
Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



January 4, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Happy New Year Rotarians!

This Month's Speakers

Program Chairman of the Month Nancy Ross has lined up the following programs for us. Today we will hear from Debi Braendl, Chairperson of the Guadalupe Board, who will give us an update on the Guadalupe Board. Next week we will hear from Roger Osbond from Brambles Restaurant. On January 18 we will hear from Johnny Orr, former head basketball coach of Univ. of Michigan and Iowa State. Finally, on January 25 Julia East from the Bonita Springs Community Foundation will be with us to give us an update on the Community Foundation and this year's Love of Bonita event and award.

Our Meeting Last Week

President Gerry began the meeting inviting Doug Pratt to lead us in the invocation. Mark McCaw led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Joe Stewart recited the 4 way test and was given his permanent badge. Steve Krchniak led us in singing "America" and stood in pinch hitting for George M. and Steve Kaskie as Sergeant at Arms. Attendance was somewhat lacking due to the holiday break in between Christmas and New Years. Since George and Steve were missing, Steve admirably did the honors as stand in Sergeant at Arms and proceeded to levy a few fines, including one on Gerry Myers for not having Joe's permanent badge, and did a good job keeping order throughout the meeting.

Ron Anderson requested a correction to last week's Spoke to reflect that Jim Horein should also be recognized for his dedicated service as our finance manager during the three weeks of Christmas tree sales. Also, Ray Faubion, our new 2006 Secretary is leading a task force to come up with a new fundraiser, see Ray for details.

Our Program Last Week Judy Walker & Alejandra Vega

December Program Chair Steve Akers introduced Judy Walker and Alejandra Vega to us. Judy is a lifelong educator who is now serving as a volunteer with the Bonita Springs Literary Council. Judy told us that although her career as a professional educator was always very rewarding, it does not compare to the feeling she has serving in the Literacy Council as a tutor. Included in her service is a class she teaches on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 for reading, writing, and speaking English. The Council provides books to mothers that they can take home to read to their children. Judy told us that "when you educate a mother, you educate the whole family." Alejandra Vega, an 11th grade student at South Fort Myers H.S. told us about her trip to Washington D.C. on the National Youth Leadership Program in which she studied U.S. history, international relations, foreign policy making, including visits to Congress and many of our nation's monuments and government buildings. During one of the programs she played Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs and announced her group's proposed policies. After this incredible one week experience, Alejandra told us that she is now interested in world affairs and is watching what is going on in the world with a new interest she never had before attending this National Youth Leadership Program.

Shots For Tots

Ira Hawk gave us a comprehensive update on the Shots for Tots program. The program, now in its 12th year, has served 4905 children and has administered 10013 immunizations. The overall program, which includes the First Presbyterian Church's other program with Lee County, has now administered shots to over 10,000 children. In addition to the Tuesday evening clinic, the Health Department also offers shots at the First Presbyterian Church on the Second Thursday morning of each week. In 2000 this clinic gave 237 shots to 117 children. In 2001 the morning clinic gave 331 shots to 156 children. In 2002, 169 children received 330 shots. In 2003, it gave 563 shots to 240 children. In 2004, 299 shots were given to 134 children. In 2005, 447 shots were given to 185 children. Thus, the six year totals for the Thursday morning clinic are 2207 shots to 1001 children. Great Work Ira on this excellent program!



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$ POT THIS WEEK= \$2105

Rotary Regular Don held the lucky ticket but did not draw the Joker nor any of the ACE's. So \$5 to Don and \$2018 goes to you if you're LUCKY!

Happy Birthday!

Diane Lepola January 9
Linda Vancura Jan 4
Joe Quinn (rr) Jan 4
Dick Leighton (rr) Jan 6
Ron Anderson Jan 8



Mark McCaw
Mardi Gras 2006
Update

Mark reminded us that Mardi Gras 2006 is right around the corner, set for Saturday February 4, 2006 from 6 pm until Midnight at Pelican's Nest at Pelican Landing. Along with the Noon Rotary Club, we are selling 220 tickets for this festive event filled with great food and drink, live entertainment, a live auction, and many other fun activities all designed to raise money for Bonita Assistance Office. Mark recommends that groups get together to buy their table now and consider items to donate to the auction. See Mark for more information.

Ambassadorial Scholar

Ambassadorial Scholar Committee needs a chairperson to continue the search for potential candidates for one year foreign university studies. Rotary International supports the student up to the amount of \$25000. See Steve Krchniak, International Services Director, for details.

Let's Sing, Rotarians! I've Been Working on The Railroad

I've been workin' on the railroad,
All the live long day.
I've been workin' on the railroad,
Just to pass the time away.
Can't you hear the whistle blowing?
Rise up so early in the morn.
Can't you hear the captain shouting
"Dinah, blow your horn?"

Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow your horn?
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah.
Someone's in the kitchen, I know.
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Strumming on the old banjo.

Fee, fie, fiddle-e-i-o.
Fee, fie, fiddle-e-i-o-o-o-o.
Fee, fie, fiddle-e-i-o.
Strumming on the old banjo.

Rotary Regular Appreciation Day Set for Wednesday, February 23, 2006

On our regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2006, we will honor our Rotary Regulars with a complimentary breakfast and a special program that the Regulars will participate in. The Rotary Regulars are folks who stay in our area for extended periods of time but choose to stay permanent members of their home clubs back north. We are grateful for the participation, support, and service that our Rotary Regulars give our Club! Thank you very much.

Vocational Report Joe Stewart



Joe gave us a brief run down on his vocation as a professional banker. Although Joe's rapidly expanding bank is mainly operating out of Missouri, it is also doing business in Florida including mortgages.

Spoke Folk

Editor: Ken Weyl
Issue Editor: Jim O'Leary

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



January 11, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: Roger Osbond

This morning's speaker is **Roger Osbond** from Brambles Restaurant on Fifth Ave. South in Naples. He will tell us about "British High Tea".

Last Week: Meeting

President **Gerry Myers** tolled the meeting to order at 7:30. **Richard Browning** offered the invocation, **Dick Fredrickson** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Steve Krchniak** gave a history lesson and led the singing of "I've Been Working on the Railroad". **Mac McBride** offered a flawless 4 Way Test. President Gerry thanked **Jim O'Leary** for editing *The Spoke* for last two weeks. **George Cohan** conducted a lively firing session punctuated with opinionated commentary on college football. George is looking for a new "Associate" Sergeant-At-Arms to replace **Steve Kaskie**.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk reported the start of the 12th year of Shots for Tots with "lots of shots to start the new year". There were 20 families with 35 children receiving shots. Ira also thanked **Hank** and **Vicki Shelling** for their help.

Birthdays

Ron Anderson's birthday wish was answered by the hastily formed **Rotary Women's Chorus** seen here directed by **George Cohan**.



Diane Lepola was flanked by **Mark McCaw** and **Gary Murphy** as the members honored the birthday of "Miss Bonita, Diane".



Last Week: Guadalupe Center

Nancy Ross introduced **Alicia Lindo** of the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. Immokalee is the largest hub for migrant workers in the southeastern U.S. We were treated to a interesting overview of the Center's programs. It provides interim help and longer term programs that promote self-sufficiency and opportunity for members of this community. Among the programs for interim help are the Soup Kitchen, Clothing and Showers, Back to School Shoes, Thanksgiving in the Park, and The Christmas Toy Shop.



Gerry Myers

Alicia Lindo

Joane Pierre

The children of these families make up the largest migrant population, over 7,200, of any school district east of the Mississippi. **Joane Pierre**, an Immokalee High School student, is a tutor at the "Guadalupe After School Program". She described the satisfaction she gets from this work and her hopes to go to Princeton University and to become a lawyer and fashion designer.

The center also has programs for adults in ESOL where as many as 400 adults may participate in a year, and a VESOL program to train participants in basic trades. Other programs are offered in computers and language training software using the facilities at Bethune Education Center in Immokalee.

Hundreds of Immokalee families live without adequate plumbing or kitchens. Many have no telephone or car. Only twenty percent have a high school education. One of the few places to welcome them is the Guadalupe Center. Here they receive a helping hand with no questions asked and minimal or no fees charged.

Vocational Minute



Roger Brunswick, the club's newest member, gave us a brief autobiography last week. His classification is Real Estate - Investments. He has lived in Southwest Florida for 13 years after moving from Columbus, Ohio. Recently, he sold his air conditioning business and decided to keep busy by getting a real estate license. He is now associated with John R. Woods.

Roger had been a Rotarian while living in Cleveland in the late 1970's. He is pleased to be back in Rotary and looks forward to meeting all the members.

Mardi Gras

Mark McCaw said there are still opportunities for businesses or groups to purchase a reserved, preferred location table for 8 for \$1,500. This year's Mardi Gras will have a more carnival-like atmosphere with professional face painting, creole items on the menu, and Black Jack play. The event will start with an open bar at 6 PM, auction at 8:30, and dancing until midnight. Mark is asking that each club member and Rotary Regular to donate a new, unwrapped item valued at \$25 or more for the auction. A donation of \$25 may be made in lieu of a purchased item. **Mark Humphrey** will accept the items at Hidden Beach Storage.

Next Week: Johnny Orr

Next week we will have **Johnny Orr**, former head basketball coach at the University of Michigan and Iowa State as our speaker.

Upcoming Events

February 4th. Mardi Gras
February 5th, Super Bowl Party
February 23rd, Rotary Regular Day



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

SING EVERYONE SING!

Sing, everyone sing.
Sing, everyone sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
and sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone smile.
Smile, everyone smile.
All of your troubles will vanish like bubbles,
so smile everyone smile.
Serve, everyone serve.
Serve, everyone serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,
Serve, everyone serve.

Happy Birthday!

John West Jan 17

\$FIFTY \$2,197 FIFTY \$



Ken Weyl had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.

Three tickets for \$2

Five for \$3

Twenty Five for \$10

The Spoke Folk

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January 18, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: Johnny Orr

Today's speaker is **Johnny Orr**, former head basketball coach at the University of Michigan and Iowa State.

Last Week: Meeting

President **Gerry Myers** chimed the meeting to order at 7:33. **Richard Browning** offered the invocation, **Clara Anne Graham** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Paul Helbing** led the singing of "Sing Everyone Sing". **Bill Reed** offered the 4 Way Test.

President **Gerry** welcomed visiting former member **Manfred Klein** and welcomed back **Bill Reed** from his sojourn in the north. **Gerry** reported that **Bill Oehler** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and sends a hello to all. **Gerry** also noted **Pat Lord** has cancer and is being cared for at Hope Hospice.

Steve Krchniak was pinch hitter Sergeant-at-arms. **Mike Grover** (rr), attending for the first time since his serious heart attack said, "It's good to see you guys". **Steve** fined him \$5 saying "We better get his money now".



John West requested a unique birthday celebration. He gathered a group of Britons and German speakers to sing Happy Birthday simultaneously in English and German.

Announcements

Club attendance was 90% in December.

Makeup forms are being revised to show

various makeup options. The Board of Directors wants to get opinions of how to improve the club. A survey is being developed and will be summarized by **Steve McIntosh**. **Ray Faubion** has started a short term task force to discuss and develop another fund raising idea.

Rotary Foundation

Dave Shellenbarger described the three ways to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. They are Paul Harris Fellow, bequest in a will, and "Every Rotarian, Every Year". **Gerry** wants the club to become 100% at the latter \$100/year program.

Last Week: Brambles English Tearoom



Roger Osbond

Nancy Ross introduced **Roger Osbond** co-owner of Brambles English Tearoom and Gift Shop off 5th Avenue South in Naples. He and Elaine Lanzaro are the owners and operators of the restaurant. They were "college sweethearts" who were reconnected after many years apart. **Roger** acknowledged that he felt like "Daniel in the Lion's Den" in front of all the coffee drinkers. He said that consumption of green and black teas are increasing in the U.S. as people begin to appreciate the health benefits of tea drinking.

Roger described the beginnings of tea drinking when Shen Nung, the Chinese emperor and renowned herbalist, was boiling his drinking water when leaves from a nearby tea shrub blew into the cauldron. He tasted the resulting brew, and the beverage of tea was born.

Roger told of the introduction of tea to England by Catherine of Braganza, the queen of Charles II, and reminded us of the Boston Tea Party where a tax on tea helped spark the American Revolution. He noted the first iced tea was served at the 1904 World Trade Fair in St. Louis.

Next Week: Julia East

Next week's speaker will be **Julia East** Chief Development Officer of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation.

Vocational Minute



Mark Lewis, a newer member of the club, has the classification of Finance-Estate Planning. He is a senior client adviser for Sun Trust banks. Sun Trust is a 100 year old institution based in Atlanta serving the South East region of the country. Depending on the criteria used, Sun Trust is the 7th or 8th largest bank in the U.S. The famed recipe for Coca Cola is stored in its vaults. Mark leads a team of professional advisors in helping manage wealthy clients assets and affairs.

Mardi Gras Tickets

Mark McCaw reminded there are still opportunities to attend the Mardi Gras. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$125/person, reserved tables for four are \$750, and reserved tables for eight are \$1,500. The celebration will feature open bar, dancing, entertainment, back room casino, as well as live and silent auctions.

Mardi Gras Auction - \$25 items

Mark asked that every member and Rotary Regular provide a \$25 gift item for the auctions. Items may be delivered to Mark Humphrey at Hidden Beach Storage. In lieu of a gift, a \$25 check may be made to the **Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs** and mailed to the club's PO Box. Checks should be noted as "Mardi Gras".

Mardi Gras Auction - Big Stuff

Gary Murphy of Marina Mike's will provide a Sylvan 16' ski and cruise boat for the auction. The boat, 90 HP motor, and trailer are valued at more than \$16,000. Paul Lutz of DeVoe Cadillac will provide a 2006 Pontiac Torrent with a value in the mid to upper \$20's.

Upcoming Events

February 4th. Mardi Gras
February 23rd, Rotary Regular Day



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

Happy Birthday!

Gary Colecchio	Jan 18
Bob Rosier	Jan 19
Marjorie Rubacky	Jan 19
Doug Pratt	Jan 20

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Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



January 25, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Prepare to welcome **Julia East**, Chief Development Office of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods

Called to Order on time: **Prez Gerry** at the helm

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Martha Erickson**

Four Way Test: **Bob Rosier**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led the singing of *When The Saints Go Marching In*

Sunshine Report: **Hank Hochstetler** reported that **Pat Lord** of the noon club had passed away, **Kenny King** was having a cardiac catheter procedure that day. On a happier note, **Bill Oehler** was with us, his arm still in some fearsome device, but other wise looking hale and hearty..



Hubs and Spokes

Various tidbits. New Rosters are now available for those who didn't received them via e-mail. **Ed Houck** is looking forward to a committee meeting to arrange some golfing affair. **Mark Petrites** told us about the bloodmobile which will be with us February 8. **Mark McCaw** talked about the Mardi Gras, which will be here on February 4th. Get those donations in! **Ray Faubion** talked about the new make-up sheet, and



about the Relay For Life, now in its 4th year!

And then we had a Vocational Minute with **Peter Zahner**, who told us about International Logistics, and we exchanged flags with two visiting Rotarians.

Last Week's Program

Before we heard a word from our speaker, we learned that prez **Gerry** had met him back in Iowa City, Ia., back in the days when our speaker was a coach at Iowa State or Michigan., But our speaker was non other than **Johnny Orr**, formerly a coach at Iowa State



and at Michigan. Johnny told us about his career, coaching at several places in addition to Iowa State and Michigan. He had us in stitches with his barrel full of belly laughs, but there was a more serious side to him, too. His wife **Rommy** suffers from Alzheimer's disease, and he is dedicating his life toward fighting that disease. He has appeared before a House Committee, has testified about the treatment for Alzheimer's, is working to raise fifteen million dollars to build an Alzheimer's clinic in conjunction with the Mayo Clinic, in West Des Moines, as we understood it. It was really a delightful, and inspiring program!

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$2422**

Rex Sims started out right, by holding the right ticket, but he couldn't draw a winner. So \$5 to Rex , and \$2422 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Five bucks will get you ten chances at that lucky ticket!

A Big Thanks to Jim, Ira and Scott

Before I run out of space, I, Ken, your Spoke Editor, want to thank **Jim O'Leary, Ira Hawk, and Scott Gerrish** for putting out this weekly rag during my recent period of de-commissioning. Thanks, guys!

Happy Birthday!

Hank Schelling January 29

Programs Coming Up

February 1 **Dr. William Merwin**, President of FGCU

February 8 **Jim Frey**, former GM of Chicago Cubs

SPOKE Goes Ballistic

Now here's an interesting and useful piece of information. Our Webmaster, Jim O'Leary, tells me that The SPOKE will be now be archived on our web site. The archive begins with the January 4, 2006, issue, and if you need a copy of any issue beginning with that date, you can retrieve it on our web site! This should be helpful when returning from vacation trips, if you want to see what you have missed.

Upcoming Events

March 31 Relay For Life
April 1&2 Celebrate Bonita



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home

In The Good Old Summertime

In the good old summer time
In the good old summer time
Strolling through the shady lane
With your baby mine.
You hold her hand, and she holds yours,
And that's a very good sign,
That she's your tootsey, wootsey
In the good old summer time

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Issue Editor: same

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February 1, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we welcome again Dr. William Merwin, President of FGCU.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods

Called to Order on time by Prez Gerry Myers

The Invocation: Doug Pratt prayed

The Pledge of Allegiance: Ray Faubion

Four Way Test: Mark Humphrey

Song: Paul Helbing led us in singing *God Bless America*

Sunshine Report: Kenny King was back after last week's surgery, and we learned that Steve Kaskie can't stay away and will be returning to Bonita and to our midst.

Hubs and Spokes

Highland Woods will be having a big golf tournament on March 8, and, rather than fight the parking situation, we will be having our meeting that day at the Elk's Club at 3231 Coconut Road, just west of #41, where we have met several times in recent years.

On February 22 the Rotary Regulars will take over the meeting and show us how its done.

Tanya Horsten presented the Students of the Month and Staff Member of the Month. They were Chelsea Yakabuski, Service Student of the Month, Mark Pomarico, Academic Student of the Month, and



Miss Jane Derksen, Staff Member of the Month. This seemed to be an unusually fine group.



Mark McCaw reported that about 175 tickets have been sold for the Mardi Gras Charity Ball and Auction to be held Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club. Still looking for donations and gifts from some few of our members.

And, then along came four new members to be inducted today. We welcomed Martha Erickson, who really didn't need introduction as she has been visiting with us for 14 years, the last few as a Rotary Regular.

Bob Pagel comes to us White Bear club. Ron appeared with Nancy Ross.



from the Lake, MN, Eisenberg his sponsor, R o n Eisenberg is a lawyer, coming from Minneapolis, MN. Karyl K. Walter ap-



peared with her sponsor Bruce Bridewell. Karyl is in Health Services Administration and is with Summerville at Bonita Springs.



Last Week's Program

Bill Davis introduced our speaker, Julia East, Chief Development Officer of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation. Julia started out life in the Shenendoah Valley, came to SW Florida in 2003, gave an interesting talk about her job in the



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\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$2563

Richard Garner drew the lucky ticket and then reached for the Joker but drew the Ace of Hearts. That didn't get him the Jackpot but was good for \$100. So \$100 to Richard leaves \$2563 FOR YOU if you're lucky today!



Three bucks get you ten chances!
~~Five get ten chances!~~

**DON'T FORGET
 THE MARDI GRAS
 THIS SATURDAY NIGHT**

Happy Birthday!

Dave Edwards February 2
 Chuck McBirney February 6

(Last Week's Program, continued)

community. The Foundation is an affiliate of The Southwest Florida Community Foundation . It was founded in 1997 and already has assets over \$2 million. It offers one grant cycle per year and its focus areas of funding include education, arts and culture, community development, human services, health, environment, animal welfare, conservation and preservation.

Here's What's Comin' Up

February 4	Mardi Gras Charity Ball/Auction
February 8	Our program will be Jim Frey , former GM of the Chicago Cubs
March 31	Relay For Life
April 1 & 2	Celebrate Bonita



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain.
 America! America!
 God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea.

I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover

I'm looking over a four leaf clover
 That I overlooked before.
 One leaf is sunshine, the second is rain,
 Third is the roses that grow in the lane,
 No need explaining, the one remaining
 Is somebody I adore.
 I'm looking over a four leaf clover
 That I overlooked before

What's an Archive, anyway?

Don't forget, the SPOKE is now archived back to Jan. 4, 2006.

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The Invocation: **Richard Browning**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Richard Garner**

Four Way Test: **Marjorie Rubacky**

Song: Led by our guiding light **Paul Helbing**, we sang *America The Beautiful* and *I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover*

Sunshine Report: Prez **Gerry** reported that two of our number have been in the news, **Frances Dixon** and her project in Guatemala, and **Frank Ogden** who did something with a polecat, or was it a bobcat?

Hubs and Spokes

Nancy Ross reported on the membership situation. Even with all the new members recently inducted we have only 97 members. Get those names in, if you need help call **Nancy**.

Roger Brunswick has served his time as Greeter and was relieved of his red badge and given a new blue one.

Mark Petrites reminded us that next week is when the Bloodmobile will be here, ready to collect blood from each of you. **Mark** reported that the blood supply is always low, so don't pass them by—Give! And remember, while there is a minimum age of 17 for giving blood, there's no upper age limit. So roll up your sleeve and Give Blood Today!

Ray Faubion reports a good start for Relay for Life, but we need more volunteers!



Tanya Horsten read us a really sweet letter from **Chelsea Yakabuski**, who was here as one of our students of the month on January 25 of this year. And the letter enclosed a \$500 check to help in our work!

And then there was **Bruce Bridewell**, striking for the Sergeant-at-Arms job in the absence of both our regular Sgt and his Associate Sgt. **Bruce** did well, collected a few fines, and couldn't resist giving us a little medical advice, **Bruce** sez the best Rx for a happy and healthy life is to have at least one good belly laugh every day! He's right! So laugh.

Nancy Wyckoff gave us a little thumbnail sketch of her active life and career, starting out in New York City, leaving there, returning to N.Y. in 1983, finally back to Bonita Springs where she obtained a real estate license four and one half years ago.



Last Week's Program

Our advertised program, **Bill Merwin**, had other engagements and our good fortune brought us **Joe Shepard**, VP for Administrative Services at FGCU. He was introduced by

Dave Struble, Program Chair for February.

Joe gave us an overview of the current situation on F G C U

which was both entertaining and informative. It's hard to believe, but there were 7900 students registering last fall, about a 17 to 20% increase every year. It'll be about 8600 next fall, about 80% of them Florida residents and 2000 students live on campus.



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$2693

Mark Humphrey did it again! But he couldn't draw a winner so \$5 to Mark and \$2693 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY! Tickets are a bargain today. \$5 gets you 10, \$10 gets 25 tickets! Buy BIG, the pot is BIG!

Happy Birthday!

Gary Price
Bobbi Bird

February 9
 February 14

Maybe He'll Come Back To Us!

Last week the SPOKE had a note from **Scott Angevine** which included the news that he and **Geri** are moving to the Jacksonville area. It seems that the mountains of N.C. were colder than the **Angevines** like. So the word is that they have bought a home at The Country Club of Orange Park, located at Orange Park, FL, a suburb of Jacksonville. They'll be moving around the middle of March, and after getting settled hope to make a trip to Bonita to check out old friends and the new clubhouse at Spanish Wells. **Scott** sez he'll be glad to get out of the cold mountains

Now Read This Message

Action Requested

In order to ensure that we are meeting your expectations and continuing our record of success, our club will conduct a member satisfaction survey. Club members and Rotary Regulars will be asked for their opinions. Surveys will be distributed by e-mail on February 8, and hard copies of the survey will be available at the February 8 and February 15 Club meetings. All surveys must be completed and returned to **Steve McIntosh** by February 22. **Steve**, who designed and administered both this survey and our year 2000 survey, is available to answer any questions

Next Week's Program

Look for **Jeff Summers**, Cross Country Coach at Estero High School.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Give My Regards To Broadway

G. M. Cohan

Give my regards to Broadway;
 Remember me to Herald Square.
 Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street
 That I will soon be there.
 Tell them of how I'm yearning
 To mingle with the old time throng.
 Give my regards to old Broadway
 And say that I'll be there 'eer long.

Sing Out A Song of Rot'ry

Sing out a song of Ro-t'ry
 Echoing through out the land.
 Give of yourself to serve another
 With a helpful Ro-try hand.
 Working together helps us
 To remember our purpose grand.
 Sing out a song of RO-TA-RY,
 And let it echo through out the land.

Coming Events

Today!	The Bloodmobile.
March 31	Relay for Life
April 1 & 2	Celebrate Bonita

The 4-Way Test
 of things we think, say or do.

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



February 15, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Our speaker today is Jeff Summers, Cross Country Coach at Estero High School.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods C.C.

Called to Order: on time by Prez Gerry Myers

The Invocation: Doug Pratt prayed

The Pledge of Allegiance: Peter Frabutt

Four Way Test: Mark Humphrey

Songs led by Paul Helbing were *Give My Regards to Broadway* and *Sing Out A Song of Rot'ry*

Sunshine Report: Steve Kaskie is back!

Hubs and Spokes

As the meeting got underway Steve Kaskie got our attention. Not sure how his losing weight campaign has been going so thought we'd let you be the judge. And we're all glad Steve found his way back to Bonita!



The next order of business was a report on Shots for Tots by Ira Hawk who told about some 30 families with a bunch of kids and lots of shots. Thanks to Hank Schelling and his wife for their help.

D.G.-elect, Gary Israel, was with us, selling tickets and reporting on district and area doings. He gave us a rundown on district activities coming up, which will be reported later in this issue.



Ray Faubion talked about developments in the Relay For Life which is currently set for March 31, although



Ray suggested there may be a change in the date.

Mark McCaw modestly suggested that the Mardi Gras was a huge success, netting some fifty grand for the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. This project is a joint effort



of the two Bonita Springs Rotary Clubs.

Here's one rather regal looking couple seen at the Mardi Gras.



Steve McIntosh told about the Survey he has been commissioned to conduct. It is for members and Rotary Regulars, and the surveys must be completed and returned to Steve on or before February 22. You can get the survey online or here at today's meeting. Please cooperate! Your Board considers this important!

Last Week's Program

Well, our monthly Program Chair Dave Struble produced another great program. He introduced Jim Frey, retired GM of the Chicago Cubs who thoroughly disarmed us by telling that this was the first time since retiring quite a few years ago that he had talked to a group



like ours. But he was another Johnny Orr, our speaker a few weeks ago. A dry sense of humor, an endless source of information and funny stories about the famous players of yesterday and



today. He was so expressive one picture wouldn't do him justice!

And NEXT WEEK Dave brings us the Rotary Regulars!



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$ **POT THIS WEEK= \$2823**

It was Pearl Nielsen, a Rotary Regular from Ontario who had the lucky ticket but couldn't draw a winner. So \$5 to Pearl, and \$2823 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Happy Birthday!

George M. Cohan February 15

A Very New Member

R o n Eisenberg was invited to tell about himself. Ron is an estate planning lawyer and comes from Minneapolis. He has a wife, 2 children, has been married 30 years. And has joined a law firm whose main office is in Fort Myers. Welcome, Ron!



Comin' Up

February 22 **Rotary Regulars** run the meeting

March 1 **Dr. Gene Landrum,**
 Founder/President
 Chuck E. Cheese Stores

March 8 **Dale Petroskey,** President
 Baseball Hall of Fame



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

The Yankee Doodle Boy

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,
 A Yankee Doodle, do or die.
 A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam's,
 Born on the Fourth of July.
 I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart,
 She's my Yankee Doodle joy.
 Yankee Doodle came to London,
 Just to ride the ponies,
 I am a Yankee Doodle boy
 (This in honor of George's birthday)

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Yes, I want to be in that number,
 When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
 And when the sun begins to shine,
 Yes, I want to be in that number,
 When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
 Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
 Yes, I want to be in that number,
 When we meet at Rotary.

The 4-Way Test
 of things we think, say or do.

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



February 22, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program **The Rotary Regulars will run the meeting**

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf & CC
Called to Order on time by prez **Gerry**
The Invocation: **Richard Browning**
The Pledge of Allegiance: **Dave Edwards**
Four Way Test: **Ed Schick** worked at it
Song: **Paul Helbing** led the singing of *The Yankee Doodle Boy* and *When The Saints Go Marching In*

Hubs and Spokes

Bob Hagy announced a meeting of the Donation Committee. Prez **Gerry** announced a meeting of the BOD that night. **Gerry** also reminded us that our meeting on March 8 is going to be at the Elk's Club on Coconut Rd. Our speaker that day will be **Dale Petroskey**, President of the Baseball Hall of Fame, so write it down!

John Spear announced that March 18 is the day of the annual vote counting for Bonita Springs Utilities. 'We will be doing this at John's office, and we need a bunch of volunteers. If we have enough, it's only a couple of hours work, and we make a bundle for our charities fund. Sign up, please!

B o b Pagel, one of our newest members, had the opportunity to tell about himself and his occupation without fear of getting fined. **Bob** has been in Rotary since 1980. He and his wife are in business together selling long term care insurance. Welcome, **Bob**—we're glad to have you aboard!

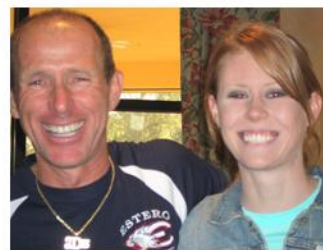


Ed Houck reported that there will be a golf tournament on May 5. More later on this.

George Cohan said the Reverse Raffle has been set for April 9, a little earlier than planned, but **Palmira** said April 9, so be it.

Last Week's Program Was A Winner

February Program Chair **Dave Struble** introduced **Jeff Summers**, our speaker, who is the cross country coach at Estero High School.



Jeff is the only cross country coach to serve at EHS, having been on the job twenty years. He also handles the track team. **Jeff** had an entourage with him.

One of his party was **Bona Jones**, past state champion and probably the outstanding female runner in the United States.



Here's a picture of **Jeff's** entourage with their guardian **John Warfield**

And it was George's Birthday!

What a spectacular! Using all his might and power as Sgt.-at-arms, our **George** commanded all the ladies in the room to get up front and sing to him. With **George** directing..



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$2946

We treated him okay, sold him the lucky ticket, but he was so miffed at not drawing a winner that he left with Jim Renfro not even knowing his name. So \$5 to unnamed, and \$2946 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Same bargains, three for two, five for three, and twenty-five for ten bucks

Happy Birthday!

Sue Masters	February 22
Steve McIntosh	February 25
Roger Brunswick	February 26
Harold Eames	February 26
Sidney Matthews	February 28

Did you get your survey in?
Don't forget, today is the last day to
get it back to Steve McIntosh.
Twenty lashes for those who don't!

What's Coming Up

March 1	Dr. Gene Landrum, Founder/ President, Chuck E. Cheese Stores
March 8	Dale Petroskey, President, Baseball Hall of Fame

This photo is your next president and his charming Kathryn. Either Dick and Kathryn were both shaking when the picture was taken, or the photographer (identity unknown) had a few tremors going on. In any case your highly technical and massively equipped photo lab couldn't take all the shake out of the shakes. The picture was taken at the recent Mardi Gras.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

It's A Small World

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears;
 It's a world of hopes and a world of fears.
 There's so much, that we share
 That it's time we're aware.
 It's a small world after all.

Chorus:

It's a small world after all,
 It's a small world after all,
 It's a small world after all,
 It's a small, small world.

Smile, Sing a Song

Smile and the world smiles with you,
 Sing a song.
 Don't be weary,
 Just be cheery all day long.
 Whenever your trials,
 Your troubles and your care
 Seem to be more
 Than you can really bear,
Smile and the world smiles with you.
Sing a song.

N.B. Sing through the verse in rather strong voice, then sing it again in a soft whisper voice, with emphasis in a loud voice again on the last ten words "Smile and the world smiles with you....."

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same
 Next Week: Scott Gerrish reports

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 1, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: Dr. Gene Landrum

Dr. Gene Landrum is a high-tech startup specialist turned teacher, author, and lecturer who consults on strategic marketing opportunities, visionary leadership, new product launches and startup. As an entrepreneur he created the Chuck E. Cheese concept of family entertainment among other consumer electronic ventures.

Last Week: The Regulars



Jan Lee

Chairman Jan Lee, Laurie-Sunrise Beach, MO, gonged, gonged, gonged the meeting to order at 7:31. Bill Hise, Hayward Area, WI, offered the invocation. Earl Pritchard, Oakwood, OH, gave a Rotary Inspiration.

Trudy Galvin, Laurie-Sunrise, MO, conducted a Proud and Happy Dollars session. She got a contribution

from George M. Cohen, III who, after promising to scoot, told us he will be a grandfather again. He is hoping this one will be named George M. Cohen V, or George the Fifth and described the incentive plan he is offering.

We then had "Greetings and Hugs to Fellow Rotarians" with the admonition to "Keep your hands to yourself. Petticoat rules."

Rotary Regular song master Frank Keck, Champaign, IL, led the gathering in singing "It's a Small World" and "Smile, Sing a Song".

Tanya Horsten introduced Gregory Cairo, Service Student of the Month, Lindsay Campos, Academic Student of the Month, and Angel Kornuc, Staff Member of the month.



Dave Zaun

Dave Zaun, Terre Haute, IN, was finemaster for the day. After some unsolicited assistance from George Cohen, Dave finally asked, "When are you scooting, George?" and proceeded with introductions and fines. A group of birthday celebrants led by Roger Brunswick were serenaded by Rotarians who claimed to be less than 64 years old.

It's a Small World



Jane Johnson, Laurie-Sunrise Beach, MO, started the program with a report about her club's seven exchange students. (Her home club's towns have a combined population of 1,075, fewer in winter when they migrate to Ft. Myers Beach.). Jane says she has realized the world has become smaller and smaller as result of the Internet, trade, and technology. She is hoping to affect world peace through Rotary GSE programs and Friendship Exchanges. She described the last exchange student whose East German parents were reluctant to allow him to come to the U.S. The student reports that upon his return he has been making a difference by telling his countrymen about his experience with real Americans.



Andy Frech, Concord-Elkhart, IN, is a Paul Harris Fellow and two-time Past President of his club. In 1999, Andy's club hosted 12 Russian businessmen for three and half weeks. The club's task was hosting, entertaining, and educating the guests. Each day they were brought to a different business.

Among the weekend activities was an introduction to American "Futbol" by attending the local high school's Friday Night Football game. Andy remains in contact with Russians by Email. After returning to St. Petersburg, Alex was involved in the startup of new Rotary Club. Andy attended the dedication banquet of the new club and reports that the Russians "really know how to throw a party".



Hal Cooper, Plymouth, MI, is a 23 year Rotarian and Past President of his club. He described his club's efforts at "Rotary Cares". This is a Community Service effort that helps people who are unable to help themselves make home repairs. In 2003, they discovered a young women with three children whose husband had left. She was trying to

Next meeting at the Elks Club Coconut Road

keep her family together while attending courses to improve her job skills. The woman's home needed considerable repairs. A local United Way official volunteered a temporary home for the family and the Rotary's contractor members, their employees, and suppliers went to work rehabbing the house. The budget for the project was \$7,500 and the group spent \$9,000. At a dinner honoring the participants, the recipient told how the project had changed her life. Hal estimated the effort represented about \$72,000 of work accomplished in one month by a dedicated group of local people and suppliers.

Next Week: Baseball Hall of Fame

Next week **Dale A. Petroskey** who became the fifth president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in July 1999 will be our speaker. He oversees the 66-year-old national shrine dedicated to preserving baseball history and telling the story of its role in American culture.



Jim Horein greeted by Harold Eames

Announcements

Gary Israel, District Governor to-be, announced the **Annual Casino Night** of the Rotary Club of Estero will be Saturday, March 4th. \$50/per person for dinner buffet, prizes, and fun.

Sue Masters announced the **Literacy Council** of Bonita Springs Fundraising Breakfast Thursday, March 16, 8-9 AM at the Bonita Bay Golf Country Club. The breakfast is free and will include inspiring talks from students about how Literacy Council has helped them improve their lives in Bonita Springs.

Upcoming Events

→ **Meet at the Elks Wed. Mar 8**
Relay for Life, Fri Mar 31, Sat Apr 1
Celebrate Bonita, Sun Apr 2
Reverse Raffle, Sun Apr 9th



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game,
 Take me out to the fair —
 Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,
 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!

Jim Renfro	Mar 2
Karyl Walter	Mar 2
Jim Friedgen (rr)	Mar 5

\$FIFTY \$3,069 FIFTY \$



Jay Barclay had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.
Three tickets for \$2
Five for \$3
Twenty Five for \$10

The Spoke Folk

Editor—Ken Weyl
 Issue Editor—Scott Gerrish (rr)

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 8, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we will hear from **Dale A. Petroskey**, the fifth president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Dale oversees the operation of the 66 year old national shrine dedicated to preserving baseball history and telling the story of its role in American culture.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods
Called to Order: On time by prez-elect **Dick Fredrickson**
The Invocation: **Richard Browning**
The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bill Hise**
Four Way Test: **Kenny King**



Song: **Paul Helbing** did such a great job of directing *Take Me Out To The Ball Game* that prez **Gerry** requested we do it again today.

Sunshine Report: none

Hubs and Spokes



Prez-el **Dick** introduced **Karyl Walter**, our newest member, who wowed us with a great introduction of herself. Welcome **Karyl**!

Dick then thanked all the Rotary regulars who put on such a great meeting the week before.

Ray Faubion gave a report on Relay for Life (March 31) and asked us all to support the Relay by buying and selling tickets.

Ed Houck allowed as how there would be a golf outing on May 5. More later.

Marjorie Ruback told us that the Bonita Springs Speakers Assembly is celebrating its 10th year. **Steve Krchniak** brought us up to date on our former Ambassadorial Scholar

Laura Thimling. (See full story next page.)

Mark McCaw talked about the Celebrate Bonita Day coming up April 1 and 2. asking for volunteers to work 4 hour shifts

The Literary Council is having a fund raising breakfast on March 16.

Last Week's Program

(might have been called)

Dr. Gene's Laws of Life in the Fast Lane



Our speaker was introduced by Program

Chair **Marjorie Ruback** Our speaker as none other than **Gene N. Landrum**, PHD, founder of the **Chuck E.**



Cheese concept of family entertainment. But we were flooded with Business Bytes & MBA Morsels, aka **Dr. Gene's Laws of Life & Work**. **Dr. Gene** is a high-tech startup executive turned educator and writer. We learned a lot



Gene selling his books

about how to succeed. "If you don't know you can't, YOU CAN!" and "IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOU CAN, YOU CAN'T!" And don't forget "KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND YOU'LL KEEP GETTING WHAT YOU'RE GETTING!" If you missed **Dr. Gene** you may never know that "YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE TO DO ANYTHING THE FIRST TIME."

In between the lines we heard about **Babe Didrikson Zaharias**, the outstanding female athlete of the century, **Babe Ruth**, and **Louis Armstrong**.

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$3170**

Rex Sims started out right by holding the lucky ticket but did no good on the draw. So \$5 to Rex, and \$3170 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Only 15 cards left in the pack! Five bucks gets you ten chances, ten gets twenty-five.

Happy Birthday!

Colleen Murphy
Frank Ogden
Charles L. Knecht
Dave Hanley rr

March 8
March 10
March 11
March 12

**Ambassadorial/Cultural
Scholarships Available**

Steve Krchniak extended our former Ambassadorial scholar's greetings from Japan. Laura Thimling is a visiting teacher in Japan continuing her international experience.

Steve also said that 75K is available from District 6960 for 2007-08 scholarships.

You can nominate college/university students for a year of foreign study (26K) or employees who need language training for business purposes (12-19K ,3 to 6 months.)

Go to our website, click on Ambassadorial Scholars section and then on the highlighted sentence for more info from our District.

Sounds like a good deal. Our club needs someone to head up this project. Any volunteers?

Next Week's Speaker March 15
- We hear from **Dr. Sherie Brezina**, Division of Resorts and Hospitality Management



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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Take me out to the fair –
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,
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.

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it
shake a hand. (shake, shake)
If you're happy and you know it
shake a hand. (shake, shake)
If you're happy and you know it,
then your life will surely show it,
If you're happy and you know it
shake a hand. (shake, shake)

If you're happy and you know it
shout Rotary. (Rotary)
If you're happy and you know it
shout Rotary. (Rotary)
If you're happy and you know it
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Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 15, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Please welcome Dr. Sherie Brezina, Director of FGCU's new Resorts and Hospitality Management program.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Elks Club on Coconut Rd.
Called to Order on time by Prez **Gerry Myers**
The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**
The Pledge of Allegiance: **Dan Dietz**
Four Way Test: **Dave Shellenbarger**
Song: **Paul Helbing** led the singing of *Take Me Out To The Ballgame* and *If You're Happy And You Know It*
Sunshine Report: none—we must all be healthy and happy .

Hubs and Spokes

Dick Fredrickson did a selling job with those Rotary shirts, **Mark McCaw** was after volunteers for helping Celebrate Bonita on April 1 and 2. See special on next page. Mark Petrites reported on the blood drive which went very well. Thanks to all the donors. Prez **Gerry** called in the red badges from **Martha Erickson** and **Bob Pagel**. He also called on **Martha** for a vocal minute to tell about herself.

Ray Faubion for the Relay for Life, **John Spear** for the volunteers needed for the B.S.U. coming election and vote counting in his office, another opportunity to help make some money for our charitable causes. That's coming up on Sunday, March 19, 1:00 P.M. at **John's** office. So, once again, sign up for a good cause. And maybe there'll be cookies, too.



Our program Last Week was Baseball Hall of Fame

The program was actually **Dale A. Petroskey**, President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, and he was a delight. The Hall of Fame and Museum is in central New York state, 70 miles west of Albany, and readily reached by several main arteries. Coopers-



town is actually a small town, 2200 pop. It has only nine full time employees, but it has a fifteen million dollar budget! The museum has over 35,000 articles of memorabilia, all donated. **Dale** considers the Hall of Fame and Museum to be an educational institution. One of the highlights of his remarks was the story of the *Me-* writing of *Take Out To The Ballgame*, and **Dale's** singing it.



Wot's Comin' Up?

March 22 **Samira Beckwith**, President, Hope Hospice. She has been awarded credentials by the American Academy of Pain Management, and it is said she discovered her life's passion lurking under the mortal threat of cancer..

March 31, April 1	Relay for Life
April 1 and 2	Celebrate Bonita
May 5—	Golf Outing
May 20	Installation Banquet

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$3304**

We should have a repeat of that seminar on how to draw cards. It happened again—new member Bob Pagel held the lucky ticket but was kind enough to draw a non-winner. So \$5 to Bob, and \$3304 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Holy Cahusa! Only 14 cards left!
Ten Bucks gets you 25 c

Happy Birthday!

Not a one!

**CELEBRATE
BONITA**



**This is an urgent note
to each and every
club member. READ
ON!**

Your services in helping run Celebrate Bonita on April 1 and 2 have been donated. What you have to do is call or email Jim O'Leary to make an appointment for your shift on one of those dates. This is a fun deal, and you'll enjoy helping. The club gets a share of the profits, which will go to our fund for helping the many charities we support. Each of us is expected to take at least one shift.

Contact Jim today.
Don't delay. Do it
today!

**CELEBRATE
BONITA**



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover

I'm looking over a four leaf clover
That I overlooked before.
One leaf is sunshine, the second is rain,
Third is the roses that grow in the lane,
No need explaining, the one remaining
Is somebody I adore.
I'm looking over a four leaf clover
That I overlooked before.

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March 22, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods C.C.

Called to Order, by prez Gerry, on time

The Invocation: **Ira Hawk** prayed

The Pledge of Allegiance: **John Spear** pledged

Four Way Test: **Guy Quinn** did it flawlessly

Song: **Paul Helbing** did it, leading us in singing
I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover and *God Bless America*

Sunshine Report: Sunshine guy **Hank Hochstetler** reported that **Larry Ast** has again become a grandfather!.

Hubs and Spokes

Prez **Gerry** was off to a good start, introducing District Governor Designate (2008-9) **Marge Cypher** who gave us all a happy smile and greeting.



Ray Faubion reported for Relay For Life. Lots of tickets unsold as of right now. Get 'em sold and turn in the money to **Ray**!

Mark McCaw for Celebrate Bonita. **John Spear** reminded us there were only four days till the big vote counting day in his office. **Marjorie Rubacky** told about the Bonita Springs Speakers Assembly. It's celebrating its 10th anniversary at a big bash at the Hyatt Regency March 25 at 6 PM. Black tie affair. Then some talk about **Steve Kaskie's** new classification. Can you make it out from this picture?
(Medicine-industrial)



The next order of business was a Vocational Moment with **Dave Shellenbarger**. We heard an interesting story of Dave's business career, topped off with the information that Dave had been a Kiwanian before joining Rotary in 1994.



Last Week's Program

Program

Chair **Marjorie Rubacky** introduced our Speaker, **Dr. Sherie Brezina**, PhD, Director of The Resort and Hospitality Management Program at FGCU. This is a new program at FGCU. When **Sherie** came on board in the fall of



2003 there were 17 students. That number has risen to 300. The uniqueness of this program is that the students not only study traditional food, beverage and lodging hospitality education, but also learn the sophisticated and requisite management skills needed to successfully operate the recreation, retail and amenities activities of high-end resorts or private clubs. Students come from around the country to study and learn from industry leaders and top educators who are at the apex of their careers. She feels that earning a Resort and Hospitality Management degree from FGCU opens doors to a lifetime of high-paying management careers in the resort and hospitality industry.

NEXT WEEK—

Clotilde Otranto, Naples Philharmonic

\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$3444

We ALWAYS thought Diane Lepola was a winner, but she couldn't draw a winner last week . So \$5 to Diane, and \$3444 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Remember, Five Bucks gets you ten tickets, Ten brings twenty-five. And only 13 cards left!



Diane tries for the Joker

Happy Birthday!

None this week

Events and doin's coming up

March 29 - Clotilde Otranto, Resident Conductor, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra

March 31 Relay for Life

April 1 and 2 Celebrate Bonita
 Please remember the write up last week on this. Have you called Jim

CELEBRATE BONITA

O'Leary yet and received your assignment? Do it today. We're counting on everyone to work at least one shift
 May 5 Golf Outing.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

I've Been Working On The Railroad

I've been workin' on the railroad
 All the live-long day.
 I've been workin' on the railroad
 Just to pass the time away.
 Can't you hear the whistle blowin'
 Rise up so early in the morn.
 Can't you hear the captain shouting,
 Dinah, blow your horn!

Dinah, won't you blow,
 Dinah, won't you blow,
 Dinah, won't you blow your horn!
 Dinah, won't you blow,
 Dinah, won't you blow,
 Dinah, won't you blow your horn!

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,
 Someone's in the kitchen I know,
 Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,
 Strummin' on the old banjo.

Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o,
 Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o,
 Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o,
 Strummin' on the old banjo

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Spoke Folk

Editor: Ken Weyl
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 29, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: Clotilde Otranto

Now in her seventh season as resident conductor of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, **Clotilde Otranto** conducts the Family Fare series, Classical Runouts, Miami City Ballet, Sacred Masterworks, and outdoor and educational concerts. She has been music director of the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra since its founding five years ago.

Last Week: Meeting

President **Gerry Myers** pealed the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** offered the invocation, **Jim Dati** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Frank Keck** (rr) led the singing of "Smile, Sing a Song". **Ira Hawk** reported that **Ken Weyl** had suffered an episode of vertigo and would be unable to attend the meeting. **Ira** visited **Ken**, retrieved the copies of *The Spoke*, and returned to the meeting.

Announcements

Ray Faubion thanked those who had sold tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner at the upcoming Relay for Life. **Guy Quinn** offered to accept unsold Reverse Raffle tickets on a "no hassle" basis. **Joe Stewart** reported on a fire at one of his banks at Lake of the Ozarks. The building received severe damage, but the emergency preparedness procedures in place saved the bank's and client's records. **Bobbi Bird** asked for more volunteers to sign up for shifts at Celebrate Bonita. She said she might have to institute a draft if members didn't get on the list at the web site.

PETS meeting

President-Elect **Dick Fredrickson** reported on his training trip to Orlando for the new presidents' training seminars. He said he learned something new at each of the sessions. He brought back a banner with next year's Rotary theme of "Lead the Way" and he showed off his new yellow and blue Rotary Tie.

Kaskie Time

Steve Kaskie acted as Sgt-at-Arms for the day, introduced guests and visiting Rotarians and did some fining. **Holly Hollingsworth** offered a \$5 Happy Fine in honor of Rotary Regular **Harold Eames**. **Harold**, a Relay volunteer walker, had written to his home club asking for sponsors. The members collected \$200 by passing the hat and the club matched the amount. **Steve** gave us a lesson about the mascot of "Kalamazoo U", not the Bumblebees, but the Fighting Homets. Finally, **Jose Lopez**, guest of **Guy Quinn** gave us some interesting insight into **Guy's** leisure time pursuits.

Last Week: Hope Hospice



Majorie Ruback introduced guest speaker, **Samira Beckwith**, president and CEO of Hope of Southwest Florida. Hope Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that cares for people at end-of-life serving about 800 people and their families each day in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties. Anyone can make a referral for hospice

care. The staff will then follow up with the individual's personal physician to make sure they are appropriate for hospice care. Hospice care is provided when the person's prognosis is six months or less, depending on the course of the disease. The goal of hospice care is to provide the patient with comfort when they cannot be cured.

Over 90% of the services are provided in the patient's home and include visits by nurses, physicians, aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, and therapies such as music, art, and massage. When patients are no longer able to remain in their home, they are cared for with hospice services, in Hope's hospice houses, Shell Point Community, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals. Services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance coverage. No person is ever turned away for lack of insurance coverage.

The newest addition was the opening of Joanne's House in Bonita Springs. This 24-bed hospice house provides inpatient hospice services when the patient is unable to remain in their home. A \$5,000,000 capital campaign is underway to fully fund Joanne's House. Hope is already at 80% of the goal, and are seeking the remaining \$1,000,000.

Next Week: Bill Oehler

Next week our own **Bill Oehler** will relate "Characters, Chuckles, Customs and Changes..50 years enjoying Rotary."

New Member: Bill Caputo



Bill Caputo is our newest Rotarian. He was sponsored by **Ray Faubion**. Bill lives in West Bay Club in Estero and works for Oswald Trippe and Company in Fort Myers where he is a large commercial lines insurance broker. His wife, Susan, is the principal of the Rayma C. Page elementary school in Ft Myers. She was involved from the start in

developing this former Kmart store into an elementary school that now has 550 students and is expected to have more than 700 in the future. Bill spent many after work hours helping Susan in this project.

While in high school, he was on the basketball team for two years, then became a heavy weight wrestler on the Suburban Championship team. Bill and Susan met on the beach in Rhode Island after his senior year at Cranston West High School. They now have two grown daughters and one grandchild.

Bill graduated from Bentley College in Waltham, MA. While there, he was the Resident Advisor at a residence house of 18 male students and served as an intern at Boston's TV 56 scheduling commercials. Before graduation, he had put his business training to work, buying an apartment house in Providence, RI. After graduation, Bill remained active in recruiting and screening of potential Bentley students including one of his daughters, who is now a Bentley graduate.

The military draft ended one month before his graduation so he was able to start with Metropolitan Property & Life as the first trainee hired for the company's then new property and liability program. Before moving here from Rhode Island, Bill considered opportunities in Florida and New Hampshire. We are pleased he chose Florida and we welcome him to Rotary.

Upcoming Events

Relay for Life, Fri Mar 31, Sat Apr 1
Celebrate Bonita, Sat. Sun Apr 1,2
Reverse Raffle, Sun Apr 9th



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
Sing, everyone, sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
And sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone, smile.
Smile, everyone, smile.
All of your troubles
Will vanish like bubbles,
So smile, everyone, smile.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,
Serve, everyone, serve.

Happy Birthday!

Jim O'Leary April 4
Dick Egan (rr) April 4

\$FIFTY \$3,568 FIFTY \$



John Warfield had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



April 5, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: Bill Oehler

Google has 731,000 references to **William Oehler**. We need only one. Bill will relate "Characters, Chuckles, Customs and Changes...50 years enjoying Rotary".

Last Week: Meeting

President **Gerry Myers** gonged the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** offered the invocation, **Tom Burgess** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Paul Helbing** led the singing of "Sing, Everyone Sing". Concern was expressed for **Ken Weyl** who suffered broken ribs and will take some time healing. **Hank Hochstetler** has been honored as YMCA "Volunteer of the Year". **Tanya Horsten** led the 4-Way Test.

Announcements

Steve McIntosh will report on the survey results at the April 5 meeting. President **Gerry** announced the annual District 6960 Leadership Conference will be in Port Charlotte April 8 and the annual District Assembly will be in Sarasota April 22. Please contact **Gerry** if you are interested in attending. President-Elect **Dick Fredrickson** discussed the District Directory project of DGE **Tony Gallo**. Ad space is available for \$75 to \$450. Please see **Dick** if you are interested.

Mark McCaw thanked those who have volunteered for the shifts at Celebrate Bonita. 126 of the 144 shifts have been covered so far. The volunteers will be provided T-shirts and hats and **Fred Partin** will supply water for the workers. **Jim O'Leary** has maintained the sign up list on the club's web site.

George Cohen Time

George Cohen said that the Reverse Raffle is not completely sold out. This is the 10th anniversary of the event. It needs to be sold out to be successful. He "introduced" guests and visitors and reiterated that shorts are not yet in season. The Irish Connection sang Happy Birthday with brogue for **Jim O'Leary**. **George** turned raconteur with a story about the Atheist and the Bear that ended with bear saying, "...Thank You for the food I am about to eat".

Students, Staff of the Month

Tanya Horsten introduced the Academic Student of the Month, **Carl Bleich**, Service Student **Ritchie Toussaint**, and Staff Member **Chris Sneddon**. **Carl**, the academic award winner, is on the golf, tennis, and basketball teams and has a 4.25 GPA. He hopes to be sports writer in a major market. **Ritchie**, the service award winner, also has a very high GPA and is hoping to attend FSU. **Chris Sneddon** is a 1994 graduate of EHS who has returned as a teacher and coach at his

alma mater. Both of **Chris'** parents and his wife are also teachers in South Florida.

Last Week: Koreschan History



Majorie Rubacky introduced substitute guest speaker, **Doug Pratt**. **Doug** is the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. **Doug** came to Bonita Springs two years after serving as pastor in Pennsylvania and Kansas. His hobbies are golf, literature, and bike riding. In addition, he is an "amateur historian".

Doug gave us a wonderful background report on the Koreschan Unity colony that we all drive past frequently. These colonists were the first non-native settlers to come to the area in 1894. These pioneers wanted to build a utopian religious community and purchased about 1,000 acres of what is now Estero, Mound Key, and Estero Island. These courageous and resourceful folks carved out a self sustaining community with a saw mill, electric generator, printing press, homes, and a retail store in a hostile environment previously dominated by mosquitoes and alligators.

Cyrus Teed, the "dictator" and founder of the cult was a doctor from NY state. About 1870, he had some strange visions and revelations and began to recruit followers. He believed the universe was a concave ball and the world is on the inner surface. A model of this is on display at the site. He also believed the Bible was written in code and he alone had the key. Eventually he went to Chicago where he found support and established some communal houses. He claimed his mission was to take his people to the new Promised Land so he led them off to the "New Jerusalem" in the Estero swamp.

The community was noted for arts, plays and musicales performed. However, the cult did not reach out to other people and feuded with Lee County officials. The community began fading after **Teed's** death in 1908, and, in 1961, the last four members deeded the land to the state. Today, visitors can fish, picnic, boat, and hike where **Teed's** visionaries once carried out survey experiments to prove the horizon on the beaches of Lee County curves upward.

Vocational Minutes: Jim Horein



Jim Horein gave us a run-down on his careers. Always a Hoosier, at first, he pursued his dream by coaching basketball. He then returned to school studying computers and actuarial science. His second career was spent programming "big iron" IBM computers. This was back in the day of the punch card and big, raised floor computer rooms. His last career was in reinsurance where he became Director of International Reinsurance with world-wide responsibilities and travel.

He explained that reinsurance involves the transfer of insurance risk from the original underwriter to the reinsurance company. Among the reinsurance examples he gave were insuring a baseball team on flights, insuring Lee Lococca's life while he was lead subject in Chrysler advertising, and insuring the risk of re-entering space craft pieces causing damage on the ground.

Now, Jim says his vocation is "managing my affairs". He summers in a rural location in northeastern Indiana with the largest buffalo herd east of the Rockies nearby.

Next Week: Mayor Jay Arend

Next week **Jay Arend**, Mayor of "Our Fair City" will be the speaker.

Upcoming Events

Sun, Apr 9, Reverse Raffle

Sat, May 20, Installation Banquet

**Thu-Sun, June 1-4, District Conference,
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Estero**

**June 11-14, Rotary International Convention,
Copenhagen Denmark**



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Dixie

I wish I was in the land of cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten,
Look away! Look away! Look away!
Dixie Land.

In Dixie Land where I was born,
Early on one frosty mornin',
Look away! Look away! Look away!
Dixie Land.

Then I wish I was in Dixie
Hooray! Hooray!

In Dixie Land, I'll take my stand
To live and die in Dixie,
Away, Away, Away down south
in Dixie,
Away, Away, Away down south
in Dixie.

Happy Birthday!

No birthdays, but today is the anniversary of the first presidential veto. George Washington, 1792.

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Jane Johnson had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.

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District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



April 12, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

Rotary is pleased to welcome His Honor **Jay Arend**, Mayor of the City of Bonita Springs. Elected as a member of the City Council when the city was incorporated, and as Mayor two years ago, Jay Arend has played a leadership role through its entire history. His visit is most timely as Bonita begins its seventh year.

Bill Oehler Recounts 50 Years of Rotary

Past President **Bill Oehler**, who became a member of Rotary in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1956 entertained club members last week with a light-hearted review of his experiences in eight different clubs.



He served the last three of those clubs — Rochester and St. Paul, Minnesota, and Bonita Springs — as President.

After graduating from college, Bill joined the Boy Scouts as a Field Scout Executive, and much of his early Rotary experience in successive communities and clubs was coupled with his promotions to higher rank and greater responsibility with the Scout organization.

Thus, he moved from Aberdeen,

to Huron, to Sioux Falls, all in South Dakota, to Grand Falls, North Dakota, to Lubbock, Texas, and back to Fargo, North Dakota, and then to Rochester, Minnesota where he made a career change into the insurance industry.

Most of the early clubs, were relatively small with as few as 25 members. The club in Rochester had 180 members, 80 of whom were associated with the world famous Mayo Clinic in various vocations. The St. Paul Club, of course, was a large organization. Thus, Bill has had a broad range of Rotary experiences which well prepared him for the many valuable contributions he has made to this club since retiring to our area in 1995.

New member **Bob Pagel**, was a member of the St. Paul Club with Bill, and a neighbor in suburban White Bear Lake. He told members that as "weekend relief" for his son's newspaper delivery route, he had also been Bill Oehler's paper boy!

*Jose Lopez, Director of Pueblo Bonito,
will be our speaker on April 26*

Youth Ranch Featured Next Week

We have read various bits of information about the Youth Ranch being established on a large tract of land just east of I-75, but few of us know the full story.

Next week we will learn all about the exciting plans being developed there to help young people from the man who is playing the key role. Our speaker will be Alan Dimmitt, Executive Director of Liberty Youth Ranch

Rotary Reflections

Club Secretary **Fred Partin**, who is on track to be our President for 2007-2008, got "on-the-job training" last week when assigned to preside at the meeting by President **Gerry Myers**.

Doug Pratt gave the invocation and **Roger Brunswick** the pledge to the flag. **Paul Helbing**, lead spirited singing of "Dixie", and **Bill Oehler** was asked to close the meeting leading us in the Four-Way Test.

Ray Faubion thanked the large number of Rotarians who had participated in the "Relay for Life" last week-end and reported that our spaghetti dinner had raised a significant sum for the American Cancer Society.

Mark McCaw said the Celebrate Bonita event was highly successful with record attendance and 65 percent of club members working. The Bonita Assistance Office and the club fund-raising account were beneficiaries.

Steve McIntosh reviewed results of the 2006 club member opinion survey conducted in February. He said 41 percent responded, and that as with the 2000 survey, member satisfaction increases with Club involvement. Highest rated survey items are, "I am proud to be a Rotarian" and "I am pleased to be a member of this Club."

Clara Anne Graham urged members to participate in the Imperial River Clean Up on Saturday, April 22. **Kenny King** reported on the Rotary District Leadership School in Fort Myers last week and **Ira Hawk** reported on Shots for Tots which served 22 families this month.



Ken Weyl Returns

The Club was pleased to welcome back last week Spoke Editor **Ken Weyl**, who had been out the past two weeks recuperating from broken ribs. He still hurts, but is now able to forego the pain pills!

10th Reverse Raffle is Great Success

Tommy Kaskie, Jessica Novins and Steve Sims were each \$5,000 richer Sunday evening, but the big winner was the Rotary Club Charitable Fund which netted more than \$15,000 for our community service work. A large number of Rotarians, spouses and guests enjoyed delicious hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and warm fellowship as non-winners were eliminated one by one.

Paul Helbing created a sturdy all-new drum to make sure the capsules are well-mixed for at least another 10 years.



The team of George M., Guy Quinn, Klaus Helf and Skip Lepola made sure that every ticket was carefully drawn, announced, recorded and marked-off.



Happy "proxies" for the winners agreed to stop the drawing and divide the \$15,000 pot three ways. Steve Kaskie represented his son, Tommy, and Diane Lepola Jessica Novins. Rex Sims spoke for his son Steve by cell phone.



As he has for 10 years, George M. Cohan made it happen! The Club is grateful for his leadership and dedication!



Club president, Gerry Myers was on hand to lend a hand and encouragement.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Spear — April 12

Paul Helbing — April 16

Mark Your Calendar

April 22 — Imperial River Clean Up

May 2 — Shots for Tots

May 20 — Installation And Awards Dinner

June 1-4 — District Conference

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

June 11-14 — Rotary International Convention
Copenhagen, Denmark



SING ROTARIANS!

Sing Rotarians

(Tune: "On Wisconsin")

Sing, Rotarians -- Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles get you down, men
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, gals -- Sing it out, boys
Make those rafters ring.
Hey fellows -- pitch right in
And let's all sing.

Sidewalks of New York

East side, west side
All around the town,
The Kids sang "Ring around rosie,"
"London Bridge is falling down."
Boys and girls together
Me and Mamie O'Rourke
Tripped the light fantastic
On the sidewalks of New York.

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$

\$3,830 in the Pot

Last week Steve McIntosh had the ticket for \$5
but could not draw the "pay card!"
Only 10 cards remain, including one ace and the Joker.
Only eight chances to lose!

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District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



April 19, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

Rotary is pleased to welcome **Alan Dimmitt**, founder and Executive Director of Liberty Youth Ranch who will tell us about his plans for helping young people.

Mayor Reports on City Plans

Jay Arend, Mayor of the City of Bonita Springs, last week gave Rotarians an interesting up-date on plans and progress for improving life in our young city.

He distributed a map showing the route of the new Imperial Parkway which will join Livingston Road and Three Oaks Parkway and provide a much-needed additional route for the Naples-Fort Myers corridor. He said the contractor has been selected and that work will begin within the next few weeks, to be completed in about a year.



He also discussed plans for expanding the supply of affordable housing, and proposals for development in the Old 41 area. He explained that the CRA designation for that area will generate tax revenue which may be used to upgrade that important neighborhood in the heart of our community.

Renderings showing plans which have been developed for "Imperial Landings" were presented and discussed. Prepared by the successful bidder, who also played a key role in the Naples Fifth Avenue South project, they show an attractive mixed-use development with homes and businesses along the river.

Jose Lopez Welcomed as New Member

Sponsored by **Guy Quinn**, **Jose Lopez** was introduced as a new member last week and initiated by **President Gerry Myers**.

His classification in Real Estate Appraiser-Commercial.

Jose was born in Puerto Rico and moved to the US with his family at the age of six. He grew up in Lancaster, PA and graduated from

Westchester University. Since coming to Bonita Springs with his wife Lisa four years ago, he has been active in our community, serving on several boards including Partnership in Housing, Bonita Assistance and Pueblo Bonito. A graduate of the program, he is currently Co-Chair of **Leadership Bonita**.

Granddaughter Named to Paul Harris

One of Rotary's youngest Paul Harris Fellows was introduced last week when **Nancy Ross** sponsored her six-month-old granddaughter **Lucia Elizabeth Ross** for that



honor. **Dave Shellenbarger**, RI Foundation Chair, made the presentation. Don Ross, oldest of Nancy's three sons, is Lucia's father.

Nancy, who is a member of our Board of Directors, has been a member of this club for five years. Before coming here she was one of the pioneer female members of Rotary as a member of Club Number One, founded by Paul Harris himself in downtown Chicago.

Generous Gift Announced

A check in the amount of \$5,400 was added to the Club's charitable projects fund last week from the generosity of a visiting Rotarian. Dieter Wolf, a member of the Bulle, Switzerland, Rotary Club, and Mrs. Wolf made



the donation in the form of their boat, which they asked the club to sell and use the funds for service projects.

The offer was first made last December when the Wolfs purchased a Rotary Christmas tree at our tent. Commenting on the youth and community service projects funded by Rotary, they suggested to a member that they would like to help by giving the club the boat they had here. After retrieving its title from Europe, **Gary Murphy** arranged to pick up the boat, have it refurbished at **Marina Mike's** and offered for sale there.

Rotary Reflections

Last week **Bob Hagy** began our meeting with prayer. **Jack Blake** led the pledge to the flag, and **Paul Helbing** our singing. New member **Ron Eisenberg** led us in the 4-Way Test to help close the meeting. In the absence of **George M. Cohan**, **Steve Kaskie** was the Sgt-at-Arms, introduced visitors and guests, and helped **John Spear** and **Paul Helbing** celebrate birthdays.

Ray Faubion

Elected Club Secretary for the 2006-2007 Rotary year, **Ray Faubion** is on track to be our President in the 2008-2009 Rotary year.

Having been chair of the Hospitality Committee for five years, Ray needs no introduction to his fellow Rotarians. Until relinquishing this post last month in order to prepare for his new responsibilities, Ray's has been the first face we see when arriving at a meeting. As our official greeter, he often has been the first one in the building, ready to welcome members and visitors with a friendly smile and warm handshake.



A community leader who wears many hats, Ray is the immediate past Chairman of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, and has chaired our highly successful Relay for Life activity which has raised \$15,000 for the American Cancer Association in the past three years. Also, he is on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, The Bonita Springs Assistance Office and the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Ray is one of our few native Floridians, having been born in Miami. He moved to Fort Myers as a infant when his father was asked to open an office there for State Farm Insurance, and thus grew up in the insurance business. Eight years ago he left the family business to join Oswald Trippe & Company and is manager of its Naples office. In addition to a degree from Florida Southern University, in Lakeland, continuing education has earned Ray professional certifications of C.I.C.; C.P.C.U.; and A.R.M.

Jeanne, his bride of 25 years, and Ray are justly proud of their three sons, all of whom are Eagle Scouts. One is a student at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. His brother will join him there in the fall and the youngest will continue at Bishop Verot High School for two more years.

The Faubions moved to their new home in Bonita Springs Country Club last year.

Pueblo Bonito Update Next Week

Our newest member, **Jose Lopez**, who is a member of the Board of Directors of Pueblo Bonito, will give us an update next week on the project which provides much needed affordable housing for Hispanic families in our community.

Mark Your Calendar

April 22 — Imperial River Clean Up

May 2 — Shots for Tots

May 20 — Installation And Awards Dinner

June 1 - 4 — District Conference

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point



SING ROTARIANS!

Rotary, My Rotary

Thy praises high I love to sing,
Rotary, my Rotary.
My homage now to thee I bring,
Rotary, my Rotary.
With friendship, loyalty, and cheer,
I'll serve my brothers far and near,
And hold thy precepts ever dear;
Rotary, my Rotary.

Still louder now my song I'll swell,
Rotary, my Rotary,
And make it ring o'er hill and dell,
Rotary, my Rotary.
May truth and honor be my goal,
Exalt my life, make sweet my soul,
While thousands sing from pole to pole,
Rotary, my Rotary.

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$ **\$3,964 in the Pot**

Last week visiting Rotarian **Hal Drake** had *the* ticket, but won only \$5, drawing the nine of diamonds!

*Only nine cards remain,
including one ace and the Joker!*

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Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



April 26, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

This week we welcome new member **Jose Lopez**, or his nominee, to bring us up to date on developments with Pueblo Bonita.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods G&C Club
Called to Order: on time by **Ray Faubion**, pinch-hitting for **Gerry Myers**
The Invocation: by **Richard Browning**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bobbi Bird**
Four Way Test: recited by someone
Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in the singing of *Rotary, My Rotary*
Sunshine Report: it was reported that prez **Gerry** and **Ruth** had made an urgent trip up north on account of some family problem

Hubs and Spokes

Lots of talk about many things, Clean Air, clean-up of the Imperial River this Saturday at 8:30 A.M. **Ray Faubion** reports that we accounted for over \$5000 in the Relay for Life. **Mark McCaw** reported \$30,000+ for Celebrate Bonita, and also told us that **Diane Lepola** has joined his financial group as a partner and will be helping their customers preserve their wealth. Later on **Steve Kaskie**, as sgt-at-arms, got into a little more detail about wealth with **Diane**.

Kenny King gave us some Vocational Moments with the tale of his life, through the International Guard and his current real estate affiliation. He feels his military experience definitely helps him in his present work. **Kenny** hails from Nebraska.



Last Week's Program The Liberty Youth Ranch



This is **Alan C. Dimmitt**, Founder of Liberty Youth Ranch



He was introduced by **Guy Quinn**, the urbane gentlemen in the opposing picture.



Here is the Liberty Youth Ranch, located E of I-75, in Lee County



Responding to popular demand we include this picture of Lyr's office manager **Krystin Taylor** who was present and assisted **Alan Dimmitt** in his presentation.

Our speaker presented dramatically the story of his life before Lyr, it was sort of a Riches to Rags story. And then, some years ago he had been working in the White House in Washington and started thinking of the future,

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and the Liberty Youth Ranch is what followed

He left the White House and went to Texas to become executive director of a boys' ranch there. He had thought of various places but ended up in Lee County, due in part to the fact that his wife came from Naples and favored SW Florida over other places.



And we end with a shot of Alan and Ray Faubion who has just thanked Alan for an inspiring story!

\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$

POT THIS WEEK= \$4408

Mac McBride bought the right ticket, but didn't do too well with the draw. So \$5 to Mac , and \$4408 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!

Only Eight left! Ten Bucks you Twenty-five chances! Why not rip! Pop till you



Cards gets let 'r drop!

Happy Birthday!

April 28	Holly Hollingsworth
May 2	Peter Frabutt
May 2	Gerry Myers
May 2	Phil Sasinek

Comin' Up Sooner Than You Think

May 2	Shots For Tots
May 20	Installation and Awards Dinner
June 1-4	District Conference at Hyatt Regence Coconut



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
Sing, everyone, sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
And sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone, smile.
Smile, everyone, smile.
All of your troubles
Will vanish like bubbles,
So smile, everyone, smile.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,
Serve, everyone, serve.

Next Week's Program

May 3 Be prepared to welcome
Charlie Strader, President of
The Bonita Springs Historical
Society

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?*

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



May 3, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

We welcome Charlie Strader, President of The Bonita Springs Historical Society

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Called to Order:

Prez Gerry Myers was back among us and started the meeting right on time

Place of Meeting::

Highland Woods Country Club

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Al Calvario**

Four Way Test: Was recited

Song: Led by **Paul Helbing**, we sang *Sing Everyone Sing*

Sunshine Report: Our prayers went to **Gerry's** wife **Ruth**, who lost her sister last week, and to **Hank Hochstetler**, who is fighting cancer.

Hubs and Spokes

Steve McIntosh reported that the Books for Tots Day was arriving this Saturday, April 29, and asked for volunteers to attend and help. Program to be at Spring Creek Elementary School at 2:30 PM.

Guy Quinn was called upon to introduce our speaker but took the opportunity to put in a plug for our Sgt-at-arms **George M. Cohan III** by relating how **George** had done a yeoman job as auctioneer at a recent Chamber of Commerce event.

Tanya Horsten was here with a gang from Estero High School, including Service Student of the month: **Jennifer Wood**, Academic Student: **Jon Besser**, and Staff Member **Mrs. Nancy Lastrom**.



Ira Hawk, our Shots for Tots leader these many years introduced the Lee County Health Department people who deliver the shots to First Presbyterian Church. We had with us: **Mary MacKellar**, Director of Nursing **Chance Chadwick**, Immunization Supervisor, **Kim White**, Senior Community Health Nurse. **Kim** supervises the several county employees who actually administer the shots.

Their was in conjunction with National Infant Immunization Week and in recognition of the leadership and other contributions made by our club in providing a continuing clinic in Bonita and over 10,000 immunizations to area children in the past eleven+



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Last Week's Program A Report on Pueblo Bonito

Guy Quinn introduced our speaker, **Dave Hanson**, a board member of Partnership In Housing, Inc., which, in turn, provides leadership and support for Pueblo Bonito which provides affordable housing for low income and farm workers.

Pueblo Bonito I & II advertises that it has housing available for low income and farmworkers according to their income. Its day to day operations are run by **Carlos Lizano**. They have about 150 rental units of various sizes to offer.



**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$4556**

It just wasn't Tom Burgess' Day. So \$5 to Tom, and \$4556 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!



Happy Birthday!

Mark McCaw	May 3
Richard Browning	May 4
Jose Lopez	May 6
Jay Barclay	May 8
Manfred Klein	May 8

Let's do Derby Day together!

When? Sat., May 6, 4-7 PM
Where? Home of Bobbi Bird, 27152 Edenbridge Ct., Bon. Springs
Who? Rotarians & Spouses/guests
Dress? Casual
Cost? \$10.00 pp
Why? What a great way to take in the Derby and visit with friends!
RSVP to 992-8376 by Thursday

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

National Anthem

Oh say, can you see,
 By the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed
 At the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
 Thro' the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd,
 Were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare,
 The bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof thro' the night
 That our flag was still there.
 Oh say, does that Star-spangled Banner
 Yet wave,
 O'er the land of the free
 And the home of the brave?

Next Week's Program

On May 10 we will be privileged to have as our speaker **Carole Green**, Secretary of Elder Affairs.

What's Coming Up?

May 20, 2006	Installation and Awards Banquet at Highland Woods Golf & Country Club
June 1-3, 2006	District Conference at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort
June 11-14, 2006	R.I. Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark

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May 10, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

This week we are privileged to see and hear **Carole Green**, Secretary of Elder Affairs.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf & CC

Called to Order: on time by prez **Gerry Myers**

The Invocation: **Richard Browning**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Jay Barclay**

Four Way Test: was recited by **Mark Petrites**

Song: A Rousing Rendition of our *National Anthem* was led by **Paul Helbing**

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Hubs and Spokes

It was a great day for visirors! In addion to a bunch of visiting Rotarians we had two of our former members.

First of all, there was **Scott Angevine**, now residing in the Jacksonville area, looking fit as a fiddle, probably quite happy and impressed with the way he's hearing about how we are carrying on with the **Paul Harris** program he once so ably managed.

And then there was **Charlie**



Lewis who now lives in the Tampa-St. Pete area and who tells us he still does a bit of praying for us!

And don't forget,

Gary Israel, DG Designate, was with us and gave a lecture on the hierarchy of Rotary, ending with the news that **Gerry Myers** will be a part of that next year when he will be designated as Area 2 Assistant Governor (Hope I got that straight, Gerry.)



Ira Hawk reported that Shots For Tots is on a three hour schedule. Last night they had some 27 families who were helped thanks to the likes of **Dave Edwards** and spouse.

Prez Gerry reminded us of the District Conference coming up in early June, and of the Installation and Awards Dinner on May 20, also that there will be no meeting on May 17 in deference to the May 20 dinner.

Bobbi Bird invited one and all to come to her house Saturday May 6 for a Derby Day Party.

Dave Shellenbarger had a ceremony for



three multiple **Paul Harris** Fellows.



And then **Gerry** had a ceremony honoring **Dave** for his work in behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

Last Week's Program

The Bonita Springs Historical Society

Don Thomson introduced his good friend and president of the Historical Society, **Charlie Strader**, and before he finished his presentation **Charlie** was everybody's good friend.

As you can imagine, **Charlie** loves Old Bonita, especially Old 41, the Shangri La. He has many thoughts about the redevelopment of Old Bonita, such as that from Key West northward it is the businesses located in original structures that often offer the most charm and attract the most attention and clientele. This was truly a thought-provoking program!



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$4711

You'd never guess that he just failed to pull the joker, but Hal Drake is smiling happily tho all he gets is \$5 , and \$4711 goes to YOU if you're LUCKY TODAY!
\$10 = 25 chances!



Happy Birthday!

Dan Dietz	May 12
Martha Erickson	May 13
Guy Quinn	May 13
Buddy Cliff	May 14

Next Week's Program

May 17—No meeting. Come to the Banquet Saturday night!

What' Comin' Up?

May 20	Installation and Awards Banquet at Highland Wood Golf & Country Club
May 24	Our program will feature Michael Riley , President, Bo-nita Community Health Center
June 1-3	District Conference at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort
June 11-14	R.I. Convention Copenhagen, Denmark

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

Let every good knight
Raise a helmet and glove!
Vive le Rotary!
To carry our message
Of service and love,
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!

When something is wrong,
Let us straighten it out.
Vive le Rotary!
For nothing is worse
Than a fear or a doubt,
Vive le Rotary!

Marine Corps Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli,
We will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean.
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines.

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305
Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



May 24, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Michael Riley, President, Bonita Community Health Center

Our Meeting on May 10

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods

Called to Order by Pres **Gerry Myers**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Carl Bals**

Four Way Test: **Mark McCaw**

Song: *Vive Le Rotary*, led by **Paul Helbing**

Sunshine Report: we learned that **Rick Barber** was in a wheel chair thanks to a broken ankle.

Hubs and Spokes

Thanks to **Bobbi** and **Henry Bird** for hosting a great Derby Day party. Every one had fun and **Judy King** won a bunch of money.

Bill Caputo was relieved of his red badge and given a permanent blue badge. We were reminded No Meeting next week. Everyone attending the Installation Dinner will receive a credit for one meal at Highland Woods. We recognized



two Paul Harris Fellows who had been absent the week before, **Nancy Ross** and **Diane Lepola**. We had a visitor from Germany, **Michael Bern-**



hard who made a few interesting comments.



Our program was **Carole Green**, Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, who gave a very interesting presentation of her job and department.

Our "Gathering" on May 20

There were seventy some of us who



gathered together at Highland Woods on Saturday night, May 20, for our annual **Awards and Installation Banquet**. It was a great affair. The food and music were excellent, and the wine flowed freely. Lots of VIPs in attendance, such as DG **Paul Musler**, soon to be DG **Gary Israel**, Area 2 governor **Scott Gregory**, and many others, including family members of the new and old presidents, **Dick Fredrickson** and **Gerry Myers**.

A highlight of the evening was what we would call sort of an acceptance speech by your new president **Dick**. Never knew



he had such vim and vigor, but it all came out that night! It was super, and we all look forward to the next year.

<With Prez-elect **Fred Partin**

\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$4876

Well, it goes without saying, there was no winner last drawing and so now there are just six tickets remaining to be drawn and one them is the JOKER. If you're lucky today, you'll win \$4876!

Ten Bucks gets 25 chances!

Happy Birthday!

Dick Fredrickson	May 28
Steve Akers	May 29
Ray Faubion	May 29
Bob Hagy	May 30
Tanya Horsten	May 30

Next Week's Program

May 31— Dr. William Merwin, President of Florida Gulf Coast Univer-

June Doin's

June 1-3	District Conference at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort
June 11-14	R.I. Convention Copenhagen, Denmark



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
 Sing, everyone, sing.
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 And sing everyone sing.
 Smile, everyone, smile.
 Smile, everyone, smile.
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Just a few of the
 Photos from the
 Awards and Instal-
 lation Dinner

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305
Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



May 31, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Please welcome **Dr. William Merwin**, President of Florida Gulf Coast University

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf Club

Called to Order on time by Prez **Gerry Myers**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Charlie Bishop**

Four Way Test: given

Song: **Sing Everyone Sing** led by **Paul Helbing**

Sunshine Report: Best Wishes for **Judy Oehler** and her hip surgery, and for **Hank Hochstetler**

Hubs and Spokes

Prez Gerry thanked **Dick Fredrickson** for putting on such a great Awards and Installation Dinner last Saturday. Also presented Awards to several members who were unable to be present at the Awards dinner, among them were **Tom Burgess**, **George Cohan**, **Ray Faubion**, **Ira Hawk**, **Diane Lepola**, **Frank Ogden**, **Jim O'Leary**, **Mark Petrites**, **Guy Quinn**.

Gerry presented the plaque received by the club for our part in Shots For Tots to **Ira Hawk**, saying it really should be his as a reward for his long and valiant efforts in managing that program.

We welcomed new member **Hal Drake**, presented by his



sponsor **Roger Brunswick**



Steve Akers presented the students and faculty appearing this month from Estero High.



They were **Jennifer Gress**, selected for Educational Excellence, and staff member **Roger Tanksley**, selected for his

help in drama productions. **Silvino Barreiros** was unable to be present.



Last Week's Program

John Spear introduced our speaker, **Allen White, M.D.**, President of Naples Community Hospital and its chief operating officer.

Dr. White gave an interesting overview of the business of operating a large hospital in today's atmosphere. There are different levels of service rendered by different hospitals. They try to provide excellent health care while at the same time they are looking to save dollars wherever possible while achieving their goal of excellent health care.



Comin' Up

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| June 1-3 | District Conference at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort |
| June 7 | Next week's program— Heidi Ruster , American Red Cross |
| June 11-14 | R.I. Convention
Copenhagen, Denmark |
| June 14 | Our program will be Mike Scott , Sheriff of Lee County |

\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= Just about
\$5000!!!!

Last week it was Ron Eisenberg who gave us all another shot at that POT. He had the right ticket but could draw neither Joker nor Ace.



So that POT is up for grabs again! Is it your LUCKY DAY? Ten bucks gets 25 chances!

Happy Birthday!

Dick Hamlin June 2

More on the Awards Dinner

We ran out of space last week and omitted much detail about the awards given out at the **Awards Dinner**. Here's a run down of some of what was missing.:

First, **Nancy Ross** was given the highest honor, Rotarian of the Year award, for her tireless efforts as Membership Chairman.

The Service Above Self award was given to **Marjorie Rubacky** for arranging great programs throughout the past year.

Bill Oehler was given the Lifetime Achievement Award, an honorary Paul Harris Fellow award and a personal letter from the RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer** for his over 50 years in Rotary.

Da prez also gave necklaces to **Holly Hollingsworth** and **Bobbi Bird** as "Women of the Year" awards for their hard work, enthusiasm and encouragement to others'

Presidential Citations were given to all the Board members and to the Committee heads in recognition of their efforts during the year.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night
 With the light from above.
 From the mountains
 To the prairies
 To the oceans, white with foam,
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.

This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land,
 This land is my land
 From California to the New York Island,
 From the Redwood Forest
 To the Gulf Stream waters;
 This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
 I saw above me that endless skyway;
 I saw below me that golden valley
 this land was made for you and me.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



June 7, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Please welcome **Heidi Ruster**, Executive Director, Lee County Chapter, American Red Cross

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf Club
Called to Order on time by prez **Gerry Myers**
The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**
The Pledge of Allegiance: **Larry Ast**
Four Way Test: at meeting end, **Doug Pratt**
Song: *God Bless America* and *This Land Is Your Land*, led by **Paul Helbing**
Sunshine Report: **Bill Oehler** reported that **Judy** survived her operation and is okay.

Hubs and Spokes

Prez **Gerry** noted that **Bill Oehler** was accompanied by his daughter The Rev. **Nancy Oehler**, here on vacation from her church in Iowa.

Welcome, **Nancy**, good to see you here again!

Prez **Gerry** reported that DG **Paul Musler** has notified him that we will be receiving a DG's Award at the coming District Conference.

Da prez then introduced another group of members who received Presidential Citations they would have received at the Awards Dinner had they been able to attend. They were **Don Thomson**, **Gary Colechio**, **Gary Murphy**,



Steve McIntosh and **Steve Kaskie**. We just about cut **Kaskie** out of the picture as retaliation for the picky way he criticized our spelling of the name of **Dr. Weiss** the week before, all the while trying to say **Dr. Weiss'** first name was **Alan** rather than **Allen**. It is **Allen**. Oh, the power of the pen! So much for the associate sgt-at-arms.

Ray Faubion introduced his baby son **Hunter**, and **Guy Quinn** introduced his guest

Last Week's Program



Don Thomson, May Program Chair, introduced the last of his speakers, **Dr. William Merwin**, President of Florida Gulf Coast University. **Dr. Merwin** has been with us several times since the beginning of FGCU, and is no stranger to us. He is FGCU's second president, was MSU-Northern's sixth president and has been VP of University of North Florida. There were 3028 students when he took over FGCU in 1999, and he told us that he expects 8400 students next fall, and 22,000 by 2010! There are 2000 students living on campus among the university's 58 buildings.



He's all for the much debated interchange on Coconut Road in Estero.

In talking about money matters he says it's no longer "Where there's a will, there's a way." Today it's "Where there's a Will, we want to be in it!"

Next Week

On June 14 June Chair **Mark Lewis** is scheduled to bring us, again, **Mike Scott**
Sheriff of Lee County

Rotary's District 6960 Installs New District Governor for 2006-2007

Tony Gallo, from the Rotary Club in West Bradenton, Florida, took over the reins from Paul Musler last Saturday night, June 6, at the District 6960 District Conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Estero. In an elaborate after-dinner ceremony conducted by **Lt. Gen. Howard G. Crowell (ret)**, and a past district governor (PDG), **Paul and Maria Musler** handed the DG's pins to **Tony and Suzanne Gallo** culminating a two day conference.

Starting with a cocktail party Thursday night hosted by the Bonita Springs, Estero and Bonita Springs-Noon clubs, the next day and a half were crowded with interesting meetings on many of the service activities of Rotary.

President Gerry Myers along with **President Elect Dick Fredrickson** attended the sessions. **Fred Partin**, **Ray Faubion**, and **Kenny King** were also present for many of the presentations. Friday morning they heard an address on The Rotary Foundation followed by an introduction to two Group Study Exchange (GSE) Teams. One team was from our District, having visited Norway for six weeks. Then another team, this one from Norway, told about their experiences visiting our District here in Florida. Both teams claimed it was a life changing experience.

Friday afternoon there were sessions on the Rotary Leadership Institute, Rotary Fellowships, Public Image, Ambassadorial Scholars, and a Matching Grant Workshop.

Friday evening was a black tie affair.

Ruth Myers and

Kathy Fredrickson joined Pres. **Gerry**, **Dick Fredrickson** and **Ray Faubion**. The dinner served by the Hyatt was excellent, and the speaker was "**Johnnie**" **Lane**, a Rotary International official and personal representative of RI



President Carl-Wilhem Stenhammer.

Kenny King and his wife, **Judith**, and our new member **Hal Drake**, volunteered to assist the Sergeant-at-Arms in ushering people into the dining area Friday night.

Sue Masters joined **Kenny** to help usher on Saturday night. That evening **Fred Partin**, who escorted **Miss Sharon Davison**,



joined **Gerry**, **Ruth**, **Dick**, **Kathy** and **Ray** for dinner.



Breakfast

Saturday morning was hosted by our three local clubs. President **Gerry** started the meeting at 7:30. **Doug Pratt** led the group in the invocation. **Steve Krchniak** led the group in a rousing "God Bless America" accompanied by **Gary Israel** (DGE), on the piano. President **Mike Priolletti** from the Noon club, introduced all the "Brass" and President **Jim Bean** of the Estero Club led the closing ceremonies.

After breakfast there were presentations on the Youth Exchange program, S4TL (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders), Interact Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Rotary's Camp Florida.

In discussing what they had learned, Pres. **Gerry**, **Dick**, **Fred** and **Ray** all agreed that it was too bad that the committee chairmen of our various committees could not have been there. There was so much information given about what is going on in these areas, what is needed and how the district can assist that each session should be written up in more detail.

The next District Conference will be in May 2007 at a venue on Longboat Key in Sarasota. All committee Chairmen should seriously consider attending.

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$4973**

Sue Masters was still smiling after she drew a loser last week. There are only three or four cards left, one is an Ace and one is The Joker. How can you lose!



Happy Birthday!

Ron Eisenberg June 9
Debbie Metzger June 12

Comin' Up

June 11-14 R.I. Convention
Copenhagen, Denmark



Here you see Prez Gerry receiving the DG Award presented by DG Paul Musler at the recent District Conference.

On the following page we will publish some pictures taken by your prez-elect Dick Fredrickson, and an informative report by Dick of the proceedings at the District Convention just completed.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

When Johnny comes marching home again,
Hurrah, hurrah!

We'll give him a hearty welcome then,
Hurrah, hurrah!

The men will cheer, the boys will shout,
The ladies they will all turn out,
And we'll all feel gay,
When Johnny comes marching home.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



June 14, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we welcome **Mike Scott**, Sheriff of Lee County for what has become his annual visit to our club. Learn about what's new in law enforcement in Lee County today!

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods G & CC

Called to Order by prez **Gerry Myers** on time

The Invocation: by **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bob Bachman**

Four Way Test:

Song: *When The Saints Go Marching In* and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* both led by **Paul Helbing**, our songmaster of reknown.

Sunshine Report: Prez **Gerry** reported that former member and honorary member **Bunny Schell** had been memorialized at the District Conference by **DG Paul Musler**

Hubs and Spokes

Prez **Gerry** reported that our District 6960 has contributed about \$1 million to RI's Polio Plus campaign, thanked Prez-elect **Dick Fredrickson** and all attendees for helping to make the recent district conference a huge success, thanking especially those who served as ushers during the meetings.

Ira Hawk reported for Shots For Tots. Some 23 families, lots of kids, served the night before. Ira also mentioned that The Literacy Council has been helping Shots For Tots

More Presidential Citations harkening back to the Awards Dinner were delivered to **Tanya Horsten**, **Dave Shellenbarger**, and **John Mathes**

Mark

McCaw introduced **Lois Hollands** of Celebrate Bonita, who in turn presented the club with a check for our share of the profits of that program.

Mark went on to say we would continue with working with Celebrate Bonita next year and that **Jim Dati** will be the co-Chair of that program in 2007/



Last Week's Program

Mark

Lewis, June Program Chair, introduced our speaker, **Heidi Ruster**, Executive Director of the Lee County Chapter of The American Red Cross.

"We're getting ready to provide assistance as soon as we can get out and do damage assessments," said **Heidi Ruster**, executive director of Lee's Red Cross ... The Mission of the American Red Cross is to respond to emergencies. Close to 6000 people used area shelters when Hurricane Wilma hit the Southwest.



IN TODAY'S CLIMATE, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT ALL OF US BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES. NATURAL OR OTHER DISASTERS CAN STRIKE SUDDENLY, AT ANY TIME AND ANYWHERE. BUT THERE ARE FIVE ACTIONS EVERYONE CAN TAKE THAT CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

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ACTIONS

- 1 MAKE A PLAN
- 2 BUILD A KIT
- 3 GET TRAINED
- 4 VOLUNTEER
- 5 GIVE BLOOD

\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$585

Quite a time last week, with the POT at \$4973, Jay Barclay had the lucky ticket and was entitled to draw. There were three cards left in the deck. One was



the Ace of Diamonds, one was a nothing, and one was the JOKER. What did Jay do? He passed up the Ace of Diamonds



and the \$100 it would have brought him. Then Jay drew The JOKER! And the \$4973 in the Pot was no longer up for grabs. It belonged to JAY!

Happy Birthday!

Bill Oehler	June 16
Don Thomson	June 17
Ken Weyl	June 18
Jim Hotein	June 20

June 21

Next Week
Steve Tuber
Lee County Schools



Jay, looking with glee at JOKER



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

America

My country 'tis of thee.
 Sweet land of liberty,
 Of thee I sing.
 Land where my fathers died!
 Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
 From ev'ry mountain side,
 Let freedom ring!

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

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District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



June 21, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

Rotary is pleased to welcome **Steven Teuber**, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Education, to give us an update on our rapidly growing public school system. An engineer by training, Mr. Teuber also earned an MBA and a law degree. Formerly employed by both General Motors and Ford and the Furon Corporation, he is Operations Director for the Pall Aeropower Corporation.

Sheriff's Workload Continues to Grow

Last week Lee County Sheriff **Mike Scott** reported that the demand for services from his staff is expanding with the community's growth, and that it had responded to more than 200,000 calls already this year.

He praised the cooperative arrangement with the City of Bonita Springs which pays for additional deputies above the normal "core service" level. This gives Bonita a full complement of officers that is, effectively, its "own police force" operating out of its own sub-station near the Community Hall.

He said that county plans to break ground this fall on a new 800-bed jail to relieve overcrowding among the inmate population which now exceeds 2,000.

Jose Lopez Reports

President **Gerry Myers** last week asked **Jose Lopez**, who is a commercial real estate appraiser employed by Chapman and Associates in Fort Myers, to present the Vocational Minute. Jose grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and earned a degree in marketing from Westchester University. He is in the final phase of qualifying for top professional certification in his industry. Since coming to Bonita Springs more than four years ago, he has been deeply involved in community service with the Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Bonita, Partnership in Housing, Pueblo Bonito and Bonita Assistance and was recently named to the Local Planning Board.

Jose became a member of this Rotary Club in April.



90 Years Young

Spoke Editor, **Ken Weyl**, was presented a Presidential Citation last week as he began the celebration of his 90th birthday. He not only is our oldest active member, but very likely is the first member in the life of this club to have attained the distinguished status of *nonagenarian*.

Describing Ken as an "active" member is, of course, an understatement. A Rotarian for 42 years, he became a member of this club on February 14, 2001 and soon thereafter joined *The Spoke* staff. As the editor for several years, he has accepted responsibility for making sure that we have a club bulletin every week, and that the roster, names of club officers and committee chairs and other information on the front and back pages are kept up to date. In addition he personally prepares the news pages for more than half of the issues each year. This involves writing the copy, taking and editing the pictures, preparing the issue for printing, taking it to the copy center and making an early delivery of an appropriate number of printed copies to the meeting every week. Thus, this "young" Rotarian is one of the hardest working members in our entire organization.

A native of Minnesota, Ken had a distinguished 50-year career as a trial lawyer in St. Paul, Duluth and Phoenix, primarily defending medical malpractice litigation. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His birthday observance will continue later this month and next with family celebrations at his son's home in Montana and his daughter's on Bainbridge Island, Washington.



Joe Schwartzel Next Week

Completing a month of outstanding programs, June Program Chairman **Mark Lewis** has scheduled **Joe Schwartzel**, President of Meridian Broadcasting, as our speaker on June 28.

Club Social Activities Scheduled

Sue Masters Club Social/Fellowship Chair for the new Rotary year has announced a Beach Picnic and Sunset party at the Bonita Bay Beach Club on August 11, and the annual Road Rally on November 4. Other dates will follow.

Steve Akers Retires

Long time Rotarian **Steve Akers** ended a 42 years career in the newspaper business last week with his retirement as Publisher of the Bonita Banner.

Steve has been a member of this Rotary Club for 23 years, having joined June 1, 1983 under the sponsorship of **Charlie Lewis**. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors and for several years was Chairman of the Student/Faculty Recognition Committee. He also has served as President of the Club's Charitable Foundation.

Born in Alabama, Steve moved to Florida with his family at an early age. He earned a business degree in marketing at Central Florida University in Orlando and began his career with the Orlando Sentinel in 1964, while still a student.

The good news for us is that in the near term, at least, Steve plans to stay in the area and continue as a Rotarian. He plans to do consulting, but he and his bride, Beverly, intend to spend some time relaxing in western North Carolina, where they own property. They have two sons and four grandchildren.



Community Service Gifts Announced

Charitable contributions from our Rotary Club to the Estero High School Renaissance program, the Bonita Springs Elementary School, and Our Mothers Home were announced last week. Our club had joined with the Estero and Noon Rotary Clubs to provide a play yard for children of young unwed mothers who are cared for and mentored at Our Mothers Home.

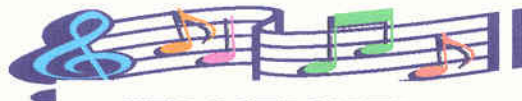
Rotary Reflections

Last week **Doug Pratt** opened the meeting with our invocation. Special prayers were requested for **Steve Kaskie's** son, Tom, who was scheduled for surgery in Gainesville. **Steve Akers** led our pledge to the flag and **Paul Helbing** a spirited singing of "America" in honor of Flag Day. **Ken Weyl** led us in the Four-Way Test to close the meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms **George M. Cohan** helped **Don Thomson** and **Debbie Metzger** celebrate birthdays with musical serenades from "those under 48" and "all the men".

Presidential Citations were presented *in absentia* by **President Gerry** to two Rotarians who had already departed to their summer homes. **Jim Horein** was honored for his work as Assistant Treasurer, and **Jim Renfro** for his contributions as 50/50 Chair during the past year.

Gary Israel, our District Governor-Elect, and member of the Estero Club, was a visitor at the meeting.



SING ROTARIANS!

Rotary, My Rotary

Thy praises high I love to sing,
Rotary, my Rotary.
My homage now to thee I bring,
Rotary, my Rotary.
With friendship, loyalty, and cheer,
I'll serve my brothers far and near,
And hold thy precepts ever dear;
Rotary, my Rotary.

Still louder now my song I'll swell,
Rotary, my Rotary,
And make it ring o'er hill and dell,
Rotary, my Rotary.
May truth and honor be my goal,
Exalt my life, make sweet my soul,
While thousands sing from pole to pole,
Rotary, my Rotary.

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$

We Start Over Again With \$500

It took 50 "draws" over nearly a year until Jay Barclay found the Joker and won the big pot two weeks ago.

Last week Paul Lotz found it on the very first draw from a brand new deck of cards.

He's a winner, but of a much smaller pot!



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June 28, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

Rotary is pleased to welcome former Federal Reserve official **Joe Schwartzel** to tell us about how the Fed works and its concerns. Mr. Schwartzel is now in the radio and TV business in our area as President of Meridian Broadcasting.

School System Faces Major Challenges

Last week, **Steven Teuber**, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Education, gave us an upbeat report on how our public school system is working to give our children "world class preparation to compete in a global society."



He explained that Lee County population is growing three times as fast as in the country as a whole, and that the school system must build 10 new schools every year to keep up with the growth and provide smaller classes for the 72,000 students. He praised the staff and teachers for the progress being made, but said we need to place more emphasis on math and science so that our country will remain competitive with China and India. These emerging countries are graduating many more engineers every year than is the U.S.

The school system must make changes "slowly and methodically" he said, to maintain the support and confidence of parents and the community. Teacher salaries are now competitive with our neighboring counties in Southwest Florida, but our entire state lags, now ranking 49th. To bring us up into the top half of states would require an additional investment of about one billion dollars annually.

Mr. Teuber, who has engineering, business and law degrees, had a successful career in industrial management before establishing his present legal practice in Cape Coral.

Hal Drake Reports

One of our newer members, **Hal Drake**, gave the vocational report last week. Now a realtor, Hal had a impressive and interesting career in advertising and marketing in St. Louis and Chicago before moving to Southwest Florida. More in a future issue of The Spoke.



Mission Accomplished!



Today our President for 2005-2006 **Gerry Myers** completes his three-year commitment as a key leader in our Club serving as Club Secretary, President-Elect and for the past year as President. This morning is his final meeting, and this afternoon he will convene his last meeting of the Board of Directors.

Thanks Gerry for your dedication and effective leadership. Its been a great three years for Rotary!

Club Assembly Next Week

Our new Rotary President, **Dick Fredrickson**, has announced that we will begin the new Rotary year with a Club Assembly at our July 5 meeting.

At this session, all Committee Chairs and Club officers will review their planning for 2006-2007, and how each of us can help make it a productive and enjoyable year for all Rotarians.

Rotary Reflections

Last week **Richard Browning** began our meeting with prayer. **Ron Anderson** led the pledge to the flag, **Paul Helbing** our singing, and **Bob Rosier** the Four-Way Test. **Larry Ast** was celebrating the birth of a new granddaughter and **Tom Burgess** the graduation of his daughter with a Masters degree, and the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his son.

In the absence of both **George M.** and **Steve Kaskie**, **Steve Krchniak** served ably as Sergeant-at-Arms, introducing guests and helping observe birthdays.

Chief Olepadea, from Nigeria, who has been here often over the past 20 years was visiting his long-time friend Rotarian **Chief John West**. It was learned that Chief Olepadea will celebrate his 80th birthday in July and was serenaded appropriately, as was **Frances Dixon**, home on leave from her work in Guatemala.



Richard Garner New Foundation Trustee

Past President **Richard Garner** was elected to a three-year term a trustee of the Charitable Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs at last week's meeting. He will fill the position being vacated by **Steve Akers**, who has complete his term.

Bob Lorenz

Our club's newest member, inducted last Wednesday, has a long history in Rotary going back to 1983. He has served as club President and as Assistant Governor, among many leadership roles.



A native of Cleveland, **Bob Lorenz** was graduated from Baldwin Wallace College and served two years in the Army before joining Alcoa in New Kensington, PA. He was later transferred to Olean, New York when Alcoa became sole owner of ALCAS, a cutlery manufacturing company there. Bob became its chief financial officer. Several years later, when the unit languished and

Alcoa decided that a cutlery business was not a good fit in its portfolio, Bob and three partners purchased the company and revitalized it as a highly successful enterprise.

Bob began to phase out his active leadership in the business in 1993 and retired in '95. He and his wife, Maureen, moved to Bonita Springs in 1997. He did not, however, retire from serving his community. Both he and Maureen have been active leaders in the Salvation Army, and before leaving Olean he spearheaded a campaign that helped raise funds to build a kidney dialysis clinic in his community.

Here, Bob is a leader in the First Presbyterian Church, where he has been Moderator of the Board of Deacons, and is a volunteer at North Collier Hospital. Bob and Maureen have five children and nine grandchildren.

Past President **Dick Hamlin** proudly proposed Bob for membership in our club.

Beach Party Saturday, August 12

In a bow to the possibility of afternoon thundershowers, **Sue Masters** Club Social/Fellowship Chair for the new Rotary year has announced that the Beach Picnic at the Bonita Bay Beach Club has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 12. We can start arriving at 7:30 AM. Burgers and hot dogs will be grilled for lunch. "This way", she said, "everyone can be full and happy before any afternoon T-storms arrive."

Other events being planned include a Pro-Am Golf Tournament, the Road Rally on November 4, a Christmas party, Super Bowl Party, Sunset Cruise and Kentucky Derby party. Dates for all activities will be announced as plans are finalized.

Bobbi Bird Program Chair

Multi-talented **Bobbi Bird** will serve as Program Chair for 2006-2007. She will welcome your suggestions.



SING ROTARIANS!

Vive Le Rotary

Let every good knight
Raise his helmet and glove!
Vive le Rotary!
To carry our message
Of service and love,
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!

When something is wrong,
Let us straighten it out.
Vive le Rotary!
For nothing is worse
Than a fear or a doubt,
Vive le Rotary!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gordon Taylor — June 30

Rick Barber — July 2

Tom Burgess — July 2

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July 5, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

We Begin A New Rotary Year



We begin a new Rotary year today with a "Club Assembly", and welcome our new President **Dick Fredrickson**. Recently returned from the Rotary International Convention in Sweden and Denmark, he will review his personal goals for the club and lead a discussion of objectives for the new year.

Also, the Avenues of Service chairs will explain the various committees within each of those areas and the plans and objectives for each. These Avenues

of Service are **Club Service, Community Service, International Service and Vocational Service.**

Federal Reserve Work Explained

An area businessman who recently retired after three years as a member of the Board of the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, **Joe Schwartzel** gave us an interesting and informative presentation last week.

He explained that discount rate decisions are made by the Open Market Committee of the Fed. This committee is composed of the seven members of The Board of Governors plus five Presidents of Federal Reserve Banks. The head of the New York bank is a permanent member. The other four positions rotate.

Mr. Schwartzel, who owns and operates radio and television stations, said that people like himself are selected for Fed Boards because of the input they can bring about business activity in a given area. This current information from the marketplace is considered along with statistical data compiled by economists as the Fed pursues its "critical balancing act" of controlling inflation and maintaining economic growth.

He said the Fed operation is a model for Central Bank operations around the world. It pays for its own cost of operation with fees it collects and interest on securities it holds to help control the money supply. Last year it returned \$24 billion to the U.S. Treasury.



Holly Hollingsworth Heads North

Rotarians were shocked and saddened last week when it was announced that Rotary Director **Holly Hollingsworth** is retiring from her title insurance business here and moving to Northeast Georgia.



Holly has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years and has compiled an impressive record as public relations and publicity director for the club. Also, she has headed our Rotary Regulars activity and has developed close ties to the more than 50 seasonal residents who now consider this club their "Rotary home" during the winter.

At the recent Installation and Awards Dinner Holly, along with **Bobbi Bird**, was recognized as a "Woman of the Year". They were given Rotary necklace awards "for their hard work, enthusiasm and encouragement to others." In thanking her for her service to the club, Holly was given matching Rotary ear rings last week by President **Gerry Myers** and Director **Nancy Ross**.

Holly will be moving close to a daughter and her family in the Lake Lanier area of Georgia. Another daughter will carry on the title insurance business here.

Rotary Reflections

Last week **Doug Pratt** opened the meeting with a thoughtful invocation. President Gerry asked **Peter Zahner** to lead the pledge to the flag and **Steve Krchniak**, pinch hitting for the vacationing **Paul Helbin**, lead a spirited songfest. **Holly Hollingsworth** closed the meeting with meaningful leadership of The Four-Way Test.

As he completed his productive year as Club President, **Gerry Myers** thanked members for their help and support. He also thanked June Program Chair **Mark Lewis** for the excellent speakers he has recruited for our programs this month.

Steve Kaskie reported that his son, Tom, was recovering from his recent health problem.

Sergeant-at-Arms **George M. Cohan** was in a good mood and levied no fines on members or visitors. He did, however, give an emotional recitation concerning his evaluation of World Cup Soccer as a spectator sport. Many members concluded that it is not his favorite!

Hal Drake

One of our new Rotarians, still a relatively young man, has already passed the 50-year mark in his distinguished sales and marketing career and is confident that the best is yet to come. **Hal Drake** moved to Southwest Florida two years ago and became a realtor with John R. Wood, capping a varied experience that has also included television and radio production, work for several advertising agencies, corporate advertising management, magazine space sales and commuting to Paris while working for an international magazine publisher.

Growing up in Hutchinson, Kansas, Hal began work at the age of 18 with the CBS affiliate there, KTVH, as a cameraman, film editor and director. Two years later he moved to St. Louis to join the radio-TV department of Gardner Advertising, helping produce the St. Louis Cardinal baseball broadcasts, among other projects. He fondly remembers working with their great on-the-air team of Harry Carey, Jack Buck and Joe Garagiola. Later he moved to another Anheuser Busch agency, D'Arcy Advertising, and traveled the country for two years as an account field representative working with Budweiser beer distributors on their outdoor and local radio/TV advertising. He then moved to the auto industry with the N,W, Ayer agency on the Plymouth account.

In 1966, only 28 years old but with 10 years of rich experience, he was named Advertising Director of the Prince Gardner Company, and won wide recognition for his use of celebrities to promote its high-end leather fashion goods. After six years on the client side he moved to magazine space sales, first with Woman's Day for whom he became Midwest Sales Director. Later he was representing several of the 100 magazines published by the Heinrich Bauer Company. Hal became their Director of Sales and Marketing for the US and opened their Paris office, to which he commuted regularly for several months.

Tired of travel and cold weather, Hal turned his marketing interest to real estate, first in Chicago but soon to Florida, when his wife, Jackie, an interior designer, was lured here by Robb and Stuckey to serve its Naples clients.

The Drakes have one son, who is in the advertising research business in Chicago.

From Communism to Capitalism

Next week our speaker will be **Nemo Malo**, one of four brothers who escaped from communism in Albania and are pursuing the American dream in Southwest Florida with their Watermark Grill in North Naples.



SING ROTARIANS!

You're A Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag;
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.

Every heart beats true
Under Red, White, and Blue
And there's never a boast or brag
Should old acquaintance be forgot
Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Frank Mazzeo — July 10

Mark Your Calendar

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July 12, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

We are pleased to welcome **Nemo Malo**, an area businessman who is living the American dream.

One of the four brothers who own the Watermark Grille, a popular restaurant on US 41, just north of Immokalee Road, he will tell us about his family's escape from communism in Albania to find success and happiness in Southwest Florida.

New Board Members Welcomed



Four Rotarians have begun new three-year terms as members of our Board of Directors. **Jim O'Leary**, **Ron Anderson** and **Mark McCaw** were welcomed last week by **President Dick Fredrickson**. **Frank Mazzeo** will be seated at the first Board meeting this week.

A new Board Member will be appointed to replace **Holly Hollingsworth** who is moving out of the area.

The President also recognized officers who have led the club during the past year. Special thanks were expressed to treasurer **Larry Ast** who has served the

club in this demanding position for several years. Our annual budget is approximately \$150,000, and he collects the dues and writes the checks.

President Dick said that his goals for the new year include, increasing membership, improving attendance, increasing member participation in the work of the Club, increasing the number of Paul Harris Fellows and involving more members in our social activities.

District Governor Here Next Week

Our new District Governor of District 6960, **Tony Gallo** of the Rotary Club of West Bradenton, will make his first visit to our club next week.



Tony was born in Philadelphia. After graduating from high school he spent four years in the US Air Force. Upon returning to his home town of Ambler, PA, he was employed as an Electronic Technician for 13 years. In 1979 Tony became manager for the Veterans Home Association of Fort Washington, PA. He was active in the American Legion there where he was Past Post 10 Commander, Past 9th District Commandeer and Past Eastern Vice Commander. Tony also was a charter member and past president of the Fort Washington Lions Club.

The Gallo family relocated to Manatee County, Florida, in 1985 and operated two restaurants and a catering service. Presently Tony is owner and operator of Midtown Catering. In 2003 Midtown was the Small Business Winner, an award given by the Manatee Chamber of Commerce.

Plans Outlined at Club Assembly

Rotarians who will lead the four Rotary Avenues of Service for our Club during the coming year outlined plans and committee chairs last week. **Nancy Ross** will head **Community Service**, **Frank Mazzeo** **International Service** and **Steve McIntosh** **Vocational Service**.

The fourth Avenue, **Club Service**, which involves many members, has been sub-divided into four groups of committees: **Membership**, headed by President-Elect **Fred Partin**; **Social/Fellowship** headed by **Sue Masters**; **Fund Raising** coordinated by **Paul Helbing**; and **Meetings**, which includes Programs, chaired by **Bobbi Bird**, the Spoke, edited by **Ken Weyl**, our Web Site, skillfully maintained by **Jim O'Leary**, Hospitality headed by **Kenny King**, and Audio-Visual by **Gary Colecchio**.

Membership Development Chair, **Jim Dati**, reporting for the vacationing **Fred Partin**, said that **Roger Brunswick**, will coordinate the Rotary Regulars this year, and that **Gil Urick**, will head attendance.



Past President Honored

One of President **Dick Fredrickson's** first orders of business in our new Rotary Year last week was the presentation of the diamond-studded Past President's pin to **Gerry Myers** who has just completed an outstanding years as head of our club.



Gerry Will Serve In District Post

Retiring President, **Gerry Myers**, having just completed three successful years as a club officer, will not yet be able to rest his "Rotary oars".

Margie Cypher, District Governor Designate, has asked Gerry to serve as Deputy Area Governor for our eight club area. He will work with new Area 2 Governor John Steakley and his successor and then be in line to move up as Area Governor in 2008-2009.

Congratulations Gerry!

Human Trafficking Is July 26 Topic

Program Chair, **Bobbi Bird** has scheduled Lee County Sheriff's Department Detective **Shawn Ramsey** as our speaker of July 26. He will discuss the problem of human trafficking, which also impacts Southwest Florida.

Rotary Reflections

Last week **Doug Pratt** opened our new Rotary year with an appropriate prayer of invocation. **Mike O'Dell** led us in the Pledge to the Flag, and **Paul Helbing** helped us all salute the flag in song with "You're A Grand Old Flag." **Roger Brunswick** led us in the Four-Way Test as we closed the meeting.

Steve Krchniak, was pinch-hitter as Sergeant-at-Arms. Without visitors to welcome, his time slot became a post mortem on last week's Bonita City Council workshop of the Imperial Landings project. Lots of comment! Few solutions!

It was reported that new member **Hal Drake** has agreed to handle "50/50" for the next three months.

Mark Your Calendar

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Shots for Tots — August 1

Rotary Beach Party — August 12

(Bonita Bay Beach Club)

Rotary Road Rally — November 4



SING ROTARIANS!

Tune: "On Wisconsin"

Sing, Rotarians -- Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles get you down, men
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, boys -- Sing it out, boys
Make those rafters ring.
Hey fellows -- pitch right iin
And let's all sing.

America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ira Hawk — July 13

Steve Kaskie — July 13

Kenny King — July 18

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Today

We are pleased to welcome our new District Governor of District 6960, **Tony Gallo** and his spouse **Suzanne**. Tony is a member of the Rotary Club of West Bradenton. He is the food service business as owner and operator of Midtown Catering.

Rotary District 6960 covers eight counties—Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte, Glades, Sarasota, Desoto and Manatee counties in Southwest Florida. As of July 1, our district had 55 clubs and 2700 members.

Escape to American Freedom Reviewed

Last week **Nemo Malo**, an area businessman whose family's escaped from communism in Albania to find success and happiness in Southwest Florida gave a heartwarming account of what American freedom has meant to him, and his pride in being an American.

One of the four brothers who own the Watermark Grille, a popular restaurant on US 41, just north of Immokalee Road, he reviewed the hardships the family has experienced. His father was a Freedom Fighter and his mother had been imprisoned in Albania. His father helped more than 200 people escape. After their own escape, the family lived in a refugee camp in Greece for six years, where his father began his life-long work with food.

They came to America through Ellis Island and settled first in New York, where they did menial work in restaurants. Later they operated restaurants in the Chicago area, and came to Florida 17 years ago. Today, seven of the eight children are in the food business, as are many of the 35 grandchildren. However, Nemo's daughter, who accompanied him, recently graduated from South Florida University and will be a fifth grade teacher in Naples this fall.

Nemo said that his father who led the family here was unable to qualify for citizenship until he was 90, and was thrilled when he was able to vote and proud to do so. He spoke emotionally about how important is freedom, and how few Americans exercise their privilege of voting.

He was introduced by program chair **Bobbi Bird**. She will be away with family in Maine for the next several weeks.



Club Officers Honored



Fred Partin, President-Elect, and **Ray Faubion**, Secretary were presented special officer recognition Rotary pins last week by President **Dick Fredrickson**.

Dick also announced that **Debbie Metzger**, has been elected by the Board to take **Holly Hollingsworth's** seat as a Director in the Class of 2007. **Hal Drake** will succeed Holly a Public Relations chairman.

Donations Announced

Upon the recommendation of the Donations Committee, four additional contributions for youth and community service have been approved. The committee is composed of five past presidents of our Rotary Club.

\$1,000 has been given to Rotary Camp Florida, a Rotary-sponsored camp near Bradenton which served handicapped children. The Girl Scouts have been awarded \$1,000 to serve girls in the Bonita Springs area and \$300 has been given to the Boys and Girls Clubs to sponsor three local children for summer activities programs.

The Literacy Council of Bonita Springs has been given \$1,000 additional to help it serve the increasing demand for its services among our growing Hispanic clientele.

Rotary Reflections

Last week **Ira Hawk** prayed, **Cal Bals**, led the pledge to the flag, **Bob Pagel** the Four-Way Test, and **Paul Helbing** our singing. **Steve Kaskie**, Associate Sergeant-at-Arms, introduced visitors and help three Rotarians, including himself, celebrate birthdays. After three times through "Happy Birthday," the harmony was great!

Program Hosts Named

Rotarians have praised the excellent programs we have enjoyed during the past year thanks to the leadership of **Marj Rubacky** and her program committee. Another outstanding program year is ahead.

Our Program Chair for the new Rotary year, **Bobbi Bird**, reports that seven other Rotarians have agreed to be Program Hosts for one month each. In that capacity they will secure and introduce a speaker or other program for all the meetings in that month.

Here's the line-up:

September — **Nancy Ross**
October — **Gary Price**
November — **Bill Caputo**
December — **Debbie Metzger**
January — **Steve McIntosh**
February — **Sue Masters**
March — **Mark McCaw**

Bobbi, herself, has already scheduled the programs for July and August, and is looking for volunteers to host next April, May and June.

Programs for July, August & September

July 26—Lee County Detective **Sean Ramsey**, "Human Trafficking".

August 2—**Santiago Vega**, **Katy Verna**, **Susan Acuna**, Literacy Council of Bonita Springs.

August 9—**David Tetzlaff**, Director, Naples Zoo.

August 16—**Judith Yevick**, Director, Make a Wish Foundation.

August 23—**Bill Gunnin & Ericka Hampton**, Boys and Girls Club.

August 30—**Bob Pieser**, Shelter Box.

September 6—**Dave Hanson**, Bonita Partnership for Compassion.

September 13—**Nancy Keefer**, President, Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

September 20—**Steve Neumazie**, Project Hope.

September 27—**Jay Arend**, Mayor of the City of Bonita Springs.

Detective Ramsey Next Week

Lee County Sheriff's Department Detective **Shawn Ramsey** as our speaker of July 26. He will discuss the problem of human trafficking, which also impacts Southwest Florida.

Mark Your Calendar

Shots for Tots — August 1
Rotary Beach Party — August 12
(Bonita Bay Beach Club)
District RF Seminar — August 19
Shots for Tots — September 5
Rotary Road Rally — November 4



SING ROTARIANS!

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Larry Ast — July 19

Rex Sims — July 19

Bill Reed — July 20

Mac McBride — July 23

Gil Urick — July 24

Jim Dati — July 25

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$

\$500 in the Pot

Al Calvario had the winning number, but went home with only \$5 when he drew the eight of diamonds last week. All of the "pay cards" (four aces - \$100 each-and the Joker) remain for some lucky Rotarian.

3 for \$2, 5 for \$3 10 for \$5

The Spoke Folk

Editor - Ken Weyl
Issue Editor - Ira Hawk

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



July 26, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today

We are pleased to welcome Lee County Sheriff's Department Detective **Shawn Ramsey** as our speaker. He plans to give us a report on the problem of human trafficking and how it impacts our area.

DG Focused on Basic Values

District Governor **Tony Gallo** made his official visit last week, accompanied by his spouse **Suzanne**. Ours was the 19th in his scheduled 55 club visits, most of which will be completed within the next month.

This year, he said, the District will focus most heavily on the basic values and fundamentals that made Rotary the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious service organization — orientation, education and training at both the club and district levels. He urged Rotarians to attend the Rotary Foundation Seminar scheduled for August 19 in Lakewood Ranch. Sessions will be devoted to a review of the educational, humanitarian and international work supported by the Foundation, and how clubs can utilize matching grants to support their own projects.

He also encouraged members to plan to attend the District 6960 Conference on Longboat Key in May and the International Convention which will be held in Salt Lake City next June.

Governor Gallo reported that the District web site has been upgraded, and urged members to log on frequently to keep in touch. It can be accessed at www.rotary.org. Rotarians can sign in with their own name as it appears on the roster. Password is your official Rotary number, as shown on the address label of the *Rotarian* magazine.

Literacy Council Next Week

Next week our program will be presented by **Santiago Vega**, **Katy Verna**, **Susan Acuna**, of the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs. Our club helps support the Council's important work in our area.

High School Swim Team Supported

President **Dick Fredrickson** last week reported that the Club is donating \$1,000 to help support the Estero High School swim teams.

The check was presented by Vocational Service chairman **Steve McIntosh** to swim coach **Jennifer Seluk**. She said the funds will be used to purchase new uniforms, and that the Rotary emblem will be included in the design in appreciation of our help.



Hal Drake Is 50/50 Chair

With the prolonged absence this summer of **Jim Renfro** and **Bobbi Bird**, the Club faced an urgent need for someone to step forward and take on the responsibility for the "50/50" activity.

New member **Hal Drake** did not hesitate, and began his new duties last week. Fifty percent of the funds collected from the weekly ticket sales go to the Rotary International Foundation to help fund its broad schedule of philanthropic projects. The other 50% is paid out to lucky ticket-holders who are able to draw aces (\$100 each) or the joker to win the pot. The last pot (\$585) went to **Paul Lotz** on the first draw from a new deck of cards. A week earlier the previous pot of more than \$5,000 went to **Jay Barclay** after nearly a year of unsuccessful draws by frustrated lucky ticket-holders.



Rotary Reflections

Last week **Guy Quinn** led our pledge to the flag, **Ira Hawk** prayed, **Gil Urick** led us in the Four-Way Test, and **Paul Helbing** spirited singing. **George M. Cohan**, Sergeant-at-Arms, returned to introduce visitors and help **Larry Ast**, **Rex Sims**, **Mac McBride**, **Gil Urick** and **Jim Dati** celebrate their birthdays.

Fred Partin announced that the Rotary Beach Picnic scheduled for August 12 has been postponed until September. It is hoped that all Rotary families will attend. Food and fun for all, including children, is planned.

Mac McBride was celebrating his hole in one, and President **Dick Fredrickson** announced that President-Elect **Fred Partin** and Secretary **Ray Faubion** will be presiding while he is on vacation.

Past President Bob Hagy Leaving Us

With great regret we report that **Bob and Donna Hagy** are leaving Bonita Springs. They have sold their home in Pelican Landing and will be moving in early August to a new home they are building in Canton, Georgia, where they will be near their son, Kevin, and his wife and three Hagy grandchildren.



Bob joined our Club in 1995 and has been a leader in Rotary activities here for the past ten years. He served as Club President for the 2004-2005 Rotary year. He also has played a key role in many community service movements including the Speakers Assembly, the Leadership Council of the Chamber of Commerce and the First Presbyterian Church.

Bob retired to Southwest Florida after a career in the office machine industry. His last position was as CEO of the Triumph-Adler Corporation, a worldwide conglomerate of leading office machine brands headquartered in Connecticut.

New Rotary Theme for 2006-07

"Together 1.2 million Rotarians will **Lead the Way** to a brighter future through fellowship and service," commented new RI President **W.B. (Bill) Boyd** in announcing the theme he has selected for the new Rotary year.



"Rotary is so much more than the sum of its parts. Every program of Rotary — the club and district activities, the scholarships and exchanges, and the vast and varied humanitarian projects — serves a different purpose. No two clubs anywhere are exactly alike, and it is this diversity that is our strength...."

President Boyd stated, "Rotary provides a much-needed example of solid integrity, international cooperation, and the spirit of volunteerism. My theme... reflects my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world."

Mark Your Calendar

Shots for Tots — August 1

District RF Seminar — August 19

Shots for Tots — September 5

Rotary Beach Party — September (tba)

Rotary Road Rally — November 4



SING ROTARIANS!

In The Good Old Summertime

In the good old summer time
In the good old summer time
Strolling through the shady lane
With your baby mine.
You hold her hand, and she holds yours,
And that's a very good sign,
That she's your tootsey, wootsey
In the good old summer time.

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
Sing, everyone, sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
And sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone, smile.
Smile, everyone, smile.
All of your troubles
Will vanish like bubbles,
So smile, everyone, smile.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,
Serve, everyone, serve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Bachman — July 26

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$ \$500 in the Pot

The lucky number last week was held by **Steve Kaskie**, but he could draw only the nine of diamonds. He received \$5, and the Joker and all aces remain for a Rotarian with "the touch".

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



August 2, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

We are fortunate to have with us today **Katy Verna**, who's been here several times, **Santiago Vega**, and **Susan Acuna**, all representing the Literacy Club of Bonita Springs, a club that has received support from our club over the past few years.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods

Called to Order by prez-elect **Fred Partin**

The Invocation: by **Ira Hawk**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Rex Sims**

Four Way Test: **Paul Lotz**

Song: **Steve Krchniak** filled in for **Paul Helbing**, gave us a history of the songs, for which **George**, The Inquisitor, was duly grateful, and the songs were *In The Good Old Summertime* and *Sing, Everyone, Sing!*, sung lustily, probably the more so because of the history lesson.

New member **Hal Drake** acquired his blue badge from prez pro tem **Fred**, then we heard from prez-has-been **Gerry Myers** about a Foundation task force headed by **Dave Shellenbarger** which proposed new by-laws, which have been approved by our Board of Directors and which create an entirely new configuration. No longer will it be dominated by the club's officers. You'll hear more about this.

Fred announced that the Rotary Family Beach Party will be held September 23 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Bonita Bay Beach Park on Hickory Blvd. This will be a great opportunity for you and your spouses and children to get involved in a Rotary social event. Mark your calendar now for a day of fun in the sun!

What's Comin' Up

District RF Seminar—August 19

Shots for Tots—September 5

Rotary Beach Party—September 23

Rotary Road Rally—November 4

The Law was with us last week!

Bobbi Bird, our Program Chair, was not with us, but her program was.

Detective **Shawn Ramsey** of the Lee County Sheriff's office was here with detective **Janet Rincon** to tell us about human trafficking problems we face in Lee County. They gave an interesting picture of a mis-



erable situation. It starts out with the presence of more than 30,000 undocumented aliens in Lee County! These aliens are exploited and used, mainly by other undocumented aliens. Basically there are no U.S. citizens involved. A big part of the problem is the booming brothel business, at least sixteen operating, mostly out of trailers, in Lee County. Run by undocumented aliens using undocumented aliens, catering to other undocumented aliens!



Steve Akers is leaving Bonita Springs

Another long time member is leaving Bonita. **Steve Akers**, who just recently announced his retirement, has accepted another job. **Steve** was at the meeting last week and told us he had accepted a position as Sales Manager of the Charlotte Sun, in Port Charlotte, and had already started work.



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$500

Jose Lopez got started right, had the winning ticket, but couldn't draw any better than the Queen of Clubs. So \$5 to Jose and \$500 to you if you're lucky today! Buy more tickets so the pot will get bigger! Five bucks gets you ten chances!

Happy Birthday!

John Warfield	August 2
Steve Krchniak	August 5
Dave Struble	August 6



NOW HEAR THIS:

Do you know this man? You should, he's a good friend of our club. This is **Bill Clark**, formerly food and beverage manager, now Manager of Highland Woods Golf and Country Club, a recent promotion. Congratulations!

Members no more

The following list is published in response to suggestions from members that the club should keep the membership advised of the goings as well as the comings:

Resignations/Terminated during past Rotary year

Joe Norton – 6/29/05 (made Hon. Member 8/17/05)
 Roger McKellar – 9/7/05
 Susan Bridges – 8/17/05
 Paula Murdock – 9/31/05
 Owen Feeney – 9/31/05
 Roger Belanger – 10/26/05
 Michael Tompkins – 10/1/05
 Steve Kaskie – 12/31/05 (reinstated 1/1/06)
 Colleen Murphy – 2/15/06
 Linda Vancura – 2/15/06
 Karyl Walter – 3/31/06
 Chuck McBirney – 5/1/06
 Holly Hollingsworth – 6/30/06



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night
 With the light from above.
 From the mountains
 To the prairies
 To the oceans, white with foam,
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.

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If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)
 If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)
 If you're happy and you know it,
 then your life will surely show it,
 If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)

If you're happy and you know it
 shout Rotary. (Rotary)
 If you're happy and you know it
 shout Rotary. (Rotary)
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Spoke Folk

Editor: Ken Weyl
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



August 9, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Welcome **David Tetzlaff**, Director of the Naples Zoo.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Wood G & C Club

Called to Order by prez-elect **Fred Partin**

The Invocation: by **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Diane Lepola**

Four Way Test: **Klaus Helf**

Song: **Steve Krchniak** gave a little info on *God Bless America* and then led its singing followed by *If You're Happy And You Know It*

Sunshine Report: **Sue Masters** was in town and let us know she is about to become a grandmother for the first time, and if that wasn't enough, let it also be known it would be a granddaughter!

Ira Hawk was called upon for a Shots for Tots report. Some 46 families had showed up the previous evening and were administered to with the help of **Ed and Ann Schick** (and the technicians). There were many shots for many tots, but **Ira** sez he is expecting no shortage of the shots for all the tots in the future.

Fred then asked **Gerry Myers** (he's our immediate past president) to report for the nominating committee he headed the seven nominees for the spots on the Foundation Board as now constituted. **Gerry** read off the list but your roving reporter's notes are so blurred they can't all be read, so next week you'll get a list of the seven. Nominations were called for from the floor, and when none was forthcoming, the nominees were declared elected by acclamation.

What's Comin' Up

District RF Seminar—August 19

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Literary Council Changing Leaders

Ray Faubion, pinch hitting for **Bobbi Bird**, Program Chair, let the cat out of the bag when he announced that our long time friend **Katie Verna** would be leaving the Literary Council of Bonita Springs in September to move to North Carolina and would be replaced by **Susan Acuna** as Director of the Literary Council.



So we heard from **Katie** and then from **Susan**. **Susan**

was here only in her second month and **Katie** filled in many of the features not yet familiar to **Susan**. Both of them emphasized their role was to help people, mostly new immigrants, to

learn to speak English properly in order to handle their jobs.

The star of the day was a junior in the Fort Myers High School. His name is **Santiago Vega**, and he was here to talk to us about his experience in the national youth leadership forum on technology which he attended this summer. He joined other students from all over the country in San Jose, CA, where they met to study for nine days under the leadership of some of the foremost



leaders of the technology industry today. He told of being impressed with site visits to companies like Cisco, Google, Yahoo, and the like. He was very impressed by **Blake Ross**, one of the founders of Firefox, a popular browser.

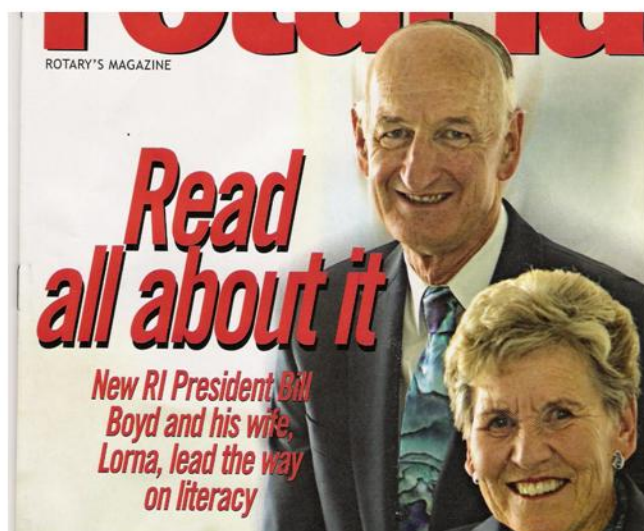
\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$500

OUR Sgt-at-arms George M. Cohan held the lucky ticket but could draw no better than the Nine of Spades.. So \$5 to George, and the Pot awaits next week's lucky draw!

Happy Birthday!

Gary Murphy
Nancy Ross
Mark Lewis

August 12
August 12
August 15
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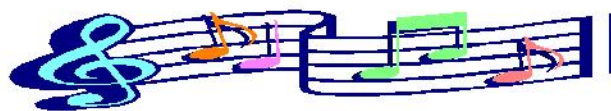


They Are Truly Leading The Way!

It seemed only fitting that shortly after completing today's write-up on our program put on by The Literary Council of Bonita Springs our attention was directed to the July issue of The Rotarian, and its cover, reproduced in part above. In reading the Rotarian we learned that president **Bill Boyd** has been Chair of the Literary Committee of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, New Zealand. He Leads The Way!

Next Week

August 16—**Judith Yevick**, Director
 Make A Wish Foundation



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory
 of the coming of the Lord;
 He is trampling out the vintage
 where the grapes of wrath are stor'd;
 He hath loos'd the fateful lightning
 of His terrible swift sword;
 His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

School Days, School Days

School days, school days
 Good ole golden rule days
 Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic,
 Taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick

You were my girl in calico,
 I was your bashful, barefoot beau.
 I wrote on your slate, "I love you so!"
 When we were a couple of kids!

The 4-Way Test
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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



August 16, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we will hear from **Judith Yevick**,
Director, Make A Wish Foundation

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods G&CC.

Called to Order: by prez-elect **Fred Partin**

The Invocation: **Gerry Myers**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Dan Dietz**

Four Way Test: **Bob Hagy**

Song: First a bit of history from **Steve Krchniak**
and then **Steve** led the singing of *Battle Hymn Of The Republic* and *School Days, School Days*

Sunshine Report: **Fred Partin** glowed with pride as he announced his first grandkid had arrived the day before, **Sue Masters** bemoaned the non-arrival (yet) of her granddaughter. **Ira Hawk** had surgery, reports are all is well, we sent our blessings to Ira and hope he'll be back soon.

Fred then called on **Gerry Myers** to say a few words of farewell to **Bob Hagy** who is with us today for the last time (as a member of our club). He's moving to Georgia this week. And **Fred** read some of the letters received by **Bob** from our president **Dick Fredrickson**, from past DG **Jerry Hearn**, and the like. It was a fitting tribute to past president **Bob Hagy**, a member of our club eleven years, who has contributed vastly to our club and its many activities during all of those years. God-speed, **Bob**, come back and visit us often!

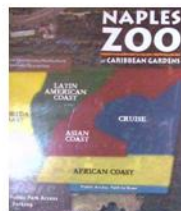


Bob Lorenz was called up to receive his blue badge, replacing the red badge he's worn as a new member.

Our Speaker Brought His Own Snakes to our Pit

Ray Faubion introduced our speaker, **David Tetzlaff**, Director of the Naples Zoo, but it was our speaker who introduced the snakes as a part of his presentation. **David** was born

son of **Jungle Larry** and **Safari Jane Tetzlaff** (**Lawrence** and **Nancy Jane Tetzlaff**) who performed with **Weissmuller** in the *Tarzan* movies. He was seemingly destined to life with wild animals. Started life out in Ohio, moved with his parents to Florida where his father worked for the Naples Zoo. **David** worked as a trainer back in the 1980's and early 1990's, became known as one of the country's most accomplished big cat trainers with an emphasis on leopards. As zoo director he spearheads the creation of new exhibits and improvements. He initiated the effort to have the Naples Zoo accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, realizing that ambition in 2001. **David** brought no leopards to our meeting but did have two snakes, one a yellow rat snake, the other a king snake. See a photo of **David** holding one of them.



And we heard more about the politics involving the city purchasing the land where the Naples Zoo is located. Replete with charts and photos.

New Board Named for Foundation

Here's the list: **Gerry Myers**, **Bill Davis**, **Diane Lepola**, **Dave Shellenbarger**, **John Spear**, **Nancy Ross**, **Richard Garner**.

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$500**

**Mark McCaw made a valiant effort
but it looks like he drew the Six of**

**Hearts so it's \$5 to
Mark and the Pot
awaits your lucky
draw! Chances are
a bargain today—
Five bucks gets
you Ten chances!
Ten bucks brings Twenty-five!**



Happy Birthday!

**Mark Petrites
Paul Lotz**

**August 18
August 21**

What's Comin' Up

District RF Seminar—August 19
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Rotary Beach Party—September 23
Rotary Road Rally—November 4

Next Week

Expect to see and hear **Bill Gunnin** and **Ericka Hampton** speaking on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club

Lifted from *The Rotarian*, letters to the editor:

"Rotary let's you give something back, in the knowledge that you belong to the largest family of givers."

"Thanks to Rotary, my efforts to make the world a better place are multiplied.. I'm no longer alone."

"Rotary has taught me how an ordinary citizen from a small town can become a world citizen."

And from a different source, "Keep on smiling!"



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

Let every good knight
Raise a helmet and glove!
Vive le Rotary!
To carry our message
Of service and love,
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!

When something is wrong,
Let us straighten it out.
Vive le Rotary!
For nothing is worse
Than a fear or a doubt,
Vive le Rotary!

My Country 'Tis Of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where our fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



August 23, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Bill Gunnin and Ericka Hampton will be here telling us about the Boys and Girls Club.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by prez-elect **Fred Partin**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance:

Four Way Test: **Don Thomson**

Song: **Steve Krchniak**, first, a history of the song, then led us in singing *Vive Le Rotary*, followed by *My Country 'Tis Of Thee*

Sunshine Report: **Ira Hawk**, looking well, was back among us after a little bout with surgery, **Sue Masters** let us know she is now a grandmother.

The regular sergeant-at-arms and his associate sgt were on strike or at a convention or something so **Mark Humphrey** was recruited and carried on nobly. Had birthday celebrations for **Mark Petrites** and **Paul Lotz**, levied a few fines.

What's Comin' Up

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Last Week's Program was Wishful

Ray Faubion introduced **Tom Falciglio**, an Advisory Council Member, of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.



So, you ask, what is this Make-A-Wish Foundation anyway? In Tom's own words:

"We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditionst to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy."

Tom showed a video and told us about the Foundation which has some 25 full time employees and some 500 volunteers. The Foundation is charitable, relying on contributions. It selects candidates who are directed to them and then grants their wishes. He told about granting a shopping spree in a Target Store, and in other stores, taking one six year old boy to Camp Lejeune, NC, so that he could see his beloved Marines in action. And many others.

The Foundation has a local office at 3635 Bonita Beach Rd.



Prez-elect **Fred** thanks **Tom Falciglio** for his presentation.

Next Week

Bob Pieser will be here in behalf of

SHELTER BOX

**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$500**

Frank Ogden pulled the Seven of Clubs which didn't do his lucky ticket much good. Five bucks to Frank, and the Pot goes to you if you're lucky today!

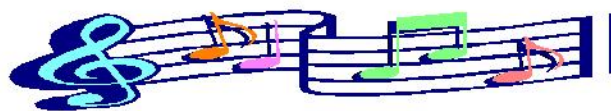


Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week

Our A-V genius at work

Ever wonder what kind of a genius makes our fancy audio-visual equipment work so smoothly? Well, here he is, we captured this shot as our audio-visual expert **Gary Colecchio** was setting everything up for the program last week. If you have any trouble with programming your VCR, just call you know who.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Rotary, My Rotary

Thy praises high I love to sing,
Rotary, my Rotary.
My homage now to thee I bring,
Rotary, my Rotary.
With friendship, loyalty, and cheer,
I'll serve my brothers far and near,
And hold thy precepts ever dear,
Rotary, my Rotary.

Still louder now my song I'll swell,
Rotary, my Rotary,
And make it ring o'er hill and dell,
Rotary, my Rotary.
May truth and honor be my goal,
Exalt my life, make sweet my soul,
While thousands sing from pole to pole,
Rotary, my Rotary.

Sidewalks of New York

East side, west side,
All around the town,
The Kids sing "Ring a rosie,"
"London Bridge is falling down."
Boys and girls together
Me and Mamie O'Rourke
Tripped the light fantastic
On the sidewalks of New York

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Spoke Folk

**Editor: Ken Weyl
Issue Editor: same**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



August 30, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Bob Pieser will be speaking on the subject of **THE SHELTER BOX**.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf & CC

Called to Order by Prez **Dick Fredrickson** who is now back among us

The Invocation: **Ira Hawk**, also back, prayed

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bill Caputo**

Four Way Test: **Jose Lopez**

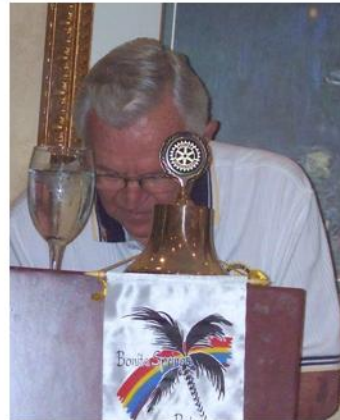
Song: **Steve Krchniak**, at his best, led the singing of *Rotary, My Rotary* and *Sidewalks of New York*

Sunshine Report: **Bill Oehler**, among us today, reported this was the 54th Anniversary of his marriage to **Judy**! Congratulations to **Judy** and ex-prez **Bill**!

Hubs and Spokes

Secretary **Ray Faubion** announced that on Wednesday, September 20, there will be no meeting of this club. So please don't come. Instead, go to a joint meeting of this club, the Noon club, and the Estero club, to be held on Tuesday, September 19, at noon at the Elk's Club on Coconut Road a short distance west of highway 41.

It was announced that **Steve Akers** is resigning from our club. We reported recently that **Steve** had accepted a job in Charlotte County, and now it appears he will be moving there, making it impracticable to try to attend meetings here—at seven AM! So long, **Steve**, and good luck.



Here's a shot of our Prez as he readies himself for the task of manning the gavel for the coming year. He's not sleeping, just grim, probably thinking about all those big ones he left in the lake!

Our official sergeant-at-arms **George** was present after what seemed at least three weeks, and he seemed and sounded a little more subdued than usual, to the point that he even waived a fine or two. And he welcomed **Bill Strasburg** who had appeared from somewhere and was among us.

Last Week's Program

Ray Faubion stepped back into the limelight again and introduced **Ericka Hampton**. Our speaker..**Ericka** is with The Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County.

The Boys and Girls Clubs have three locations in Lee County, two in Fort Myers, and Bonita Springs.

Ericka told us that Boys and Girls Clubs are for children and teens, are coed, and satisfy their desire to have a "club" of their own. They try to make sure everyone can afford to belong by keeping memberships dues low. They are for all kids and teens regardless of race, religion or ethnic culture.. They are "building centered" meaning that activities are held in buildings that are specifically designed to create an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness. They need financial support!



\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$537

Larry Ast, who zealously guards all our moneys, including The POT, looked out for our interests by drawing a \$5 non-winner

**I a s t
w e e k .
Thanks,
Larry!**



**Remember, FIVE bucks gets you
TEN chances!**



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain.
 America! America!
 God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea.

Happy Birthday!

Charlie Bishop

September 5

Next Week - September 6

Dave Hanson—Bonita Partnership for
Compassion

What's Comin' Up?

September 5	Shots For Tots
September 19	Joint Meeting with Noon and Estero RCs at Elk's Club
September 20	NO MEETING at High- land Woods
September 23	Rotary Beach Party
November 4	Rotary Road Rally

You're A Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag;
 You're a high flying flag
 And forever in peace may you wave.
 You're the emblem of the land I love,
 The home of the free and the brave
 Every heart beats true
 Under red, white, and blue
 And there's never a boast or brag
 Should old acquaintance be forgot
 Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!!!

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?*

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



Sept 13, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

An old friend, **Nancy Keefer**, is President of the Bonita Chamber of Commerce and will be speaking to us today.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf & CC

Called to Order by prez **Dick Fredrickson**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bob Bachman**

Four Way Test: **Bob Lorenz**

Song: *God Bless America*, led by **Steve Krchniak**

Sunshine Report: Guess we're all pretty healthy as there was nothing reported.

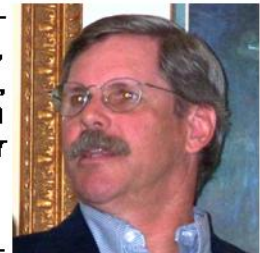
Prez **Dick** told of an invitation from **Katie Verna** to attend on September 8 a ceremony honoring the move into new headquarters across the street by The Literary Council of Bonita Springs. A meeting on September 16 chaired by **J.W. Steakley**, Area 2 Governor. **Dick** also asked for and got volunteers to help with the dictionary labeling on September 9 at the Fort Myers High School. The date for Dictionary Day will be set soon.

Ira Hawk reported another bumper crop at the Shots For Tots the night before, thanking **Bob Pagel** and **Bob Bals** for their assistance. There were two or three Tots from each of thirty families with each Tot getting four or five shots!

Prez **Dick** reminded us that there will be a joint meeting with the Noon Club and the Estero Club at the Elk's Club at noon on Tuesday, September 19. This will replace our Wednesday, September 20 meeting. Be sure to mark down the meeting on September 19, COME TO IT, at the Elk's Club — and **DON'T COME HERE FOR A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20!**

Fred Partin reminded us of the family style Beach Party on September 23, 10 to 2:00 P.M. It will be at Bonita Beach Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and such things will be served at a cook-out.

Nancy Ross, Program Chair for this month, introduced **Dave Hanson**, our speaker and spokesman for Bonita Partnership for Compassion.



A lot of us were wondering what was this Partnership, and **Dave** was here to tell us. The Partnership is a volunteer network of folks who have come together to work alongside of, but independently from city government. It appeals to both faith-based and community-based individuals and organizations who share a common concern for their neighbors. One of the Partnership's first initiatives is the development of a Volunteer Coordination Network. This Volunteer Network will be available as needed in case of a natural disaster in our area.



Dave was accompanied by two fellow volunteers, **Linda Fahnestock** and **Lois Holland**, both of whom participated in his presentation. These and other volunteers hope to offer a CERT program (Community Emergency Response Training) to their members and to the community in general in the future and will publicize it when the time arrives.



**\$\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$500**



Jose Lopez
has learned fast.
He, for the second time in two



months, had the winning ticket. This time he had a young lady draw for him. She didn't pull the Joker but did locate the Ace of Hearts. So \$100 to Jose and the Pot goes back to \$500. Five bucks gets you ten chances!

Happy Birthday!

(covering period August 30 thru September 26)

Charlie Bishop
Bob Pagel

September 5
September 17

What's Comin' Up

Joint Meeting with Noon Club and Estero Club — September 19 at Elks Club
NO MEETING HERE — September 20
Rotary Beach Party — September 23
Rotary Road Rally — November 4

Program Next Meeting

On September 27

Our municipal leader, The Honorable Jay Arend, Mayor of Bonita Springs is scheduled to make his annual appearance on this day and will bring you up to date on what's doin' and what's goin' to be doin'.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

National Anthem

Oh say, can you see,
By the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
Thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night
That our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that Star-spangled Banner
Yet wave,
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Sing Rotarians

Tune: "On Wisconsin"

Sing, Rotarians — Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles get you down, folks
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, now — Sing it out, now
Make those rafters ring.
Hey gang, just pitch right in
And let's all sing.

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

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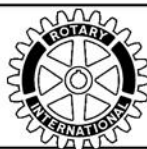
Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



September 27, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we welcome **Hon. Jay Arend**, Mayor of Bonita Springs who, we hope, will tell us a bit about what's going on and what's going to be going on in Bonita Springs.

The Meeting on September 13

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by prez **Dick** almost on time

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bob Mantle**

Four Way Test: **Bill Davis**

Song: Our song leader **Paul Helbing** was back among us and led us in a lusty version of the **National Anthem** and in **Sing Rotarians**
Sunshine Report: no report, all healthy

Prez **Dick** reported that Dictionary Day has been set for October 6. We're going to need a few volunteers, more details later.

PP **Gerry Myers** reported that the new Foundation Board had met, made some changes, new president of Foundation Board is **Gerry Myers**, **Nancy Ross**, Sec'y, **Richard Garner**, Treas. It will meet monthly.

Fred Partin gave the details about the Beach Party coming up on Sept. 23.,

There was no meeting on September 20, but there was a joint meeting on September 19 of the three area clubs, our club, the Noon club, the Estero club at noon Tuesday, September 19. at the Elks Club. This was a regular meeting of the Estero Club to which the Bonita Springs clubs were invited to attend, largely because of the important program. We canceled our September 20 meeting and asked our members to make a special effort to come to the September 19 joint meeting. We had the joint meeting, and we asked your president **Dick Fredrickson** to write the following report on it.

John Smarge Speaks at Combined Meeting

Only 33 of our members showed up last Tuesday for a combined meeting with the Estero and the Bonita-Noon club. Not a very good turn out to hear a very fine speaker on the subject of what **The Rotary Foundation** means to us and to the world.

John Smarge is the Regional Coordinator of **The Rotary Foundation** and as such covers Zone 34 which includes Florida, Georgia, the Caribbean Islands, Guyana, and Surinam.

John pointed out that while other philanthropic organizations were known for a specific charity, i.e., Shriners-burn institutes, Lions-eye care, TRF gives and supports many major needs in the world. He proceeded to tell about his personal experiences with many facets of TRF charities. He talked about Matching Grants and about his club's joining with a club in Jamaica to provide support for improving their life styles. He spoke about the Group Study Exchange Program and his political discussions with one of the group from Columbia. He speculated on what it would mean to District 6960 to have the first Ambassadorial Scholar from mainland China, Lei Ling, with us very shortly. He ended with a summary of the Polio-Plus program and how it has inoculated over 2.5 billion children at a cost to the Foundation of 650 million dollars.

John closed with the slogan:
"Give, not until it hurts, but until it feels good."

Next Week's Program

On October 4 we will be hearing from **Steve Numaize**, speaking for Project Hope

\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS \$WEEK= \$531

Harv Humphrey had the winning ticket, but graciously drew the Deuce of Clubs, passing the POT along to the lucky winner today. \$5 to Harv. Five bucks gets you ten chances.



Happy Birthday!

Ed Houck	September 21
Fred Partin	September 24
Tonya Schrott	September 27
Bruce Bridewell	September 29
Klaus Helf	October 3

Coming Up

October 6 - Dictionary Day
 October 21— Collier Rotary Invites you to their
 10th Annual Golf Tournament at
 Vanderbilt Country Club
 November 4 Rotary Road Rally

Last Week we had the Chamber Prez

Nancy Ross introduced Nancy Keefer, President of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, and a good friend of many of us, who was with us to tell about doings this past year and in the future. She allowed that she was the president of the biggest Chamber in Lee County, that it had four hundred fifty member, six employees. And that she was mighty proud of her Chamber.

We were also introduced to our newest member Matel Geanta, a banker.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)
 If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)
 If you're happy and you know it,
 then your life will surely show it,
 If you're happy and you know it
 shake a hand. (shake, shake)

If you're happy and you know it
 shout Rotary. (Rotary)
 If you're happy and you know it
 shout Rotary. (Rotary)
 If you're happy and you know it
 then your life will surely show it,
 If you're happy and you know it
 shout Rotary. (Rotary)

America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain.
 America! America!
 God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea.

The 4-Way Test
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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
 Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



October 4, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Today we welcome Steve Numaize who is here from Project Hope.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC:

Called to Order by prez **Dick Fredrickson**

The Invocation: given by **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Charlie Bishop**

Four Way Test: **Clara Anne Graham** did it.

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us through *America The Beautiful* and *If You're Happy And You Know It*

Sunshine Report: Apparently all pretty healthy, nothing bad reported. On the sunny side we did meet **Sandy Scoggins** (who may appear soon as a new member). **Sandy** is with the United Health Group.:



Prez **Dick** reminded us that we should be selecting a DG nominee and asked **Nancy Ross** to help. She called for a special election and asked for nominees from the floor. Our immediate-PP **Gerry Myers** was nominated, and after a spirited debate was unanimously elected as our nominee, there having been no other candidate in opposition. Congratulations, **Gerry**!

Ron Anderson asked for volunteers for the next Christmas tree sale, Prez **Dick** asked for volunteers for the Dec. 13 Dictionary Day.

(continuing report on last meeting)

Da prez reported that the Beach Party the previous Saturday had been a great success. With only 30 signed up, there was a bumper crowd of 46, and everyone had an enjoyable interlude on or near the sand. Thank you, **Fred Partin**!

Tanya Horsten presented awards to some students and faculty from Estero High. Shown in the attached photos are Service Student of the Month **Octavia Shepard**, Academic Student **Pedro Antonio**, and staff member of the month 1st Sgt. **Bryant Robinson**.



The Mayor Was Here Last Week

Nancy Ross introduced Mayor of Bonita Springs **Jay Arend** as our Speaker of the Day. The mayor gave what we should refer to as our Annual Report of the city affairs. He was factual, humorous, and very interesting. Such as that



the city highway program is catching up, in fact almost caught up! Oh heavenly days!

\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$ POT THIS \$WEEK= \$591

Well, it was Clara Anne's turn last week, but the Two of Spades was all she could come up with—So \$5 to Clara Anne, and \$591 awaits the Winner today! Three bucks gets five chances, but for Ten bucks you get Twenty-five!!



Happy Birthday!

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Next Week's Program

Gary Price, October Program Chair, will be bringing us **Jack Campbell**, Bonita Springs City Parks and Recreations Manager to talk about City Recreation Program and Facilities

What's Coming Up

October 13—Dictionary Day

October 21—Collier Rotary's 10th Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Vanderbilt Country Club. Cost is \$100 per player or \$380 for a foursome if you sign up by October 14. Your participation will aid in raising funds or scholarships given to Collier County students.

November 4—Rotary Road Rally



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
Sing, everyone, sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
And sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone, smile.
Smile, everyone, smile.
All of your troubles
Will vanish like bubbles,
So smile, everyone, smile.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,
Serve, everyone, serve.

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America

My country 'tis of thee.
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

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BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



October 11, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

**READ THIS FIRST!
LAST WEEK OUR PREZ
SANG THE INVOCATION.
THIS WEEK DA PREZ
WANTS YOU TO SING ALONG
WITH HIM! HERE ARE THE
WORDS:**

***Oh Lord and Giver of all
goods
We thank Thee for our daily
food
May Rotary friends and Ro-
tary ways,
Help us to serve Thee all our
days***

This Week's Program

Gary Price, October Program Chair, will be introducing **Jack Campbell**, Bonita Springs City Parks and Recreations Manager to talk about City Recreation Program and Facilities

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC:

Called to Order by Prez **Dick Fredrickson**

The Invocation: by **Da Prez** (see above)

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Dick Hamlin**

Four Way Test: **Marjorie Rubacky** (returned from the north country!)

Song: ***Sing, Everyone, Sing!*** and ***America***, led by **Paul Helbing**

Sunshine Report: none

More on the meeting:

Dave Edwards was asked for and gave a report on Shots For Tots, the usual large group of families with lots of kids needing lots of shots.

Prez **Dick** complimented those who attended the Leadership seminar this past week, some of them being **Mark Lewis**, **Roger Brunswick**, and **Jose Lopez**.

And don't forget **Steve Kaskie**, our Assoc. Sgt-at-arms who did a bit of fining, prodding, and getting a lot of laughs.

Our Program Last Week

Our scheduled program was not available, and October Program Chair **Gary Price** found us another talented speaker in the person of **Frank Cassidy**,

Code Enforcement Supervisor for the City of Bonita Springs. His team consists of inspectors, not enforcers. They look for improper highway signs, and the like. Their goal is compliance, not collecting fines. His team consists of men from many backgrounds. He's also kind of overpowering in size—see photo with prez!



**\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS \$WEEK= \$643**

This week's photo shows Ron Anderson trying for the Joker but drawing the Jack of Hearts
So it was \$5 for Ron, and the POT goes to you if you're lucky TODAY!

Five bucks gets you Ten chances!



Happy Birthday!

Aw shucks, SgE-aE-Arms , NO BIRTHDAYS again this week!

What's Coming Up

October 13—**Dictionary Day**

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Cost is \$100 per player or \$380 for a foursome if you sign up by October 14. Your participation will aid in raising funds or scholarships given to Collier County students.

November 4—**Rotary Road Rally**

Next Week's Program

October 18—This week Gary Price has us lined up to see and hear Arleen Houston, Special Events and Park Coordinator to tell us about the city's Art In Public Places program.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

Syne Auld Lang

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
In days of auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

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Will it build GOODWILL and
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Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?*

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305
Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



October 18, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

President Dick's Invocation

Please sing along.

Oh Lord and Giver of all goods
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary
ways,
Help us to serve Thee all our days.

This Week's Program

Gary Price, October Program Chair, will introduce **Arleen Houston**, City of Bonita Springs Special Events and Park Coordinator, who will tell us about her work including the Art in Public Places Program.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order: President Elect, **Fred Partin**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt** (For the first time ever in International Rotary history a person offering a prayer was fined for the content of the prayer. Doug was fined \$2 for thanking God for the defeat of the Yankees. Amen)

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Ed Houck**

Four Way Test: **Tom Burgess**

Song: **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing **When the Saints Go Marching In** and **Auld Lang Syne**.

Sunshine Report: **President Dick Fredrickson** was absent due to an out of whack back. **Editor Ken Weyl** was absent due to a upper GI ailment. Was a mostly cloudy day.

Our Program Last Week



Jack Campbell, Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation Manager delivered a very informative presentation on the outstanding recreational opportunities for both children and adults of all ages in Bonita Springs. During season an average of 120 seniors use the Recreation Center every day. There is a heated covered swimming pool, new softball fields, which are due to get new lights soon to replace those damaged by Wilma. There is a skate park, which is being used by 500-600 youth who pay \$10/year for the privilege of using it and a real plus gets them off the streets and out of the shopping malls. The city has an excellent publication, which Jack shared at the meeting. It shows all recreational activities available. Jack is quite proud of his 3 sons. Son Earl is serving his 5th tour in Iraq with the U S Army Special Forces, Son Lee is a freshman at the University of Minnesota (**Go Gophers!**) and, when watching the team on TV, look for him. He's #30 and plays linebacker. Number 3 son, Adam, wrestles and plays football at Gulf Coast High School.

Welcome Rotary Regulars

Roger Brunswick heads up the Rotary Regular project. He will need help at the special sign in table. Please step forward and lend a hand. Our visiting Rotarians are a big part of our club. Extend a hand to welcome them. Keep them coming back each week of every season.

**\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$\$
POT THIS \$WEEK= \$703**

Jim Renfro is back and in charge of **50/50**. Thanks to **Bobbi Bird** and **Hal Drake** for carrying on while **Jim** and **Annie** were at their home in Sweden for the summer.

Debbie Metzger drew the 10 of clubs to win \$5 last week.



50/50 is an easy way to contribute to **Bonita Springs Rotary** and have some fun and excitement in the process.

**1 Ticket for \$1
3 Tickets for \$2
10 Tickets for \$5
25 Tickets for \$10**

Happy Birthday!

October 22 - Dave Morton

In the News

Dictionary Day - Last Thursday **Fred Partin** was seen at Bonita Springs Elementary School handing out dictionaries.

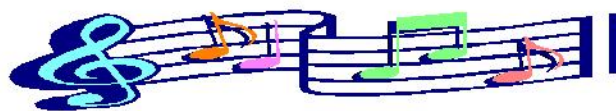
Coming Soon

Saturday, October 21 - Collier Rotary's 10th Annual Golf Tournament. See President **Dick** for details.

Saturday, November 4 - Road Rally See **Steve McIntosh** for details and sign up. It will be a fun time.

Next Week's Program

Lisa Robertson, City Financial Director will talk about Budgeting, Revenues and Expenditures. She will "show us the money."



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

The Yankee Doodle Boy

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,
A Yankee Doodle, do or die.
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam's,
Born on the Fourth of July.
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart,
She's my Yankee Doodle joy.
Yankee Doodle came to London,
Just to ride the ponies,
I am a Yankee Doodle boy.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the fair --
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker
Jacks,
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.

**The 4-Way Test
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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305
Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



October 25, 2006
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

President Dick Frederickson will preside over our club assembly and share with us his experiences at the 2006 Rotary International Convention in Sweden and Denmark. He will recognize new Paul Harris Fellows and inform us of the activities of both The Rotary Foundation and the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Call to Order: **President Dick Frederickson**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Mark Lewis**

Four Way Test: **Dan Dietz**

Song: **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing the **Yankee Doodle Boy** by **George M. Cohan** and **Take Me Out to the Ball Game** with corrected lyrics. It is Cracker Jack, not Cracker Jacks.

Sunshine Report: **Ken Weyl** is back. **Hank Hockstetler** is making good progress in his recovery.

Dictionary Day

Hats off to **Jose Lopez**, **Stephanie Kissinger**, **Fred Partin**, **President Dick Frederickson** and his wife, **Kathryn**, who made many elementary aged students at **Bonita Springs Elementary**, **San Carlos Elementary** and **Rayma C. Page Elementary Schools** happy to receive their dictionaries. **President Dick** received many letters of thanks from the students at **Rayma C. Page**.

Our Program Last Week

Arleen Houston, City of Bonita Springs Special Events and Park Coordinator, made a most informative presentation to the club regarding The Bonita Springs Art in Public Places Program. We learned that Arleen comes from a Rotary family. Her dad is a member of the Downtown Fort Myers Rotary Club. We also learned that **Gary Price** was her 5th Grade Government teacher. Gary has an eye for talent even when future employees are children. Ms. Houston told us how the Bonita Springs City Council agreed to spend \$100,000 this year and then voted to spend another \$100,000 next year for art to be displayed in the city. The work of **Jane DeDecker** of Loveland, Colorado, was chosen this year. Two sculptures, "**Lords of the Forest**," which depicts children at play will be displayed on the green space next to the Lyles Hotel facing Old Highway 41. The other, "**The Ties That Bind**," a dad tying his son's soccer shoe, will be displayed near the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. We also learned that **Stage 88**, a non-profit community theater group has relocated from Naples to the Community Hall and has an ambitious schedule of plays that will be presented.



Fine Moratorium

Steve Kaskie, Associate Sergeant-at-Arms, gave us all a free pass on fines provided that all in attendance at the meeting pre-paid a \$2 fine. We all were asked to abide by the 4 Way Test, since Steve will be giving everyone in attendance at the meeting one free \$2 fine pass to be used before Thanksgiving, 2006.

**\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$762**

Immediate Past-President, Gerry Myers, did not have the magic touch last week. He pulled the Queen of Diamonds to win \$5.

1 Ticket for \$1
3 Tickets for \$2
10 Tickets for \$5
25 Tickets for \$10



Happy Birthday!

October 26—Clara Anne Graham
October 29—Harv Humphrey

Take Note, Please

President Dick Frederickson requests cooperation of all members in completing the questionnaire regarding classification review. If a response is not made before the November 1 meeting, expect to answer to **George M. Cohan** or **Steve Kaskie**. See **Fred Partin** for the questionnaire.

Announcements

From President Dick Frederickson

- November—District 6960 Make-up Month. Attend each club in our district. Winner with most attendance wins a weekend at Tween Waters Inn.
- November 20—Charity Golf Tournament at Pelican Landing. \$275 per person, \$1,000 per foursome.
- February 25 to March 4, 2007—Gulfshore Playhouse Sail Away on The Theater Cruise.

Next Week's Program

Lisa Robertson, City of Bonita Springs Financial Director, will talk about Budgeting, Revenues and Expenditures. She will "show us the money."



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

Give My Regards To Broadway

George M. Cohan I

Give my regards to Broadway;
Remember me to Herald Square.
Tell all the gang at 42nd Street
That I will soon be there.
Tell them of how I'm yearning
To mingle with the old time throng.
Give my regards to old Broadway
And say that I'll be there 'eer long.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Editor's Apology: Do not change the prescription in your glasses. I failed to engage the flash on the camera, thus the fuzzy pictures. Keep a two by four handy. Bob Pagel

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



November 1, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Call to Order: **President Dick Fredrickson**

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Ron Anderson**

Four Way Test: **Steve McIntosh**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in singing **God Bless America** and **Give My Regards to Broadway** by **George M. Cohan**.

Ray Faubion Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year



Ray Faubion, shown here with his wife, **Jeanne**, was presented with the award by fellow Rotarian **Diane Lepola**, who won the award herself in 2003. **Nancy Keefer**, **Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce** president, described Ray as a person who

has gone above and beyond in supporting the community with his involvement throughout the years in **Rotary**, **Kiwanis**, **Hope Hospice**, **Bonita Springs YMCA** and as a scoutmaster with the **Boy Scouts of America**. Ray was also recognized in an editorial in the Tuesday **Naples Daily News** on Tuesday, October 24. Ray and Jeanne have three sons, **Addison**, **Collier** and **Hunter** and a daughter, exchange student, **Maria** of Zurich Switzerland.

This Week's Program

Lisa Robertson, **City of Bonita Springs Financial Director**, will talk about **Budgeting**, **Revenues** and **Expenditures**.

Last Week's Program



President Dick Fredrickson, seen here with wife, **Kathy**, in front of shelter boxes at the **Rotary International** convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, made a most informative presentation about the event. The convention was a joint effort between Denmark and Sweden. Events were held in both countries and Dick told of traveling from one country to the other over a bridge, which took 40 minutes to traverse. Dick and Kathy attended sessions, "**Ideas for Recruiting New Members**" and "**Ideas for Keeping Members**." Dick and Kathy had time to sightsee and enjoyed a visit to the world renowned **Tivoli Gardens**. Dick did some genealogical research and discovered that his grandmother kept a secret all of her life. Her birth certificate showed that she was born 5 years before her admitted date of birth.

Our Youngest Paul Harris Fellow

This has to be a record. **Caitlyn Ashley Masters** at 10 weeks of age was made a **Paul Harris Fellow** along with her mom, **Kristen Masters**. Her father, **Tim** and grandparents **Sue** and **Dick Masters** are all Paul Harris Fellows.

**\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY
POT \$\$\$\$\$
THIS \$WEEK= \$824**

Bill Caputo drew the Ace of Clubs and won \$100. Let's have some fun and buy tickets from our 50/50 man, **Jim Renfro**.

Happy Birthday!

November 3 - **Dave Shellenbarger**
November 5 - **Jack Blake**
November 5 - **Ed Schick**

Next Week's Program

The Rotary Foundation: What it is . . . What it does . . . and How you can get involved and continually support the efforts of Rotary.

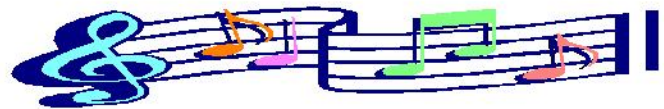
Perfect Attendance

President Dick Fredrickson recognized our fellow Rotarians for perfect attendance for at least one year. Many of them have been perfect attendees for many years. Those recognized were: **Ron Anderson, Larry Ast, Bobbi Bird, Tom Burgess, Jim Dati, Dave Edwards, Ray Faubion, Dick Fredrickson, Ira Hawk, Paul Helbing, Klaus Helf, Kenny King, Steve Krchniak, Sue Masters, Gerry Myers, Steve McIntosh, Fred Partin, Nancy Ross, Marjorie Rubacky, Rex Sims, Dave Struble, Ken Weyl, Nancy Wycoff, John Warfield and Peter Zahner.**

If you cannot attend our meeting, make up at another club. You will find that it is an enjoyable experience especially when traveling to a far off state or country.

Interact

Steve McIntosh is our **Vocational Service Chair** and attends every meeting of the Interact Club at Estero High School. **Tanya Horsten** directs our recognition effort. We will recognize the outstanding students for October next week.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing Rotarians

Tune: "On Wisconsin"

Sing, Rotarians -- Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles get you down, folks
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, now -- Sing it out, now
Make those rafters ring.
Hey gang, just pitch right in
And let's all sing.

America, The Beautiful

Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Thank You!

President Dick Fredrickson offers a big thank you to his able assistants for their help with last week's program. **Jim O'Leary** for creation of the presentation and to **Gary Colecchio** for his work in presenting it. He couldn't do it without them.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



November 8, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Rotarians, **Dave Shellenbarger**, Club Rotary International Foundation Chairperson and **Gerry Myers**, Club Past President, will make a presentation about the Rotary International Foundation. They will talk about "**Every Rotarian Every Year.**" They will inform us on the many ways the foundation benefits those in need around the world.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by President **Dick Fredrickson**

The Invocation: Past President **Gerry Myers**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bob Lorenz**

Four Way Test: **Mark Humphrey**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in singing **Sing Rotarians** and **America the Beautiful**.

Sunshine Report: First, our rainy day report informed us that Spoke Editor **Ken Weyl** was in the hospital for observation and tests.

Gerry Myers reported that **Dr. Sam Noordhoff**, Craniofacial Surgeon and medical missionary, who he nominated for the University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni Award was chosen for the award. **Bill Hise**, Rotary Regular, from Hayward, Wisconsin, who has served in the past on the University of Iowa Alumni Board of Directors supported the nomination. Dr. Noordhoff's efforts in Southeast Asia in his work to correct cleft palates and hare lips has been supported by Bonita Springs Rotary. He has visited our club and has talked about his work. Thank you, Gerry.

Newly Inducted Rotarians

President **Dick Fredrickson** inducted new Rotarians **Stephanie Kissinger** and **Paul Van Valkenberg**.



Stephanie is sponsored by **Jose Lopez**. Her classification is Chamber of Commerce.



Paul's sponsor is **Ray Faubion**. His classification is Mortgage Broker—Residential.

They will be greeting their fellow Rotarians during the next six weeks. Please introduce yourself.

Last Week's Program

Gary Price introduced **Lisa Roberson**, City of Bonita Springs Finance Director, who provided a very informative presentation about taxes revenues and expenditures and how all of this ties together to run an efficient and aesthetically pleasing city.



Lisa, a single mom of a 2 year old son, is a native of Hartsville, South Carolina and graduated from the University of South Florida and has been a CPA in Southwest Florida since 1996. She has 2 CPAs on her staff. **Lisa** stressed the importance of having an independent audit of the city's finances. Bonita Springs has a \$30 million annual budget. There is a 5 year plan to spend \$118 million on roads. She told us how the city has purchased three mobile home parks over the past few years and is continuing to improve the environment and that \$26 million will be spent on green space acquisition for parks. **Lisa** enjoys her work. She definitely is a numbers person.

**\$\$\$\$ FIFTY/FIFTY \$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK= \$885**

Gary Murphy drew the 10 of hearts to win \$5 last week. Thank you Jim Renfro for your efforts on 50/50.



Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week.

Happenings

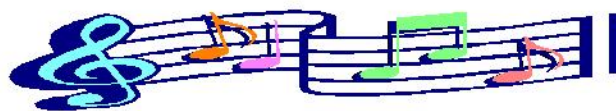
November is Area 2 Make Up Month. Attend the meetings of other Rotary clubs. The Rotarian visiting the most clubs will win a weekend getaway. See President **Dick Fredrickson** for details.

Taste of Bonita - Vickie Helbing of the Bonita Springs Noon Club told us of this upcoming event the weekend of November 18.

Christmas Tree Sales - This big fundraiser is fast approaching. **Ron Anderson** tells us to get ready. The **Estero High School Cross Country Team** will be helping us unload trees.

Mardi Gras - Mark McCaw is organizing his committee. It is never too soon to start planning for the big event. The first meeting was yesterday at Pelican's Nest. See Mark to get involved.

Christmas Party - Bobbi Bird announced that the party will be on Sunday evening, December 10 at Highland Woods Country Club.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

I've Been Working On The Railroad

I've been workin' on the railroad
All the live-long day.
I've been workin' on the railroad
Just to pass the time away.
Can't you hear the whistle blowin'
Rise up so early in the morn.
Can't you hear the captain shouting,
Dinah, blow your horn!

Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow your horn!
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow,
Dinah, won't you blow your horn!

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,
Someone's in the kitchen I know,
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah.
Strummin' on the ole banjo.
And singin' ...
Fee Fi fiddle-e-i-o
Fee Fi Fee Fi fiddle-e-i-o
Fee Fi fiddle-e-i-o
Strummin' on the ole banjo!

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Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



November 15, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Susan Caputo, Principal, **Rayma C. Page Elementary School**, Estero, will make a presentation about the various programs available to the students at the school.

Last Week—The Meeting

First and Foremost

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by **President Dick Fredrickson**.

The Invocation: **Ira Hawk**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Jim Horein**

Four Way Test: **Dave Struble**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in singing **I've Been Working on the Railroad**.

Sunshine Report: **Ken Weyl** is back. **Paul Helbing's** 5th grandchild is due any day.

Barbara's Friends



Gerry Myers introduced **Frank Haskell**, who told us of a project, **Barbara's Friends**, named for his daughter, who was lost to breast cancer at age 36. Our club is helping the project,

which has a goal of raising \$10 million for the **Oncology Unit at Children's Hospital in Fort Myers**. Many organizations will be selling Christmas tree ornaments as we will at our Christmas tree lot. The ornament was designed by a nine year old girl cancer patient. **Gerry Myers** is shown here with the poster display that will be in the tent at the tree lot. A \$10 minimum donation will be asked for the ornaments.



Last Week's Program

The Rotary Foundation



Dave Shellenbarger, Club Rotary Foundation Chairperson and Past President, **Gerry Myers** told us of the good works of The Rotary Foundation and how we can help donate to the effort. Dave told a very compelling story of how, **Charles Adams** a member of the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, N.Y. was contributing his time and expertise on a Rotary International funded clean water

project in Haiti when he was kidnapped by rebels, who were demanding \$500,000 for his release. While in captivity Adams explained to his captors how he was helping the people of Haiti with his efforts. They released him without receiving the ransom. He didn't catch the next plane home, but remained to complete the project. Dave asked us, "If Charles Adams can risk his life in Haiti to bring the poor of that country clean water, can we not give a little each month to help these worthwhile projects." And, he stated, "We are what we choose." Dave and Gerry told us that \$1.2 billion has been given to projects since the first \$26.50 was contributed to The Rotary Foundation by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO over 80 years ago. Gerry explained how we can contribute in three ways, become a Paul Harris Fellow by contributing \$1,000, become a Benefactor by naming TRF in your will and contributing at least \$1,000 or by contributing to the Bequest Fund a minimum of \$10,000. We learned that if you contribute \$250,000 your picture will be hung in the Rotary Hall of Fame at Rotary International's headquarters in Evanston, IL. There are 1.3 million Rotarians in the world. There are 1.014 million Paul Harris Fellows. Dave handed out forms enabling us to contribute as we pay our Bonita Springs Rotary dues. Join your fellow Rotarians in the "**Every Rotarian, Every Year**" effort. Every dollar will be put to good use.

\$\$\$\$FIFTY/FIFTY\$\$\$\$
POT THIS WEEK=\$885

There was no winner this past week, since there was no drawing this past week, since there was no **Jim Renfro** this past week. It was reported that Jim and Annie were in Cancun.

Happy Birthday!

November 20—Richard Garner

Estero High School Interact

Dr. Steve McIntosh represents Bonita Springs Rotary and attends every meeting of the **Interact/S4TL Club** at Estero High School. At a recent



Rotary meeting **Tanya Horsten** presented students and faculty with their monthly awards. **Kelly Coomer** received her Service Student of the Month award.

Katherine Satterwhite, pictured here



was recognized as Academic Student of the Month and **Mrs. Sandra Duttko**, also pictured here was named Faculty/Staff Member of the Month.

Chrissy Tross is shown receiving her award presented by



Dr. Steve McIntosh for collecting the most money in the club's first community service project of 2006-07, the **Three-Day Walk for Breast Cancer Cure**.

Happenings

November 18 - Taste of Bonita

December 10 - Bonita Springs Rotary Christmas Party at Highland Woods. **Bobbi Bird** reminds us to get that Sunday evening event on your social calendars.

The Mardi Gras Fund Raiser Committee is meeting regularly. **Mark McCaw** will alert us to the next meeting.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Oh Christmas Tree

By Ron Anderson

Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging.
Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging.
Not only green when summer's here,
But also when tis cold and drear.
Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging.

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree
Much pleasure thou can't give me.
Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree
Much pleasure thou can't give me.
How often has the Christmas tree
Afforded me the greatest glee!
Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree
Much pleasure thou can't give me.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Start Your Power Tools

Ron Anderson is looking for more than a "few good men." The tent goes up on Friday, November 17 and sales begin on Saturday, November 25. **Jim O'Leary** will be passing the sign up sheet around and the schedule is posted on our website. You must call or email Jim, however, to sign up. Uncle Sam might not need you, but we do.

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Spoke Folk

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Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



November 22, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Bill Caputo will introduce **Walt Nelson** and **Arno de Villiers**, who will talk about **Thermasteel** a pre-insulated light gauge steel used in framing structures. Walt is a contractor and Arno is an architect.

Last Week—The Meeting

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by **Dick Fredrickson**, President

The Invocation: **Dave Edwards**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Rick Barber**

Four Way Test: **Bill Davis**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in singing *Oh Christmas Tree*.

Our Youngest Paul Harris Fellow



Caitlyn Ashley Masters must be the youngest Paul Harris Fellow. She is shown here with her grandmother, **Sue Masters**. She and her mother, **Kristen Masters** received their designations on the same day. The Masters family has six Paul Harris Fellows. Are you among the 54 Bonita Springs Rotarians who have signed up to be an **"Every Rotarian, Every Year?"** If not and you want to be, see **Dave Shellenbarger** for a blue sign up form.

Estero High School Wildcat Band



Band parents, **Sharon Dwyer** and **Linda Corbin** were presented \$300 from our club. The money will help defray the cost of the bands trip to the Florida State Band Contest.

Last Week's Program



Bill Caputo introduced our speakers from **Rayma C. Page Elementary School** in Estero. **Susan Caputo**, Principal, **Melissa Robinson**, Technology Specialist and **Denise Boring**, Reading Specialist. Rayma C. Page occupies what was once a Kmart store. The school focuses on high quality learning and instruction, high quality operations, that is well supervised classrooms, hallways and cafeterias and high quality environment. The students know from the very first day the purpose of their attending Rayma C. Page and they know from attending an assembly on the first day of classes what is expected of them and it is reinforced through PBS, positive behavior support. Rayma C. Page offers instruction in not only the 3 Rs, but also science, art, music and technology. **Melissa Robinson** is responsible for the computer labs and the in school daily television network news program, **Daily Dolphin News**. The school is a "state of the art" 21st Century learning institution.

I Like Me



Debbie Willis accepted on behalf of Spring Creek Elementary School a check for \$1120 for the **"I Like Me"** book program for the kindergarteners at the school. The books are personalized for each of the students.

Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson and **Jim O'Leary** are looking for commitments of 3 time slots from each Rotarian. The schedules are on the website, but you must sign up at a regular meeting or by calling Ron or Jim.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$

Pot this week - \$962



Dick Emerson, Rotary Regular, from Haverhill, MA, won \$5 when he drew the 2 of Diamonds. It is great to see our Rotary Regulars returning.

Happy Birthday!

November 24 - Nancy Wyckoff

Next Week's Program

Bill Caputo will introduce **John Pollock**, president of Oswald Trippe Co., which is the largest insurance agency of its type in southwest Florida. He will talk about the state of the insurance industry in Florida. **Bill Caputo** and **Ray Faubion** work for John.

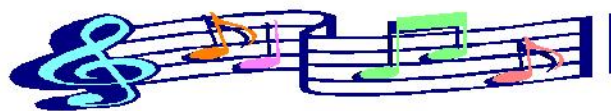
Happenings

Sunday, December 10 - Bonita Springs Rotary Club Christmas Party in the evening at Highland Woods. If you haven't received your invitation in the mail, see **Bobbi Bird**.

Thursday, December 21 - Fort Myers Beach Rotary Club Christmas Party. We are invited by that club to join them at **Warfield's** at 6 PM. To make a reservation call Tom Williams by December 15 at 561-2499.

Tuesday, November 28 - New Member Orientation at 5 PM at Tom Burgess' office.

Saturday, February 3, 2006 - Mardi Gras 6 PM to 12 AM. This will not be a buffet, but rather a sit down dinner. \$2500 buys a table for 10 with use of a stretch limo from 5 PM to 1 AM with individual waiter for your table. You will be pampered according to **Mark McCaw**. There will be packages of four or six, too. There will be face painting and a costume contest. This black tie event as past attendees attest is **"The Event"** of the Rotary year.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Smile, Sing A Song

Smile, and the world smiles with you,
all day long.
whenever your trials,
Your troubles and your cares,
Seem to be more
Than you really can bear,
Smile and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song.

Smile, and the world smiles with you,
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Your troubles and your cares,
Seem to be more
Than you really can bear,
Smile and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song.

Christmas Tree Sales Tent

A big thank you to the many Rotarians shown here who set up the tent on Friday, November 17. We can identify most of those who were there.

Jim O'Leary, Ron Anderson, Dick Fredrickson, Jim Renfro, Gerry Myers, Gary Price, Dan Dietz, Bill Caputo, Mac McBride, Buddy Cliff, Mark Humphrey and Peter Salazar, who was hired.



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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



November 29, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Bill Caputo will introduce **John Pollock**, President of Oswald Trippe Co., who will speak on the state of the insurance industry in Florida. **Bill and Ray Faubion** work for John.

Last Week—The Meeting

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by **Dick Fredrickson**, President

The Invocation: **Bob Lorenz**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Buddy Cliff**

Four Way Test: **Bill Reed**

Song: Rotary Regular **Frank Keck** from Campaign, IL led us in singing ***Smile, Sing a Song***.

The Christmas Party

Bobbi Bird leads this special social event, which will be held on Sunday, December 10 at the Highland Woods Country Club. Cocktails at 6 PM with a sit down dinner at 7 PM. Dress for the evening will be cocktail dresses for the ladies. Men, your wives will instruct you as to what is appropriate to wear when she is looking so nice, but it is OK to not wear a tie. **Diane and Skip Lepola** will be in charge of the Chinese gift exchange, gifts with a value of \$25-30. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow Rotarians.

Banner Exchange



President **Dick Fredrickson** exchanged club banners with **Art Letts** of the Aiken, SC Downtown club and **Clive Wilson** of Medway, UK.

Last Week's Program



Bill Caputo introduced the principals of Eco-Steel, who told us about the Thermasteel Building System. They are **Mike McMaster**,

CFO, Arno DeVilliers, Architect, and **Walt Nelson**, President. Thermasteel is a pre-insulated light gauge steel framing material utilizing galvanized steel and Modified Expanded Polystyrene Resin (EPS). We were shown examples of uses in construction. The construction components are fabricated in the factory. It is an ideal material for use in Southwest Florida. It is highly resistant to mildew, resists fungus, decay and moisture gain. At a 7.5 inch thickness it has an R Value of 32. The materials are recyclable. Extensive strength/integrity tests have been conducted and it meets the Miami-Dade County hurricane resistance standards of up to 185 MPH winds. It is more fire resistant than wood construction. It stands up to termites, ants and other boring insects. It can be used in elaborate designs such as high-end Contemporary Mediterranean style residential construction. DeVilliers is in the using it in a home being built on the Halderman Estate on Gulfshore Boulevard just south of the Naples Pier. The material has been used in construction in 27 countries on 60,000 projects over the past 25 years. It appears that the future in construction has arrived.

Club Elections

President **Dick Fredrickson** reported that the nominating committee is taking recommendations for the election of four Rotarians to our board of directors, to be elected on December 13. President Elect **Fred Partin** serves on the committee with **Steve Krchniak**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, **Gary Price** and **Martha Erickson**. Talk with any of them if you would like to serve or recommend someone.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$

Mark (Mack) McCaw pulled the 8 of Spades for \$5. This week's pot is **\$1032**.

There are 33 cards left and 2 are aces, which are worth \$100. Half of every dollar ticket you buy goes to our club. Thanks, Jim Renfro for leading the way.



Happy Birthday!

November 29 - Mark Humphrey

December 2 - Carl Bals

December 4 - Bob Mantle

December 5 - Joe Stewart

Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson and **Jim O'Leary** reported that the tent is up and people have stopped by looking for trees. The trees were delivered last Friday and Saturday and were tagged and the sale started Saturday. If you haven't volunteered for at least three time slots, please do. You are needed. Ron reminded us to please keep separate the monies collected for the ornaments being sold to benefit **Barbara's Friends**. Ron is aiming to beat last year's sale end of December 14, so sell, sell, sell.

Mardi Gras

Mark McCaw is looking for some new people to work with the seasoned veterans on the committee. Please step forward. The **Event** takes place on Saturday February 3. The cost is \$150/person.

Super Bowl Party

Sue Masters is chairing this event, which will take place on Sunday, February 4. If you haven't done so already, please check with your social secretary to see if you can host this event at your abode. Sue would like someone who has large screen TVs. The host furnishes the place. The attendees provide the consumables.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California to the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest
To the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley
this land was made for you and me.

This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California to the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest
To the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

Next Week's Program

Host **Debbie Metzger** will introduce **Bob Peiser** of Shelter Box USA, who will speak about the Shelter Box program.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



December 6, 2006

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Host **Debbie Metzger** will introduce **Bob Peiser** of Shelter Box USA. Shelter Boxes are a self contained emergency shelter units for use after a disaster. They are the creation of Rotarian **Tom Henderson** of the Rotary Club Helston-Lizard in Great Britain.

Last Week—The Meeting

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by **Dick Fredrickson**, President

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Bobbi Bird**

Song: **Paul Helbing** led us in singing ***This Land is Your Land.***

The Christmas Party

Bobbi Bird leads this special social event, which will be held on Sunday, December 10 at the Highland Woods Country Club. Cocktails at 6 PM with a sit down dinner at 7 PM. Dress for the evening will be cocktail dresses for the ladies. Men, your wives will instruct you as to what is appropriate to wear when she is looking so nice, but it is OK to not wear a tie. **Diane** and **Skip Lepola** will be in charge of the Chinese gift exchange, gifts with a value of \$25-30. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow Rotarians. Please RSVP. Bobbi's Social Secretary, **Henry Bird**, awaits your call. Let Bobbi know if you are not attending as well.

Barbara's Friends Ornaments

Gerry Myers reports that the fund raising for Barbara's Friends has been slow at the Rotary Christmas Tree Lot. The suggested minimum donation is \$10. Please remember to ask.

Last Week's Program

Bill Caputo introduced **John Pollock**, President of Oswald Trippe Co. who spoke about the state of the insurance industry in Florida. We learned



that the hurricanes, which hit Florida during the 14 months between August, 2004 and October, 2005 totaled \$30 Billion in damages in Florida. It will take the insurance industry 60 years to recoup the losses of that 14 month period. In setting rates the insurance companies must

look forward at the potential for loss. We learned that properties situated on the beach in our area can expect rate increases in the coming year of 200% to 350%, because of the risk of potential catastrophic storms. John stated that statisticians have calculated that if a storm with impact comparable to The Great Miami Hurricane of 1926 occurs in 2020 it would do \$500 Billion in damages. In order to mitigate the potential loss, older buildings must be brought up to today's hurricane resistant codes. John said that it will take a cooperative effort of the public, the construction industry, government and the insurance industry including reinsurance companies to help control insurance costs. We are be faced with higher premiums and larger deductibles.

Students and Faculty Awards

Tanya Horsten introduced **Sarah Hunter**, Academic Student of the Month, Athletic Director, **Jeff Sommer**, Faculty Member of the Month and **Ian Waterhouse**, Community Service Student of the Month at Estero High School. Each of them



was presented with a plaque and each of the students received a \$25 gift certificate.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$

This Week's Jackpot
is \$1104.

Bob Lorenz drew the
Queen of Hearts and
won \$5. last week



Happy Birthday!

December 10 - John Mathes

Next Week's Program

Debbie Metzger will introduce our speaker **Suzanne Willis** of Willis Consulting and Communication who will make a presentation titled **Holiday Etiquette: Tips for Surviving the Holidays**.

Club Elections

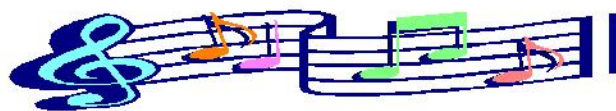
President **Dick Fredrickson** reported that the nominating committee is taking recommendations for the election of four Rotarians to our board of directors, to be elected on December 13. President Elect **Fred Partin** serves on the committee with **Steve Krchniak**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, **Charlie Bishop** and **Martha Erickson**. Talk with any of them if you would like to serve or recommend someone to serve.

Happenings

President **Dick Fredrickson** reports that the Lehigh Acres Rotary Club will be sponsoring a fund raising golf tournament at the Westminster Country Club on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Cost: \$75.

Mardi Gras

Mark McCaw and his committee meet, Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 AM at Perkins on 41 and Bonita Beach Road. The event will be held on Saturday, February 3 at the Pelican's Nest. Cost: \$150/person.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

Let every good knight
Raise a helmet and glove!
Vive le Rotary!
To carry our message
Of service and love,
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!

When something is wrong,
Let us straighten it out.
Vive le Rotary!
For nothing is worse
Than a fear or a doubt,
Vive le Rotary!

HELP!

Ron Anderson and **Jim O'Leary** request your help this weekend at the **Christmas Tree Lot**. Many hands make light work. Check with them on available time slots. Pitching in meets Test 2 of the 4 Way test. **See below.**

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Today

December Program Chair, **Debbie Metzger**, brings us a timely program today, *"Holiday Etiquette: Tips for Surviving the Holidays,"* presented by **Suzanne Willis**. Ms. Willis, who now heads Willis Consulting and Communications, formerly was Vice President of Community Relations for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Earlier she was Director of Public Relations for the Ritz Carlton hotels in two locations.

Christmas Tree Sales Progressing

Ron Anderson, Chairman, said sales are progressing and that approximately 400 trees had been sold as of last's weeks meeting.

Two additional truckloads of trees arrived during the week.

The Club is grateful for the participation and assistance of many Rotary Regulars and visiting Rotarians, and Estero High School Students who have helped both in selling and in unloading trees. The students are members of the Rotaract club and the Cross Country athletic team at the school.

Jim O'Leary, reported that there are still a few shifts that need personnel to sell trees, and reminded members that each one of us is expected to work three shifts.

Bonita "Y" Report Next Week

Ron Smiley, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs YMCA, will be our speaker next week. He will be talking about the impact on our community during the local "Y's" first full year of operation.

"Financial Storm" Dec. 27 Topic

Robert Matheson, immediate past president of the Financial Planning Association of SW Florida, has been scheduled to speak at our December 27 meeting. December Program Chair **Debbie Metzger** said he will discuss, "Is a Financial Storm Approaching?"

He will cover such questions as:

Does it matter that our federal government debt is now over \$8 trillion?

Does it concern you that foreigners own 43% of our government debt, 32% of US Corporate bonds and 16% of all US stocks?

Does it matter that 45% of American people are living on credit to maintain their lifestyle?

Rotary Shelter Boxes Save Lives

Nearly half a million refugees from disasters have been saved by Rotary shelter boxes in the past two years, Rotarian **Joe Peiser** told the club last week. He said 30,000 had been distributed in 34 countries to protect people who had been made homeless by the tsunami, earthquakes, floods and hurricanes.

Each shelter box is a self-contained unit which provides critical shelter and warmth for up to 10 people. It includes a 10-person tent, 10 sleeping bags, water purification tanks and tablets, cooking and eating utensils, stove, flashlight and batteries, shortwave radio, tools, rain ponchos, etc.

It is the "Ritz Carlton," he said, for people who have nothing. Cost of a shelter box is \$900 including transportation. Several were contributed last year by members of our club, when the program housed 140,000 in Sri Lanka, 28,000 in Mississippi, and 150,000 in Pakistan after the earthquake there.



Joe Peiser, who is a member the Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club near Sarasota, represents ShelterBox USA. The program, which began in the UK, is also offered in Canada and Australia. Rotary organizations in other countries are expected to join soon.

He said equipment in the boxes continues to be improved, based on experience gained in the continuing series of world disasters.



Ornaments Help Cancer Children

Gerry Myers reminded us that donations for Barbara's Friends Ornaments help children with cancer. All proceeds go to the Children's Cancer Unit of the Children's Hospital at Health Park. Approximately \$400 had been raised to date at the Christmas Tree tent.

Sixty Enjoy Christmas Party

Under the capable leadership of **Bobbi Bird**, the annual Rotary Christmas party Sunday evening was a fun event for approximately 60 Rotarians and their guests. Highland Woods provided a delicious dinner, and the gift "exchange," coordinated as usual by Diane and Skip Lepola, provided lots of laughs and few groans.



Last Week

President **Dick Fredrickson** gave the invocation himself. **Jim Horein** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Helbing** led a spirited singing of *Vive Le Rotary*. The 4-Way Test was led by Rotary Regular **Keith Merrill**.

Sergeant-at-Arms **George M. Cohan** greeted visitors including two first-time visiting Rotarians who generously volunteered to help unload trees. Also, among the guests was a former Rotary District Governor and retired Navy hospital administrator from Virginia.

John Mathes birthday was celebrated with a hearty rendition of the "Happy Birthday" Song.

George received some good natured "heckling" from his friend and fellow-bachelor **Guy Quinn**.



George M. to Wed

University of Florida fan, **George M. Cohan**, was happy last week that the Gators were picked to play for the championship. He also happily revealed that he plans to be married soon — in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, at the University, of course!

Mardi Gras

In the absence of Chairman **Mark McCaw**, **Bobbie Bird** reported that planning continues for the event. She urged everyone to put Saturday, February 3, on their calendars.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk reported that the December clinic drew the heaviest response since August, with 35 families participating. Because of the great number of babies and young children, the total number of shots given was approximately 150.

He said there will be no session in January because of the long New Year's weekend.



SING ROTARIANS!

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree,
O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging;
Not only green when summer's here,
But also when 'tis cold and drear.
O Christmas Tree,
O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging.

Sing, Everyone, Sing!

Sing, everyone, sing.
Sing, everyone, sing.
Let's get together in all kinds of weather
And sing everyone sing.
Smile, everyone, smile.
Smile, everyone, smile.
All of your troubles
Will vanish like bubbles,
So smile, everyone, smile.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serve, everyone, serve.
Serving humanity, Rotary's destiny,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike O'Dell — December 18

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$

\$1,178 in the Pot

Rotary Regular **Keith Miller**, from Huntsville, Ohio, won \$5 last week, but could not draw a "pay card"!

Two Aces and the Joker are among the 32 cards remaining.

3 for \$2, 5 for \$3 10 for \$5

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Today

Give a warm Rotary welcome to **Ryan Smiley**, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs YMCA. Program Chair, **Debbie Metzger** has asked Ryan to talk about the Bonita "Y's" impact on our community during its first full year of operation.

Our club was a major contributor, and many Rotary members played key roles in making our new YMCA possible.

Holiday Etiquette Discussed

Suzanne Willis presentation of *Tips for Surviving the Holidays* last week was not only timely, but also delightfully entertaining and informative.

Ms. Willis, who now heads her own Willis Consulting and Communication firm, became recognized as a leader in teaching etiquette while Director of Public Relations for the Ritz Carlton hotels in two locations. Her program "Mimi's Manners" was inspired by her grandmother's guidance, and has been well received by children and adults.

Her work in conducting classes in etiquette for men has attracted national attention in the press. Teaching kids is the most fun, she said, and teenagers the most challenging. She currently is working on a book for children.

"Manners are the happy way of doing things," she said. "The keys are honesty, respect and consideration." It basically is just applying the Golden Rule, she explained.

Tree Sale Project Nearing Completion

As of last Wednesday 140 trees remained, **Ron Anderson**, Chairman reported. He said that more than 700 trees had been sold, and expressed hope that sales could be completed and the tent dismantled before the Christmas weekend. The many Rotary Regulars and visitors who have helped were thanked for their assistance.

Christmas Bears to Help Children

The teddy bears which had been the centerpieces for our Rotary Christmas Party last week have been presented to the Sheriff's Office for use in comforting children who are found in stressful situations such as an accident, crime scene, fire, etc.

Lt. Morgan Bowden, deputy in the Bonita Springs station, was at our meeting last Wednesday to receive the bears from Party Chair **Bobbi Bird** and our President **Dick Fredrickson**.



Rotary Reflections

Last week **Doug Pratt** gave the invocation, **Bill Reed** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Larry Ast** in the 4-Way Test.

Paul Helbing, led the singing of "O Christmas Tree" but **George M.** followed with his own version, "O Noble Fir," with special emphasis on "the back aches" it brings.

President Dick Fredrickson reported that Rotarian **Hank Hochstetler**, is making a good recovery from the cancer and the chemotherapy and radiation treatments he has been receiving, and hopes to return to the club in January. He also noted that **Nancy Wyckoff** has been ill, but is recovering.

President Dick also announced that **Bob Lorenz** has accepted appointment as Invocation Chairman and will schedule members to give the invocation when **Doug Pratt** is unable to be with us.

Fred Partin Engaged

With prodding from his friends, **President-Elect Fred Partin**, revealed that he is engaged to be married. His lady is **Sharon Davison**, who has been with him at various Rotary events. They have not yet set a date.

Merry Christmas!

Four Elected To Rotary Board



Debbie Metzger



Nancy Ross



Guy Quinn



Fred Partin

Four new Directors to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010 were elected last week. These four, selected from nine nominees suggested by members, and presented as a "slate" by the Nominating Committee, were elected unanimously. The Committee thanked all who had suggested candidates and emphasized that all those nominees were well qualified to serve as board members, and likely will be asked to serve at another time.

Debbie Metzger, who is the chief operating executive of the Bonita and Naples YMCA, was appointed to the board earlier this year to finish the term of **Holly Hollingsworth** who moved to Georgia last summer.

Nancy Ross, has been an active leader in our club since 2001, and currently is Community Service Director. She formerly was a member Rotary Club No. 1, in Chicago, and is a consultant in Life and Long Term Care Insurance.

Guy Quinn, has been a member since 2002, and has chaired several club committees. He is associated with the Raymond James securities firm.

Fred Partin, our President-Elect, joined the club in 2000. He has been general manager of Bonita Springs Utilities for more than 20 years.

Investment Advisor Next Week

Robert Matheson, immediate past president of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida, will be our speaker next week. His topic, "Is A Financial Storm Approaching?"



SING ROTARIANS!

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas,
And a happy New Year.

Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding,
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And bring it out here.

For we all love figgy pudding,
For we all love figgy pudding,
For we all love figgy pudding,
So bring some out here.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Davis — December 25

Hal Drake — December 25

\$\$ FIFTY-FIFTY \$\$
\$1,276 in the Pot

The lucky number last week was held by **Tom Burgess**, but he received only \$5. The Joker and two aces remain for a Rotarian with "the touch".

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Debbie Metzger will introduce Rotarian and frequent visitor to our club, **Bob Matheson**, who will make a presentation, "Is a Financial Storm Approaching?" Bob is the Immediate Past President of the Financial Planning Association of SW Florida.

Last Week—The Meeting

Place of Meeting: Highland Woods Golf and CC

Called to Order by **Dick Fredrickson**, President

The Invocation: **Dick Hamlin**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Martha Erickson**

Four Way Test: **Dan Dietz**

Song: *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* led by song leader, **Paul Helbing**.

Barbara's Friend's

Frank Haskell came to thank Bonita Springs Rotary for its effort in selling the Christmas tree ornaments in support of Barbara's Friends.

Gerry Myers reported that we raised \$803 to bring our total to nearly \$3000 toward this effort.

Barbara is Frank's daughter, who lost her battle to breast cancer at age 36. Frank hopes to raise \$1 million for the Oncology Unit at Children's Hospital in Ft. Myers.

Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson reported that we sold over 850 trees for gross sales of about \$75,000. He thanked Bonita Springs Rotarians especially **Jim O'Leary**, **Jim Horein**, and **Gil Urick** for all the hard work that made the project the success that it was.

Last Week's Program



Debbie Metzger introduced **Ryan Smiley**, Executive Director and **Andrea Johnston**, Membership Director of the Bonita Springs YMCA. They told us how the Y got started in Bonita Springs with the help of many people including a number of Ro-

tarians. It opened April 11, 2005. Ryan explained that it is rated as a Category 3 Hurricane Shelter and within 7 months of opening it was used during Hurricane Wilma. The Y's motto is Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Community. Ryan told us of the 0 depth entrance to the pool, which enables parents with small children and the elderly, even using walkers, to enter the pool. The Y provides many low income families with scholarships for their children's swimming lessons. There was an average of 114 youth during each weekly summer camp in 2006. Child Watch is a program for parents, so their children can be supervised when they want to participate in exercise activities. A Tae Kwon Do program is offered with a theme of Discipline, Defense, Fitness and Fun. Project Graduation is a program offered on graduation night that helps new graduates have safe fun on their important night. Ryan pointed out that the Y works jointly with United Way of Lee County, the Literacy Council, Rosemary Park Soccer League, a Sunday afternoon soccer program for adult men, the Bonita Springs Charter School and the City of Bonita Springs. Ryan concluded his presentation by reading a letter from a woman who thanked the Y for the changes brought to her family in many ways especially in improving their health through fitness programs.

Next Week's Program

Sue Masters will introduce **Julie Digby**, Marketing Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Marilyn's Surprise Return



Bobbi MM Bird is seen here serenading newly engaged **Fred Partin** and Christmas baby **Bill Davis**. How nice that these men rate right up there with **JFK** and **Joe Dimaggio**.

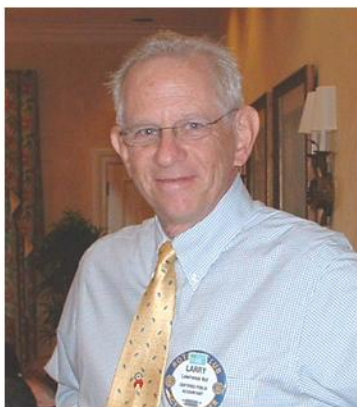
Newly Inducted Rotarians



President **Dick Fredrickson** inducted **Sandy Scoggins** and **Jason Dolle**. Sandy was sponsored by **Bob Pagel**. Her classification is Health Insurance. Jason

was sponsored by **Ken King** and his classification is Computer Web Design. They will be at the door to welcome you during the next 6 weeks. Please introduce yourself. Ask them to serve on your committee.

Goodbye Larry



Larry Ast caught us all by surprise last week when he announced that he had accepted a COO position with a company in Denver. The company had been after him for some time and even though he has enjoyed his life in SW Florida, he was

attracted by not only the challenge of the new job, but also being able to be close to his children and grandchildren there and nearer to his daughter and grandchild in Seattle. Good luck, Larry. Our board of directors is looking for a new treasurer.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
In days of auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

\$\$\$ Fifty-Fifty \$\$\$
\$1361 in the Pot

Last week **Steve McIntosh** drew the 4 of hearts to take home \$5. Two aces worth \$100 each and the Joker remain among the 30 cards remaining. Rotary Regulars are eligible to win. **\$1** buys 1 ticket, **\$2** buys 3 tickets, **\$3** buys 5 tickets, **\$5** buys 10 tickets and **\$10** buys 25 tickets.

Mardi Gras Meeting

Mark McCaw reminds us that the next Mardi Gras committee meeting is on Thursday, January 4 at 7:30 AM at Perkins, US 41 and Bonita Beach Road. Many more volunteers are needed.

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