotary Scholar in South Africa in the early 1960s. It is serendipitous that the phrase that was first publicized in my host city of Cape Town is now applicable to Rotary as we contemplate the changes in society that dictate some corresponding changes in our organization. The phrase is now better known as *winds of change*.

We are currently enjoying a culture of innovation at Rotary International. We have the ability to look at all of our programs and practices to see if they can be improved, even as we steadfastly maintain our core values. I hope many Rotarians will take advantage of this opportunity to identify and implement improvements in their clubs and districts as well.

Rotary lives and breathes in our 33,000 clubs, and it is the clubs that improve lives by *Building Communities - Bridging Continents*. If we succeed in helping clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the next year, then it will be clear that the best days of Rotary are still ahead. We are fortunate to be Rotarians! Together, we can make the world a better place!



Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer **Tom Briers** reported that quarterly dues invoices have been sent. Tom requests that those of us who have authorized payment by credit card have those cards scanned. Scanning saves the Club time and money. Tom advises that he will have the card scanner with him—so see Tom and “scan” into the future.



A New Initiative Member Spotlight

President Jim announced a new Club initiative this year. Reminding us that Rotary began as a networking organization, **President Jim** announced the institution of a “Member Spotlight,” allowing each of us the opportunity



to share a little bit about ourselves with fellow Club members. **Brian Zamorski** will be spearheading and coordinating this effort. The first Member Spotlight featured **Jay Berube**. **Jay** provided us a very interesting “personal snapshot.” A

graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Jay moved to Florida about ten years ago. Since then he has founded Encompass Realty Group, offering full time real estate solutions. Thank you Jay for kicking off our Member Spotlight in such a sincere and genuine way.

Upcoming Speakers

This morning: Amy Macera, Director/Docent Holocaust Museum of Naples.

July 21: Jim Berger/
Miguel Estrada of Beth-El Ministries



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This Weeks Big Prize



Last week an ecstatic **Nancy Ross** drew the Five of Spades to win \$5.

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

Happy Birthday

Stephanie Kissinger, July 14
Ken King, July 18
Rex Sims, July 19

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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!

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 un-
 derstand 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.



Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

- Monday Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
- Tuesday Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
- 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 (Noon)
- Friday Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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