



# The Spoke

April 20, 2016



## Club Honors Deputies



**Tom Briers**, President of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, presented Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Awards to (left to right) Corporal **Bobbie Hunter** and Deputies **Krysten Ridenour** and **Sarah Breton**. They were honored for “Service above and beyond the call of duty” on March 21, 2016 when they rescued a man from a submerged car and administered CPR saving the man’s life. Tom thanked the deputies, “for your bravery and service to the community”.

## ..Gift Of Life Program Report

**Ron Anderson**, a board member of the Florida (Naples, FL) Gift of Life Program, gave us an introduction to GOL International and introduced **Steve Agius** the chairman of the

Florida GOL Program. The GOL Programs provide life saving surgery for children who need it, kids who would not make it to adulthood without the surgery.



Steve Agius, Bill Jenks, and Ron Anderson

The GOL program began in 1975 when a Long Island Rotary Club was able to get local doctors and hospitals to provide surgery for the children. All the clubs had to do was get the children to the hospital and provide for housing during the recovery period. Our club has sponsored five GOL kids and each time it has been a really rewarding experience.

Since the recession of 2008, hospitals are increasingly less able to provide free services. The GOL has shifted its emphasis to going abroad to improve the facilities and provide training for doctors and nurses in the home countries. One example of this is the \$130,000 grant given to the Bloom Hospital in El Salvador which is expected to save 200 kids. The seed for this grant was **Jon McLeod** and his bike ride. Steve Agius says, "We're getting so much more mileage for our dollars this way."

Through the expansion of Gift of Life efforts into the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare programs, GOL are now helping over 1,000 children receive

treatment every year. The programs in Uganda, El Salvador, Jamaica, Haiti and the Philippines are focused on sustaining reliable pediatric cardiac programs in these countries for years to come

There are now 72 Gift of Life Programs operating under the umbrella of Gift of Life International. These programs have typically been started by Rotarians and usually include several clubs or districts.

**Rob Raylman**, CEO of the GOL International says our District GOL Program is the most active in the world. We are involved in more grants, more hospitals, more kids than any other program.

## Last Week Program



President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 42. **Bob Lombardo** presented the invocation; **Lauren Teodoro**, age 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Kae Moore** did an outstanding job of giving the Four Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *The Yellow Rose of Texas*.



**Tom Burgess** reported on the two days of interviewing Rotary Scholarship candidates at FGCU. He said the process went well. He thanked the Rotarians who helped, **Karen Full**, **Wayne Hemstead**, **Nancy Ross**, **Sandy Hemstead**, and especially "the ones whose names I

have forgotten.”

## George Cohan Time

**George Cohan**, seasonally nervous about the Reverse Raffle, said, “I have 49 unsold, uncommitted tickets. Let’s get going.” He needs the sold ticket stubs turned in as early as possible so he can get the “boards” and vials ready.

Birthday boy **Brian Olitsky** scooted but left \$44 birthday money plus a \$20. **Jim O’Leary** stepped forward with \$47 late birthday money. So George organized a “this club is really singing well” celebration for Brian and Jim.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, April 22nd**, Three Club Social. Artichoke & Co, 5:30-8 pm. Kick off for Walk for Water. \$20/pp.

**Saturday, April 23rd**, Walk for Water. 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Susan Schmitt says we have a good group of volunteers but now we need some more sponsors.

**Saturday, April 23rd**, Installation Banquet, Bonita Bay Club 6:00 pm. \$70/pp. Contact Stephanie at [skissinger714@gmail.com](mailto:skissinger714@gmail.com) or 239-220-8600. Pay on-line or check. If you pay on-line, check Other payments and put “Installation Banquet” in the description.

Saturday, April 30th, **Reverse Raffle**, St John the Evangelist Church 6:00 pm. Be sure to attend **George’s Last Stand**. Dinner, drinks, dancing, music, and a chance at \$15,000.

## *In Memorium*



President Tom Briers announced the passing of long time Rotarian, **Hank Hochstetler**. In 1979, Hank sold his business in Elkhart, IN, moved to Bonita Springs, and became a realtor. He owned Hochstetler Realty, Inc. for a number of years retiring in 2002.

Hank was community volunteer minded and served on various boards. In addition to his long time membership in

Rotary, he was Past President of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Bonita Springs Board of Realtors, Past President of the Bonita Springs Utility Company, Past President of Bonita Springs Main Street, Past President of the Lee County R/V Campground Owners Association and has served on the YMCA Board of Directors, the Imperial River Conservancy Board and the Bonita Springs Incorporation Board.

He was awarded the Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year in 1996, the National R/V dealer of the year in 1975, the realtor of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 1996, the Rotary Service above Self award in 1997, the YMCA Volunteer of the year in 2000, and the "Love of Bonita Award" in 2011.



Kae Moore and Hank

## This Week's Program

New member **Karen Full**, a mentor coordinator, at **The Immokalee Foundation** will be our speaker. TIF is dedicated to building pathways to success for the children of Immokalee empowering Immokalee's children through programs focused on education, vocation, and life skills that lead to economic independence. The Immokalee Foundation offers students the tools, opportunities, and encouragement they need to succeed at each level of their education and in their careers.

## Vocation Service Moment

Guy Quinn presented his Vocational Moment. He started with a story about Hank Hochstetler, who was one of the first people Guy met when he moved to Bonita Springs. Hank urged him to transfer his membership from Atlanta to Bonita. Guy says, "Although he was sick the entire time I knew him, he was an inspiration to me. Always outgoing, faithful, and I could never have a better friend."

Guy grew up as a "Georgia Boy". His father was chief of police then county sheriff. He says, "As a 12 year old, I felt we owned a pew in the local Baptist church. I was

sandwiched into that pew with my grandmother who thought I was the second coming of Billy Graham..until she discovered a periodical in my room by Hugh Hefner with Miss January."



He is President of the Southwest Florida Wealth Group and Branch Manager with Raymond James, providing over 35 years of experience in estate and financial planning, asset management, and small business strategy. With his background of over 15 years in banking and financial services, Guy brings his customized investment advice to individuals and institutions. His forte is providing effective financial advice by listening, understanding and being attentive to his client's needs and concerns.

Originally from Hazlehurst, Georgia, Guy currently lives in Bonita Springs. His two adult daughters and four grandchildren live in Georgia. He is a graduate of Leadership Bonita, a member of the Estero Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board and is treasurer of the Bonita Springs Rotary Club. When not serving his clients or his community, Guy enjoys scuba diving, motorcycle riding and golf.

**Cautious Rex Sims**  
drew the Q♥ to win \$5



**The 50/50 is \$893**

***Birthdays***

**None in data base**



## **Rotary Sings:**

### **Home on the Range**

Oh give me a home,  
Where the buffalo roam,  
And the deer and the antelope play,  
Where seldom is heard,  
A discouraging word,  
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

### *Chorus:*

Home, home on the range,  
Where the deer and the antelope play,  
Where seldom is heard,  
A discouraging word,  
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

## **This Morning's Invocation**

God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture.

We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior.

Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness. Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.