

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



January 3, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Sue Masters will introduce **Julie Digby**, Marketing Director, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, who will tell us about opportunities to mentor children in the Bonita Springs area.

Last Week—The Meeting

Called to Order by **Dick Fredrickson**, President

The Invocation: **Doug Pratt**

The Pledge of Allegiance: **Paul Van Valkenburg**

Four Way Test: **Scott Gerrish**, Rotary Regular

Song: **Auld Lang Syne** led by **Steve Krchniak**

New Officers



Dick Fredrickson announced that **Nancy Ross** has been elected Club Secretary effective July 1, 2007, which means she will be our president in Rotary year 2009-10.

And, **Dick Fredrickson** announced that **Guy Quinn** will be our Club Treasurer. **Larry Ast** resigned and is moving to Denver, CO. We are fortunate to have Guy step in to fill that position on short notice. Thanks, Guy!



Last Week's Program



Bob Matheson, Immediate Past President of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida made a presentation titled "Is a Financial Storm Approaching?" Bob presented some alarming statistics such as the National debt reaching an unprecedented level of nearly \$8 Trillion and it is

growing at greater than \$2 billion per day. The average American family has \$18,700 in debt not including the mortgage on their home. We are faced with the refinancing of 50% of our government debt in the next few years. Currently our top lenders, Japan owns \$684 Billion of our debt, China \$284 Billion and the UK \$174 Billion. Down the list is Korea, which has reduced its level to \$50 Billion and is refusing to purchase any more of our debt. Bob suggests that we take precautions and invest more conservatively. He says that CDs even at 6% are not the answer, since the interest is taxed and with 3.8% inflation we may net 0%. Bonds are not the answer. With the threat of a hike in interest rates the value of bonds we hold will decrease. There are investments available that protect consumers against a downturn in our economy. Bob recommends reassessing our strategies and to look at products of that type as well as looking at working with advisors, who can help with timing our buying and selling of investments. He recommends, too, to protect ourselves by purchasing higher levels of liability insurance and to increase our umbrella liability coverage to at least \$2 million. His handouts advocate the use of trusts and he recommends considering long-term care insurance. He points out that we know that as Florida residents we protect against hurricanes. We must protect against a likely financial storm, too.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
\$1414 is in the Pot



John West pulled the Queen of Spades last week and won \$5. Two aces worth \$100 each and the Joker remain among the 29 cards left in **Jim Renfro's** 50/50 Deck.

Happy Birthday!

Peter Zahner - January 3
Ron Anderson - January 8
Diane Lepola - January 9

Belated Christmas and Birthday

Hal Drake was absent from the December 20 meeting (he was having a root canal) and missed the opportunity to have MM sing "Happy Birthday" to him. We wished him a belated Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday.

Announcements

The Rotary Club of Lehigh Acres is having a Golf Fund Raiser on Saturday, January 20. Cost is \$75. See President **Dick Fredrickson** for details.

Shots for Tots

The next Shots for Tots session will **not** be January 2, but rather February 6, 2007.

Mardi Gras, February 3rd

The Mardi Gras committee has publicized the purchase of tables by Rotarians. However, they want you to know that we are encouraged to buy tickets individually if we are not able to buy a whole table. Individual tickets cost \$150 per person. The event raised over \$50,000 last year for the benefit of the Bonita Assistance Center. You are encouraged to donate a minimum \$25 cash for the "Chinese" auction and/or donate an item valued at a minimum of \$100 for the silent auction.



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.

Don't Be a RINO

RINO, Rotarian In Name Only. Look on the back of the Spoke and see if a committee is of interest to you. The committee will be definitely interested in having you serve with them.

Next Week's Meeting

Sue Masters will introduce **Susan Acuna**, Executive Director, Literacy Council of Bonita Springs.

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

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**
Issue Editor: **Bob Pagel**

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January 10, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Susan Acuna, Executive Director, Literacy Council of Bonita Springs will make a presentation on how the Literacy Council helps people learn English. She will show a short video created with the help of their students, which dramatizes how they help students. She will be introduced by **Sue Masters**.

Last Week—The Meeting

President, **Dick Fredrickson**, called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered an inspirational invocation giving tribute to our 38th president, **Gerald Ford**. **Stephanie Kissinger** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our most able song leader, **Steve Krchniak**, led us in a rousing version of *Sing, Everyone, Sing*. Everyone did sing and then they sang Happy Birthday to **Peter Zahner** and **Ron Anderson**. **Diane Lepola** had a select few virtuosos, **Dick Fredrickson**, **Bruce Bridewell**, **Steve Krchniak** and **Jim Dati** sing her birthday song. The meeting was adjourned by **Gary Colechio** leading us in the 4 Way Test.

Estero HS Students and Faculty Honored



Tanya Horsten introduced **Judy Avant**, teacher and Service Student of the Month **Christine Claimon** and Academic Student of the Month **Belynda Trainor**. Ms. Avant has been teaching in Lee County Schools for 20 years. She is leading an effort to raise \$18,000 for a fund to help the effort to fight children's cancer. Ms. Claimon is the daughter of a minister of a church, which serves the Haitian community. She hopes to follow in her father's footsteps. She has a good start in that she helps with the children's programs at the church. Ms. Trainor became the first student to be fined by **George Cohan** for being late. She will attend FSU in the fall to study criminology.

Last Week's Program

Sue Masters, January Program Chairperson, introduced **Julie Digby**, Marketing Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters. She made a presentation, which covered the two programs offered, Community Based Mentoring and a program linked to Rotary nationwide, Reading Rotarians. It is the Bigs in Schools program. The latter pairs an adult or older student with a student for approximately one hour each week during the school year. Volunteers are given training and background checks. Currently there are 440 volunteers working with over 600 children in the Southwest Florida area, which is made up of Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a 100 year old organization and has been in Southwest Florida for 30 years. Big Brothers Big Sisters offers many opportunities to serve, either working with children or raising funds for the program. Ms Digby told us of an upcoming event, the 7th Annual "The Howl" on March 17 at the Naples Beach Hotel. It is a western theme sit down dinner with silent and live auctions. Check their website for details at www.hereforthechildren.org.



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January 24 - **Peter Bergenson** a political science professor at FGCU will talk about the presidential race in 2008.

January 31 - **Kristen Coury**, Founder and Artistic Director, Gulfshore Playhouse, will tell us of the plays, which will be presented at the playhouse.

Steve McIntosh will be soon announcing the schedule for February. Stay tuned for further information.

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\$1504. is in the pot.



Rotary Regular **Ralph Petit** drew the 2 of hearts and won \$5. **Jim Renfro** tells us that 28 cards remain. Two aces worth \$100 each and the ever elusive joker remain. Thank you to all who participate in this worthwhile weekly fundraiser. Last week \$90 was contributed to the club's coffers for our many good causes.

Relay for Life

Ray Faubion and **Stephanie Kissinger** are organizing the Bonita Springs Rotary team, which will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd. The first meeting of Ray and Stephanie's committee will be today after the meeting. They need 10 to 15 Rotarians for the team. This is an excellent way for Rotarians to contribute to this worthwhile effort.

Mardi Gras

It is 3 weeks, 2 days and a wake up until February 3rd, the day of the big event. If you have just returned from an intergalactic voyage or from up north and aren't aware, please see **Mark McCaw** or a member of his committee. They need your help. Please check with Mark to learn where you are needed.

Remember to contribute a gift valued at \$25. or more for the auctions. Mark would like to see some unusual contributions of items not available in a store. Think of donating a week at your condo in Colorado, North Carolina or on the beach in Florida. Tickets are \$150/ person. See the Mardi Gras handout for some options for you and the guests that you are bringing. There are some excellent ticket packages available.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 to be given to the Bonita Assistance Center.

Super Bowl Party

Bruce and **Norma Bridewell** will be hosting a Super Bowl party on February 4th at their Miromar Lakes home. Save the date. Inform your social secretary. You won't want to miss this fun time. Watch this space for details.



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!

RINO

RINO, Rotarian In Name Only is the term given to people who are Rotarians who don't practice "Service Above Self." Check the back of the Spoke and introduce yourself to a committee chair. See where your help is needed. Maybe it is an hour a week. Your help will be appreciated. Thank you!

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January 17, 2007

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Dr. Jeff Panozzo of Physicians Regional Medical Center will talk about Pandemic Flu and the Impact on Our Community.

Last Week—The Meeting

We were surprised by a substitute for **Dick Fredrickson**, **Sky Masterson**, who conducted the meeting with the no-nonsense approach of a Mafia Godfather, which it is reported he is. We were encouraged to get involved in the Mardi Gras fundraiser. There was no "or else," but that is assumed coming from the Don. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **John Mathes** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Helbing**, led us in singing *Vive Le Rotary*. The meeting was adjourned by **Jose Lopez** leading us in the 4 Way Test.



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Mardi Gras



It is 2 weeks, 2 days and a wake up until the magic day of Mardi Gras, February 3rd. **Jan Lee**, Rotary Regular, Laurie Sunrise Beach, MO, shown here, urges you to bring your gifts for the silent and live auctions to next weeks meeting. If a Rotary

Regular is this involved shouldn't we follow her example. Buy your tickets now, \$150/person. Let's get in the mood and follow the direction of our King, **Mark McCaw**. The goal is \$50,000 for the benefit of the Bonita Assistance Center. Consider the special ticket packages. The "Krewe of Bacchus" is a bargain at \$2500. Give your friends and/or clients an evening to remember. You will be driven to and from the event in a private limousine and be pampered all night with special service. The "Carnivale" table for 6 is available for \$1200 and the "Bourbon Street" table for 4 is available at \$800. See the Mardi Gras flyer for details.



Last Week's Program

Ray Faubion introduced **Susan Acuna**, Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs who told us of the wonderful opportunity of joining the almost 500 tutors who are now helping people of this area to learn English. In 2006 there were 1379 students and if more volunteers step forward that number could increase dramatically. If you volunteer you will be trained. Rotarian, **Bill Oehler**, gave an excellent testi-



monial about his wife **Judy's** involvement as a tutor. Susan showed us a video produced by the council called "My Name is Maria." It demonstrated how the council has changed the lives of the many people who benefit from the work of the many volunteers. Learn more by visiting their website, www.bonitaliteracy.org. We offered our continued support when **Gerry Myers**, President, The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, presented Ms. Acuna a check for \$1000.

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Steve McIntosh has announced the schedule for February.

February 7 - **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School.

February 14 - Rotary Regulars are in charge. Don't miss this one.

February 21 - **Dr. William Merwin**, President, Florida Gulf Coast University will bring us up to date.

February 28 - **Steve McIntosh** presents Interact.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
\$1576. is in the pot.



Steve Krchniak drew the 9 of diamonds and won \$5. **Jim Renfro** tells us that 27 cards remain. Two aces worth \$100 each and the joker remain. Last week \$72 was contributed to the club's treasury for our many worthwhile projects.

3 for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10

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Super Bowl Party

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Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson reported last week that the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs raised \$27,000 in 2006 with Christmas tree sales. A big thank you to you, Ron and to **Jim O'Leary** for leading us on this project. Many hands made light work. Well, it wasn't always that light, but a lot of kids in the Bonita Springs area will benefit from our work.

George Cheers on Gators



When the team told us after the big win that they couldn't have done it without the fans they should have held up a picture of **George M. Cohan IV**. George is right. Florida turns out a lot of good football players. Students, eh ????



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.

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.

Oh, when we go to Mardi Gras,
Oh, when we go to Mardi Gras,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we go to Mardi Gras.

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

Go Gators!

Happy Birthday!

John West - January 17
Gary Colecchio - January 18
Marjorie Rubacky - January 19
Bob Rosier - January 19
Doug Pratt - January 20

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January 24, 2007

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This Week's Program

Dr. Peter Bergerson, PhD, of the Division of Public Affairs at Florida Gulf Coast University with expertise in political science will talk about the U.S. Presidential race in 2008.

Last Week—The Meeting

Dick Fredrickson called the meeting to order. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Frank Ogden**. **Steve Krchniak**, our song leader for the day conducted the group in a rousing rendition of *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Man Bites Dog

Well, not exactly, but have you ever seen a sergeant-at-arms fined for being late? **Steve Kaskie** was fined by his assistant, **Roger Brunswick**, for being late and then Steve turned the tables on Roger and fined him for being a "scooter."

Mardi Gras

It is 1 week, 2 days and a wake up until the February 3rd and Mardi Gras. Buy your tickets now, \$150/person. Last week **Mark McCaw** and **Roger Brunswick** told us about this great event. There will be a surprise auction item and a special guest in attendance. There will be a casino, fortune teller, face painter, photographer and a great sit down dinner preceded by an outstanding selection of hors d'oeuvres including raw oysters on the half shell. The main course is a 6 ounce filet mignon or "surf and turf." The dinner will be followed by chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate.

The goal is \$50,000 for the benefit of the Bonita Assistance Center. Consider the special ticket packages. The "Krewe of Bacchus" is a bargain at \$2500. Give your friends and/or clients an evening to remember. You will be driven to and from the event in a private limousine and be pampered all night with special service. The "Carnivale" table for 6 is available for \$1200 and the "Bourbon Street" table for 4 is available at \$800. See the Mardi Gras flyer for more details.

Last Week's Program



Sue Masters introduced two speakers from Physicians Regional Medical Center. **Susan Takacs**, Associate Administrator shared details of the organization of the group as part of HMA and told us of the programs that are available including the Health Directions Flagship Community Lecture Series for

2007. Details can be found at www.physiciansregional.com.

Susan Takacs introduced **Dr. Jeff Panozzo**, Director of the Emergency Medical Department who talked about the various types of influenza and how they are spread.

We learned that there is not a pandemic flu at the moment, but that Avian flu, if not controlled in the Pacific Rim countries, could pose a problem worldwide. We were reminded about a lot of what most of us knew about the spread of flu and of the importance of being immunized and of the precautions to prevent contracting and spreading flu. Dr. Panozzo told us of how in 1918 the Pandemic Spanish Flu killed 675,000 in the U. S. and 20 to 50 million worldwide.



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February 7 - **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School.

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Relay for Life Meeting Today

Join **Stephanie Kissinger** and **Ray Faubion** and the Relay for Life Bonita Springs Rotary Team. Rotarians are asked to purchase 10 tickets at \$10 each for the spaghetti dinner, which we will be holding at the event. Let's get involved.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$

\$1669. is in the pot.

Mark Humphrey drew the Ace of Spades to take home \$100. Jim Renfro reports that 26 cards remain. One ace worth \$100 and the joker remain. Last week \$93 was contributed to the club's treasury.

Happy Birthday!

Hank Schelling - January 29

Super Bowl Party

Bruce and Norma Bridewell are hosting the party at the Miromar Lakes Golf Club on Sunday, February 4 starting at 5 PM. Cost is \$35 per person. See Bruce for details. RSVP at bruce@drbridewell.com or phone Bruce at 239-992-7822. Sign up today.

Let's Give Them a Hand

Last week we recognized our Christmas Tree Sales leaders, **Ron Anderson** and **Jim O'Leary**. We were remiss in not giving a **Big Thank You!** to a couple of people who were involved every day of the sale. **Jim Horein** was there each evening collecting the money and **Gil Urick** kept the trees moist by watering them every day.

A Heartfelt Thanks



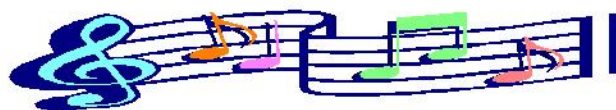
While we are recognizing people who have given a lot to this club we must say thank you to **Ken Weyl**. You will see in the next column that he has promoted me to succeed him. I cannot replace him. He is irreplaceable. He was patient in bringing me along. I thank him. I am hoping he will write his memoirs. He is a

most gracious and interesting person and has a wonderful family and many friends.

Bob Pagel

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.*

Oh beautiful, for pilgrims' feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!

*America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!*

Spoke Folk

Editor: **Ken Weyl**

Editor next week: **Bob Pagel**

Msg to Prez Dick:

Having worked on the SPOKE since about a month after I joined the club, and having been the Spoke Editor for about four years, I wish to resign as Editor and remain on the Spoke staff to cover meetings, etc., as the new Editor requests. I'm nominating Bob Pagel, who has been in training for some months now, to take over as Editor effective immediately.

And so Bob will henceforth be responsible for getting the SPOKE published 52 weeks every year, and now, in addition, will have overall responsibility for the Roster we publish every week, for Press Releases and contact with the local press, for maintaining the front and back covers of the SPOKE the ever changing Birthday lists used by the SPOKE, for maintaining various other lists, such as SPOKE recipients, for supervising the work done by issue editors, for training future editors, and—I AM FREE!

(signed *Ken Weyl*)

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Sue Masters will introduce **Kristen Coury**, Founder and Artistic Director, Gulfshore Playhouse. We will learn of the plans of the organization and of the plays to be presented.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Paul Lotz** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** ably conducted the singing of *America, The Beautiful*. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Mike O'Dell**.

Editor Ken Weyl Recognized

The "Prez" presented a plaque recognizing his almost six years of service as Spoke Editor to **Ken Weyl**. Ken epitomizes Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Thanks, Ken!



\$27,000 Presented to Foundation



Ron Anderson presented a check to **Gerry Myers**, president of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, for

\$27,000, proceeds from our Christmas Tree Sales project. The funds will be used for our many worthwhile community projects. Thanks to all the Rotarians who devoted many hours in selling the trees to make this a most successful project. A most special thanks to the Rotary Regulars who chipped in to help. Here is a pat on the back to us all.

Last Week's Program

Sue Masters introduced **Dr. Peter Bergerson, PhD**, Professor of the Division of Public Affairs, who has expertise in political science. Dr. Bergerson talked about the 2008 U. S. Presidential election. We learned that this is the first election since the 1952 election when Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president that we will witness an open election. There is no heir apparent, such as a vice-president. As a



result the field is wide open. The difficult decision for delegates, the media and the electorate is sorting out the contenders from the pretenders. To get the nomination of one's party it is estimated that a candidate will have to spend \$100 million through the process. Candidates must contend with not only their opponents but also party rules and must choose to receive or not federal

funds, which come with restrictions. At the moment the average voter is not tuned into what is happening. Party activists are busy raising funds and establishing committees. The pros know that on election day in 2008 20 states will determine the election, because of the large blocks of electoral votes they control. In the summer of 2008 the Republicans will be meeting in Minneapolis and after that the Democrats will meet in Denver. Dr. Bergerson predicts that the candidates will have been chosen prior to those conventions. Voting is emotional. Voters will vote for the candidate who is credible and capable and the less partisan the better for the candidate's chances. Super Tuesday, February 5, 2008 will find the pretenders back on the sidelines at the end of the day. Many candidates although not admitting it are running for the Number 2 spot on the ticket. On the Democrat side Clinton, Obama and Edwards and on the Republican side McCain, Guiliani, Romney, Gingrich and Pataki and possibly Jeb Bush are the contenders at the moment for the top job. Stay tuned.

Save These Dates

March 2 for Relay for Life and April 1 for Celebrate Bonita. More information to follow. Reverse Raffle is on the horizon, too. A date to be established.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$1763

Mark Humphrey had the winning number for the second week in a row. His card, the 5 of Clubs earned him \$5 to go along with the \$100 he won two weeks ago when he selected the Ace of Spades. \$94 was contributed by Rotarians last week to the club treasury. 3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Happy Birthday!

Dave Edwards - February 2

Rotarian Profile



Gary Colecchio plays an integral part in making our meetings run smoothly each week. It is a big relief to our speakers to see Gary setting up his AV equipment. Gary was proposed for membership by Frank Ogden in 1986. Gary, a New Jersey native, is a graduate of Flor-

ida Institute of Technology and is a civil engineer with expertise in the construction of roads and bridges for state and local governments. We all have the collective thought in our minds when we see Gary dealing with computers and projects, "Whew! I am glad he knows what he's doing and I don't have to know." Thank you, Gary!

Mardi Gras

This Saturday night at the Pelican's Nest Golf Club 6 PM to Midnight. **Mark McCaw, Bobbi Bird, Gary Murphy** and **Roger Brunswick** have given us information about the great evening that is planned. We recently learned from Gary Murphy that he will be offering at 2 night 2 day fishing venture off of the Keys including the flight down to Marathon. There is a Pontiac G6 being offered. Check out our website at www.bonitaspringsrotary.org.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

All Hail To Rotary

All hail to Rotary!
Steadfast and strong
We'll strive to hold our course
Though days seem dark
And things go wrong
Service in all we do
Friends ever free
Until we meet once more
Here's health to all our friends'
In Rotary

Upcoming Rotary Programs

February 7 - **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School. February 14 - The Rotary Regulars are in charge. Don't miss this one.

Super Bowl Party

Note important change. **Bruce** and **Norma Bridewell** are hosting the party at Miromar Lakes Golf Club at 5 PM. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be provided. **There is no charge.** There will be a cash bar for hard liquor. RSVP Bruce at 992-7822 or bruce@drbridewell.com. **Go Bears!**

Thank you, Bruce and Norma!

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February 7, 2007

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Steve McIntosh will introduce **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School, who will tell us of all the great things happening at the school.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Ed Houck** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** conducted the singing of **All Hail to Rotary**, which was sung to the tune, Anchors Aweigh. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Jason Dolle**.

Estero High School Honorees

After giving her fellow Rotarians the good news of the coming birth of her baby in four months, **Tanya Horsten** introduced Service Student of the Month,



Jennifer Wood, Academic Student of the



Month, **Jonathan Holzinger** and Faculty/Staff Member of the Month, **Mrs. Jennifer Seluk**. Yes, this is Mrs. Seluk, not a student. **George M. Cohan**, commented that



if he was on the faculty of Estero High School and had encountered her in the hall he would have expected to have seen a hall pass. We are fortunate to be able to honor the outstanding students and faculty of Estero High School. We will learn more about the programs, faculty and students from EHS today from Principal, **George Clover**.

Last Week's Program

Sue Masters introduced the founder and Artistic Director of Gulfshore Playhouse at Estero-on-the-River, **Kristen Coury**. Ms. Coury shared with us the exciting news about the work that she and **Joe D'Jamoos** have for the 92 acre site at the northeast corner of U S 41 and Corkscrew Road. The plan is to create a business and residential community to include both a 550 seat and a 150 seat theatre at the center of the development. According to Ms. Coury this is a \$30 million undertaking. Gulfshore is already involved with the schools of both Lee and Collier Counties helping them augment the 3 Rs with the arts, which enables students to learn self confidence by learning the various skill sets of the theatre, which includes more than acting. Studies have shown that the integration of programs such as this improves grades. We learned that the first play, "Romeo and Juliet Redefined" is scheduled for Cambier Park in Naples, April 19 through 21. It will star Alexandria Tocco of Cape Coral and Eric Millegan an actor on the television network series, "Bones." There will be songs and dances with many of the songs from the hit musical, "Westside Story." To keep up-to-date and to get involved with Gulfshore go to www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. Join your fellow Rotarians, **Sue Masters**, who is one of the Playhouse Partners and Chair of the Colony Chapter of Producers and **Marjorie Rubacky** of the Leadership Council.



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\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$

This Week's Pot: \$1864

George M. Cohan drew the 3 of Spades, which earned him \$5. An additional \$101. was added to the club treasury last week through purchases totaling \$202. by generous Rotarians. There are 24 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$1864. Each week gets a bit more exciting. 3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Happy Birthday!

Gary Price - February 9

Rotarian Profile

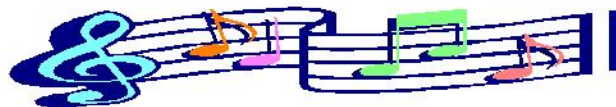
Charter member, **Paul Helbing**, gave us the sad news that he and his wife, **Vickie**, are moving to Tampa where they have bought a home to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren and to be of assistance to Vickie's aging mom and aunt and her terminally ill uncle. They will be living with the Helbings who will provide their care. What a shining example of "Service Above Self." Paul is a past president of this club. Vickie was the founding president of the Bonita Springs Rotary Noon Club. Don't be saying goodbye to Paul quite yet. He is helping a fellow dentist in Naples 2 days a week. Fortunately for us, Wednesday is one of the days. God Bless Paul and Vickie.



Kenny King Elected to Board

He is the man in charge of hospitality for our club and is the smiling face behind the table each Wednesday morning. Kenny is in residential real estate, has a clas-

sification of USAF Base Commander Retired. He came to this area after a 33 year career in the USAF retiring as a colonel. Kenny is involved in Rotaract. He is a native of Norfolk, NE. He and his wife Judy are ballroom dance instructors for their enjoyment. Kenny replaces Larry Ast through 2008.



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!

Upcoming Rotary Programs

February 14 - Our Rotary Regulars are in charge. Don't miss this one. This always proves to be a highlight of our season of programs.

February 21 - TBA

February 28 - Estero High School Interact Club will be sharing their story. Sandy Dutko/Jane Klinker, club sponsors, Katherine Saterwhite, 2006 S4TL participant and Jen Diner, Interact Club President will be with us thanks to **Steve McIntosh**, Bonita Springs Rotary Vocational Service Chair.

Other Happenings

The Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure will be held at the Coconut Point Mall in Estero on Saturday morning, March 17. See **Sue Masters** or visit the website: www.komenswfl.org.

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Editor: **Bob Pagel**
Current Issue Editor: same

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



February 14, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

The **Rotary Regulars** will introduce **Chuck Marlowe** former voice of Indiana Hoosier basketball. He will tell us all about basketball coaching legend **Bobby Knight**.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Martha Erickson** had us join hands and delivered the invocation. **Sandy Scoggins** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** conducted the singing of **America**. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Joe Stewart**.

Shots for Tots

What a fantastic ongoing Rotary project this is. **Dave Edwards** reported last week that in the 12 year history of Shots for Tots through 2006 5,202 children received a total of 10,763 immunizations. That is amazing. This past week **Dave Edwards** and his wife **Betty**, **Ira Hawk** and **Sandy Scoggins** helped the children of 46 families receive their necessary immunizations.

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Special Notice

On March 7th we will be meeting at the Elks Club. Please make note of this so you don't show up at Highland Woods.

Last Week's Program

Steve McIntosh introduced **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School. Mr. Clover started his talk by complimenting and thanking Bonita Springs Rotary for its involvement with the school.

He has been with Lee County Schools since 1985. There has been a steady decline in the number of students at the high school since 2004 when he became principal. In 2004 there were 2150 students. Now there are 1600, which is attributed to the opening of South Ft. Myers High School, but more of a factor is the change in demographics of Estero. Young families can no longer afford to live in the area. The high housing costs effects teachers as well. They need to live outside of the area and drive great distances to work. Mr. Clover told us of the many positive things happening at EHS. He told of a young member of student government, Ian Waterhouse, who happens to be the president of the Florida State Student Government Association. Ian is leading an effort to raise \$30,000 to send 30 children's oncology patients and their families to Disney World. EHS has honors programs. Advanced placement is available to students along with dual programs, which enable the students to take their high school courses along with courses at Edison College or Florida Gulf Coast University. EHS has the second highest SAT scores in the county. It has the fewest students in the Alternative Learning Center in the county. The ALC serves students, who cannot complete the typical course work at the high school. Mr. Clover declared that he realizes there are gang members at EHS, but they don't have a gang problem. Students are required to declare a major each year. This has helped lower the dropout rate. There are 30 students in the Medical Academy preparing for work in medical clinics and nursing homes. Many students are preparing for careers in the hospitality industry. There are many opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities such as in band or sports. Mr. Clover offered an invitation to us to come to activities at the school. He told us of one of their baseball players who is sought after by major league teams and is certain to sign a multi-million dollar contract. Many of their teams have gone to state meets recently. He told us that EHS will meet the 25 to 1 student ratio soon and that all-in-all things are going well at EHS.



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$1972



one win this week.

Peter Zahner drew the 7 of Spades, which earned him \$5. An additional \$108 was added to the club treasury last week through purchases totaling \$216. There are 23 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$1972. Maybe Pearl will let some-

3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

Bobbi Bird - February 14
George M. Cohan - February 15

Rotarian Profile

If you haven't already purchased a copy of the **Coastal Elegance & Wealth** magazine, you can buy one at Barnes & Noble. It features our Mr. 50/50, **Jim Renfro** and his wife, **Annie**. We must give credit to the magazine for the picture. Jim is an internationally recognized artist. He and Annie spend almost half the year at his studio in Annie's home country, Sweden. The Renfro Studio Open House is February 24 and 25. You must see his many eclectic creations. The studio is at 10926 E. Terry St. in Bonita Springs. If you don't have \$3.95 for the magazine you can read it at www.ceandw.com. Thanks, Jim, for helping Bonita Springs Rotary raise money for our many projects by conducting our weekly 50/50 Raffle.



Relay for Life

Ray Faubion and **Stephanie Kissinger** captain the Bonita Springs Rotary team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which will be held at the Bonita Springs YMCA, E. Terry and Kent Road (east of I-75, on Friday, March 2 starting at 6:15 P.M. Join Ray and Stephanie on the team by walking in the relay and helping at the fund raising spaghetti dinner. If you haven't gotten your ten tickets at \$10 each to sell or give away see Ray or Stephanie. This is a great way to socialize with your fellow Rotarians and raise money for the fight against cancer. This meets our motto, Service Above Self, and is befitting of the 4 Way Test (see next column).



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Let Me Call you sweetheart

Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you.
 Let me hear you whisper how you love me true.
 Keep the love light burning in your eyes so blue.
 Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you!

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Reverse Raffle

George M. Cohan will be distributing 3 tickets for this event to each Rotarian. This event will be held again this year at Palmira Country Club on Sunday evening, April 22. It is critical to sell or buy the tickets and if you don't sell them return them to George ASAP. Only a limited number of tickets will be printed and sold. Be one of the select group participating in this event. The fun and food are free. This is another opportunity to socialize with fellow Rotarians and their guest and raise money for our worthwhile projects. More later.

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Mardi Gras Benefit Huge Success



Pictured here are top, the **Mike and Gary Murphy** group, **Bill and Susan Caputo**, **Mark and Michelle Petrites** and **Dick and Kathy Fredrickson**

Because of the generosity of over 140 Rotarians and their guests, the 9th Mardi Gras Charity Ball and Auction sponsored by the combined Rotary Clubs of Bonita Springs and held at Pelican Nest Saturday night, February 3 was a huge success.

Guests lingered during cocktails around the almost 100 items in the Silent Auction and the Chinese Auction placing their bids. Then after dinner, bidding was fierce at the Live Auction where over 13 large items were auctioned off. Meanwhile, the Casino was crowded all evening with many hopeful winners. Mark V and his orchestra supplied music for dancing.

Dinner was, in one word, delicious. A perfectly done filet mignon together with pecan crusted grouper, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables complimented with a salad and chocolate mousse dessert met rave reviews by everyone.

Super congratulations are due to the Co-chairmen **Mark McCaw** and **Sheila Seacat** and the 14 committees who worked so hard and long to make this fund raiser for the Bonita Assistance office a success. Some of the committee chairmen and workers from our club included **Jim O'Leary**, **Jim Renfro**, **Roger Brunswick**, **Jose Lopez**, **Mark Humphrey**, **Mark Lewis**, **Gary Price**, **Bobbi Bird** and **RR's Jan Lee** and **Ned Newland**, plus **Sue and Dick Masters**, **Ruth and Gerry Myers**, and **Kathy and Dick Fredrickson**.

Story and photos by **Dick Fredrickson**

Bridewell's Host Super Bowl XLI Party

Over a dozen Rotarians and many spouses enjoyed a big, big screen for viewing the Super Bowl at the fabulous, Tuscan style Miromar Lakes Country Club Sunday night.



Dr. Bruce Bridewell and his lovely wife, Norma, hosted the elegant party for Rotarians and friends. The drinks were plentiful and a beautiful buffet dinner accompanied the entire game. Tasty hors d'oeuvres appeared during the first quarter. A Caesar salad, mouth watering spaghetti and creamy chicken pasta was served during half time.

Then trays of delicious petit fours were brought out during the last quarter for a dessert.

Although the crowd seemed to favor the Chicago Bears, Clara Anne Graham and Martha Erickson left with a knowing smile and an "I told you so" on their faces.



It was a wonderful evening! Thank you, Bruce and Norma.



Pictured here from the top are the cheering crowd, **Dick Masters** and **Jim Renfro** and on the left **Norma and Bruce Bridewell**.

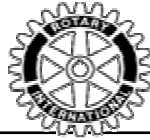
Story and photos by **Dick Fredrickson**

Celebrate Bonita

Please mark your calendars. Celebrate Bonita will be on Sunday, April 1. No fooling. This year it will be one day only. Watch this space for details on how you can volunteer. See if you are able to give 2, 3 or 4 hours of your time to this fun filled event. Even if you were not working at the event you would want to attend. Bonita Springs Rotary offers you the opportunity to work and play at the same time.

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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



February 21, 2007
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Today: FGCU Update

Dr. Joe Shepard, Vice President, Administration of Florida Gulf Coast University will bring us up to date on advancements made at the university to the benefit of all of Southwest Florida.

Last Week: The Regulars



Bill Hise

President-for-a-day, **Bill Hise**, Hayward Area, WI gonged, gonged, gonged the meeting to order at 7:29. **Sid Mathews**, Carbondale, IL, offered the invocation and **Dave Hanley**, Waukesha, WI led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Don Johnson**, Thompson, Canada led the 4-Way Test. Rotary Regular

song master **Jim Friedgen**, Derry Village, NH, led the gathering in singing "*Let Me Call You Sweetheart*". **Dave Zaun**, Terre Haute, IN, acted as Sergeant-at-Arms. Dave wielded a heavy fining hand, collecting double fines from club officers who were caught transgressing, and fining **Roger Brunswick** for having surgery in order to get some free advertising.

Bobbi's Birthday

The Rotary Regular Songbirds, **Hal Cooper** and **Jim Friedgen**, presented a birthday cake to **Bobbi Bird** and serenaded her with "*My Funny Valentine*".



Hal Cooper, Bobbi Bird, Jim Friedgen

Announcements

Gerry Myers, President of the Club's Foundation, presented a check for \$5,000 to **Ryan Smiley** and **Debbie Metzger** of the YMCA for the "Tween Fitness" program.

Bobbi Bird is looking for help rounding up restaurants for Celebrate Bonita which will be held April 1st. This year the entertainment will be the Charlie Daniel's Band. **Jim Dati** needs a few good "beer pourers" to help with this.

Sue Masters is plugging a Literacy Council breakfast at the Hyatt Coconut Point, 8 AM, March 15th.

Bobby Knight and Other Stories



Chuck Marlowe

Bill Hise introduced **Chuck Marlowe** as an "outstanding golfer", the long time voice of Indiana University, and TV personality.

Chuck regaled us with stories of some of the personalities he had become friendly with in his career including Elvis Presley, Joe Foss, Stan Kenton, Cassius Clay, and, of course, Bob Knight. He also told of some of his bloopers including, as a radio DJ, playing the wrong side of Elvis's "Heartbreak Hotel" record.

Chuck had a long time association with Bob Knight, the often controversial coach of IU. Chuck said, "I can't say a bad word about him." He reports the coach's goal was "Making men from boys." He told us the story about a TV program after Knight and IU fans had been abused at Purdue. Knight introduced a donkey as a "Purdue Fan" and said the fan's first name was Jack! One guess as to its last name.

Next Week: Estero HS Interact



The Estero High School Interact Club will be sharing their story. **Sandy Dutko/Jane Klinker**, club sponsors, **Katherine Saterwhite**, 2006 S4TL participant and **Jen Diner**, Interact Club President will be with us thanks to **Steve McIntosh**, Bonita Springs Rotary Vocational Service Chair.

March 2nd: Spaghetti Dinner

The Club is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at the annual Relay for Life, Friday, March 2nd. Donations are \$10. Make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Workers are needed. See **Ray Faubion**.



Don Johnson, a bridge builder from Manitoba



Don Johnson is a long time seasonal visitor from Thompson, Manitoba. Thompson is 500 miles north of Winnipeg. It was sunny in Thompson on Valentine's Day, but the temperature was minus 20 F.

After Don graduated from high school in Vancouver, BC, he joined the family jewelry business as an apprentice. In 1947, he moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba. There he finished his apprenticeship, became a Master Watchmaker and Graduate Jeweller of The Canadian Jewellers Institute, and opened a jewelry store.

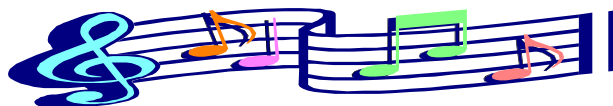
In the early 60's, the International Nickel Company (Inco) found and developed the largest fully integrated nickel mining complex in the free world, 500 miles north of Winnipeg. This included building the totally modern city of Thompson with Canada's first enclosed shopping mall. The city was built to accommodate 20,000 people with a market area population of about 75,000.

Don and his wife, Louise, decided to move to Thompson where they might be the big fish in the small pond rather than the small fish in the Winnipeg pond. They never looked back. In addition to the jewelry business, they were involved in a high rise apartment building, a night club, and a florist business. When they went to Thompson, the highway from Winnipeg ended about 300 miles to the south. Don, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, organized a cavalcade to drive through the forest on logging roads and limestone eskers to Winnipeg to appeal for extending the highway to Thompson. As a result, a gravel road was completed in 1967, and an all weather highway was finished in 1968.

Don has been a member of The Rotary Club of Thompson, Manitoba since 1966. He served as president and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1976. In 1995, he was the project manager for the construction of the "Rotary Bridge over the Grass River". This suspension bridge took two summers to complete and provides hiking access to the Manitoba's highest water fall.

Louise and Don have been married 55 years. They now live on the shore of a pristine lake about 10 miles south of Thompson.

Don says "We live in the best of two worlds, Northern Canada for eight months, and Naples, Florida for four months. Truly 'The Canadian Dream'...eh".



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.

Happy Birthday!

Sue Masters Feb 22

Steve McIntosh Feb 25

Roger Brunswick Feb 26

Harold Eames (rr) Feb 26

\$FIFTY \$2,089 FIFTY \$



Jim Renfro 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—**Bob Pagel**

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March 7th Meeting

at the Elks Club

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



February 28, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Steve McIntosh, Vocational Service Chair, will introduce faculty and members of the Estero High School Interact Club.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Bill Oehler** delivered the invocation. **Mark Petrites** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** conducted the singing of *Give My Regards to Broadway* by George M. Cohan. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Stephanie Kissinger**.

Next Week's Meeting

We are meeting at the Elks Club.

Dave Shellenbarger will present the Community Needs Assessment, which was funded by the Bonita Springs Community Foundation. He will be talking about the past decade and the needs and trends for today and the future.

Hooray for the Rotary Regulars!

Thanks to **Scott Gerrish**, Rotary Regular, for taking charge as the Issue Editor for the Spoke last week. We cannot say enough good about what the Rotary Regulars contribute to our club each week while they are in town. Thanks for contributing your time talents and money. As they say in Alabama, "Y'all come back again, y'hear!"

11th Annual Reverse Raffle

By now **George M. Cohan** has placed in your hands 3 tickets to the Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. This fundraiser is integral to our efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students. You are asked to buy one of the 400 tickets being sold. Sell the other two to your deserving friends and give them an opportunity to win some of the \$17,500 in prizes. The odds don't get much better than this. Details are on the ticket. Mark your calendar, Sunday evening, April 22. Bonita Springs Rotary is depending on you to make a strong effort.

Last Week's Program

Steve McIntosh introduced **Dr. Joe Shepard**, Vice President, Administration, Florida Gulf Coast University. Dr. Shepard told us that FGCU is the fastest



growing university in the country with a student body of 8400 going to 9600 in the fall. Two thousand of them live on campus. FGCU is proud of its #1 rated NCAA Division II women's basketball team, but they have greater pride in the advancements in academics.

They have a new music department. Engineers have recognized for many years the need for business acumen and FGCU has

moved the Engineering Department into the College of Business. Scientists at FGCU are studying to improve the water quality of Lake Okeechobee and are working to solve the red tide problem in the Gulf. So far \$250 million has been raised in Southwest Florida for the benefit of the university. We learned that the investment has been worth it and are fortunate to have this educational resource in our midst.

Noordhoff Craniofacial Clinic

Gerry Myers, President, The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, presented **Dr. Sam Noordhoff** a check for \$1000 to help him in his efforts to help correct facial deformities of children in 3rd World Countries. He is currently working on a project in Nigeria. We learned of the risk of working in that unstable country where he must be accompanied by armed guards at all times.



District Governor Elect Visits



Doug Andrews, District Governor Elect of Rotary District 6890, Tampa area, joined our District Governor Elect, **Gary Israel** to our meeting where Gary told us of the Estero Rotary, his club's, Art Show Fundraiser at Coconut Point on March 31-April 1.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$2188

Don Pixley, visiting Rotarian from Rochester, MI drew the 3 of clubs which earned him \$5. An additional \$99 was added to the club treasury last week. There are 21 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$2188.



3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

Belated Birthday Greetings

Sue Masters - February 22
Steve McIntosh - February 25
Roger Brunswick - February 26

This Week

Jim Renfro - March 2

Rotarian Profiles



This week we are offering the profiles of two Rotarians who joined our club on the same day last year.

Paul Van Valkenburg is a native of Michigan as is his wife, Nancy. Paul is a graduate of Alma College. His first

career was as an educator teaching in elementary school in Michigan and Colorado. He had a short career in real estate and then spent 18 years selling office products. He entered the mortgage lending business 7 years ago and moved here with GMAC Mortgage 3 years ago. He and Nancy have one son, who will graduate from New College in Sarasota this spring. Paul was recruited to Rotary by **Ray Faubion**. **Stephanie Kissinger**, Co-Chair of the Bonita Springs Rotary's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Team is married to Steven. She is originally from Dallas, Texas. She graduated with a degree in Sociology from Montana State University in Bozeman. Stephanie is a specialist in Member Sales and Marketing with the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. She was introduced to Rotary by **Jose Lopez**.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!
Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Twins at Red Sox 7:05 PM Tonight

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

Relay for Life

Ray Faubion and **Stephanie Kissinger** captain the Bonita Springs Rotary team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life which will be held at the Bonita Springs YMCA, E. Terry and Kent Road (east of I-75, this Friday, March 2 starting at 6:15 P.M. Join Ray and Stephanie on the team by walking in the relay and helping at the fund raising spaghetti dinner. If you haven't gotten your ten tickets at \$10 each to sell or give away see Ray or Stephanie.

Gators Corrected

It took Bonita Springs Rotarian, **Guy Quinn's**, research to determine that the Gators were not the first school to hold national championships simultaneously in both basketball and football. As was reported by the Lexington Herald-Leader, www.kentucky.com the 1950 University of Kentucky Wildcats did it winning the NCAA basketball trophy in the spring and the national title in football under the legendary greatest football coach of all time, Paul "Bear" Bryant that fall. Congratulations, Gators, but let's set the record straight, the Wildcats did it first.

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March 7, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Meeting at the Elk's Club

This Week's Program

Mark McCaw will introduce Rotarian **Dave Shellenbarger**. Dave will present the Community Needs Assessment, which was funded by the Bonita Springs Community Foundation. The study provides an overview of the changes in Bonita Springs in the last decade, and reveals the needs and trends occurring today.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Gerry Myers** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** conducted a rousing rendition of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Clara Anne Graham**.

Eighth Annual Celebrate Bonita

April 1st in Downtown Bonita Springs Noon to 7 PM

Headliners for entertainment will be *The Charlie Daniels Band* and *Emerson Drive*. The **International Chili Society** has sanctioned the chili cook-off contest and there will be a rib cook-off, too. You are needed to provide the manpower selling food and beverage tickets and dispensing beer, soft drinks and water. Sign up sheets are passed around at each meeting.

Jim Dati and **Bobbi Bird** head up the Bonita Springs Rotary effort in support of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. Serving with them are **Guy Quinn**, **Jose Lopez**, **Roger Brunswick**, **Sandy Scoggins** and **Stephanie Kissinger**. Please join them now to help in contacting local restaurants to ask them to have a food booth at the event. By the way, **Jim Dati**, **Jose Lopez**, **Ray Faubion** and **Mark McCaw** serve on the Bonita Springs Assistance Office Board of Directors.

Upcoming Programs

March 14 - **Ellen Nichols**, Director of SuperKids Camp of Bonita, will present a description of the program and the results being accomplished through the work of her agency, New Horizons of SW Florida.

Last Week's Program

Steve McIntosh introduced the Interact Club of Estero High School. Steve, the Bonita Springs Vocational Service Director, is responsible for the support that our club offers the students and staff at the school.



Ms. Jayne Klinker was selected as Teacher of the Month. She is a Sponsor of Interact and is a Reading Specialist at EHS. Up until this year she taught business courses. She has taught for 22 years, 19 in Lee County.

Jennifer Diner is not only the President of Interact, but also the President of the Student Body at EHS. She is obviously a proven leader at the school.



Brittany Nichols is Vice-President of Interact. She is a student athlete at EHS. She has lettered numerous times in basketball, volleyball, track and softball.

Kathryn Satterwhite is Secretary of Interact at EHS. Rotarians will remember her as a past award winner as Student of the Month.



Jennifer Griffith is the Academic Student of the Month. She carries a 4.44 GPA on a 4.0 scale. That means she completes a lot of extra credit. She is undecided on her school next year. She is considering FGCU, the University of Miami and Northern Arizona University. She has good reason to consider NAU. They have offered her a scholarship worth \$23,000. She will be studying to become a dental hygienist.

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\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$2295



Carl Bals drew the nine of hearts which earned him \$5. An additional \$107 was added to the club treasury last week. There are 20 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$2295.

3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Rotarian Profiles

This week we are featuring a couple of Wisconsin natives and Green Bay Packer backers, **Bobbi Bird** and **Jim Dati**. You can see Jim's hat. You will have to look closely to see Bobbi's Packer earrings.



Bobbi graduated from the University in Madison, Wisconsin with a degree in music. She went to Maine in 1980 expecting to stay for the summer. She met **Henry** and stayed until she came to Bonita over 3 years ago. Bobbi and Henry have 5 children in their merged family and have 4 grandchildren. She joined Rotary in 1991 in Maine and transferred her Rotary membership to Bonita Springs Rotary. Lucky, Lucky us. There is no one more dedicated to our efforts than Bobbi. You see her everywhere. Don't miss a party that she hosts. She is a blue ribbon cook and baker. **Sue Masters** sponsored her. Bobbi's classification is Medical Assistant.

Jim Dati is a shareholder in the Green Bay Packers. Now you know an owner of an NFL team. He is a partner in the law firm, Bond, Schoeneck & King, P.A. where he practices business and real estate transactional law. We can thank **Jim O'Leary** for sponsoring Jim. He is a father of two lovely daughters of whom he is exceedingly proud and he says, "I am fortunate to have found the love of my life, **Annette**". Jim did his undergraduate work at Marquette in Milwaukee and he graduated from Creighton University Law School in Omaha. Those are two Jesuit schools. Jim will have to tell us more.



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.

Happy Birthday!

Frank Ogden - March 10
 Charles Knecht - March 11

11th Annual Reverse Raffle

George M. Cohan has distributed tickets to the Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. This fundraiser is integral to our efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students. You are asked to buy one of the 400 tickets being sold at \$100. Sell the other two to your deserving friends and give them an opportunity to win some of the \$17,500 in prizes. The odds don't get much better than this. Details are on the ticket. Mark your calendar, Sunday evening, April 22. Bonita Springs Rotary is depending on you to make a strong effort.

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Last Week's Program (continued)



Crissy Tross was selected as the EHS Student of the Month for Service. She raised the most money at EHS in the recent Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk/Run. Crissy attended S4TL and was quite impressed with that program. She will be attending FGCU in the fall.

Mallory Hodas is leading the International Project for the Interact Club at EHS. The club will be holding a brownie sale at the school in the near future and the members hope to raise money to buy water pumps to be sent to 3rd World Countries to help provide clean water.

Mallory will be attending the University of Florida. Bonita Springs Rotarians were so moved by this Interact project that the hat was passed and over \$100 was collected at last week's meeting.



Foundation News

Dick Fredrickson reports that at their February 26 board meeting The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs voted to give \$1000 to the Bonita Springs Literacy Council for the purchase of books and \$1000 to the EHS Run Shoppe Road Runners for their project to build an all weather running track. This is our thank you to them for their help in unloading trees for our Christmas tree sales project. Another \$1000 was sent to Rotary District 6960 for relief of the victims of the recent tornadoes in northern Florida.

Dick would like to remind us that the foundation's money was split off from the club's finances in order to guarantee that there would be no questions regarding the tax deductibility of funds donated.

Remember the needs of our local area that can be met by tax deductible contributions as well as donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Each are doing very valuable work in communities.

Ambassadorial Scholar Visit

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Program Hosts Needed

Bobbi Bird, Program Director for Bonita Springs Rotary, is looking for program hosts for April, May and June. Many speakers are lined up, so much of the work has been done.

This Space Available

Would your committee like to publicize an event or report on your activities? This space is available. Write your story in Microsoft Word and email it to me, Bob Pagel, at bobandbarbarapagel@msn.com. Attach a photo in jpeg format and we'll include that, too. The story can ask for volunteers, report on progress or tell of the success of your venture. President, **Dick Fredrickson**, did an outstanding job of reporting on Mardi Gras and the Super Bowl Party.

Bonita Springs Utility Commission

John Spear needs our help to count the votes in the upcoming election for the Board of Directors of the commission. You will be needed on Sunday afternoon on March 18. This will raise \$1500 for our club.

Rotary District 6960 Conference

Let's plan to be well represented at the District Conference May 3 through 5 at the Colony Beach and Tennis Club at Longboat Key. Mark your calendar now. Details to follow.

The Rotary Club of Clewiston

Help the Clewiston Rotary and have fun, too. They are having a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships on Saturday, March 10 at 9 AM, shotgun start. Registration at 8. If you don't have a team they will find one for you. The cost is \$75, which includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch, goodie bags and more. Contact Jack Webb at jwebb@gate.net or 863-902-0493.

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 14, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Mark McCaw will introduce Ellen Nichols, Director of SuperKids Camp in Bonita Springs. She will present a description of the program and how it aligns with the resources of the schools and will tell of the results that are being accomplished through the work of her agency, New Horizons of SW Florida.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Kenny King** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** ably conducted the Bonita Springs Mixed Chorus in a rendition of *Sing Rotarians*, which was easily recognized by former Minnesotans, since it was sung to the tune, On Wisconsin. Dang, they scored again. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Peter Zahner**.

Eighth Annual Celebrate Bonita

April 1st in Downtown Bonita Springs Noon to 7 PM

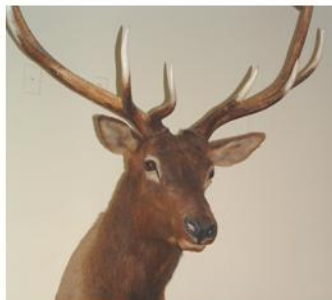
Headliners for entertainment will be *The Charlie Daniels Band* and *Emerson Drive*. The International Chili Society has sanctioned the chili cook-off contest and there will be a rib cook-off, too. You are needed to provide the manpower selling food and beverage tickets and dispensing beer, soft drinks and water. Sign up sheets are passed around at each meeting. If you have not signed up yet and would like to know more about how you are needed see **Jim Dati** and **Bobbi Bird**, project chairs. Let's thank them, too.

Upcoming Programs

March 21 - **Frank Willett** will be speaking on Rotary District 6960 policy regarding Abuse and Harassment. This is important, since we are involved with children and youth through our various programs, Interact, Rotaract, S4TL, Dictionary Day, Students of the Month, etc.

March 28 - Kara Minoui from The D'Jamoos Group will make a presentation about Estero on the River, which will be home to the Gulfshore Playhouse.

Thank You, Elks Club!



This past week we met at the Elks Club and were hosted by **Dick Masters** (he's the Elk on the right). Dick is no stranger to us. He's **Sue Masters'** husband. When is the last time you had biscuits and gravy? Breakfast was great. Thanks, Dick, for tending to our needs. While we are offering thanks to the Elks, we'd like to thank them for providing the sauce for the spaghetti dinner that we served at the Rotary team tent at the Bonita Springs Relay for Life event on Friday, March 2.

Last Week's Program

Mark McCaw introduced fellow Bonita Springs Rotarian, **Dave Shellenbarger**.

Dave made a presentation on the Bonita Springs Community Needs Assessment. Dave serves on the Board of Directors of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation, which funded the study. We learned that there has been much progress in the past ten years, but that the rapid growth has brought on problems, which need to be solved by the leaders of the community, many who are Rotarians. Dave talked about the "barbell population" of South Lee County. There are many affluent and many low and very low income families in the area. Programs are lacking and those that are in place are being stretched to the limit. He talked of the concerns with the environment. Estero Bay gets poor marks from the Conservancy of SW Florida. You should have received a copy of the study by email. If not, contact Dave at dfshell@aol.com.



Bonita Springs Utility Commission

John Spear needs our help to count the votes in the upcoming election for the Board of Directors of the commission. You will be needed on Sunday, March 18 beginning at 1 PM on March 18. It takes 50 to 60 person hours to complete the count. Let's see, if 30 people volunteer it will take about 2 hours of our time. We will raise \$1500 for our club. Please email John at spear@johnnspear.com and volunteer your time. Give you name, phone number and any time limitations.

Happenings

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April 7 - **Night At the Ice** for the benefit of The Children's Hospital. The Florida Everblades play the Augusta Lynx in their last regular season home game at Germain Arena on this Saturday night event. It should be a sell out. Ticket price is \$14. Call the Children's Hospital Foundation Office at 239-985-3550 to reserve your seats. Hint: If you go, dress warm. It is cold in the arena even if it is warm outside.

April 20 - Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club is holding its **3rd Annual Duck Pluck** fund raiser. You are curious aren't you? Visit www.firstgiving.com/duckpluck. You can participate for as little as \$10. There are many prizes topped by a 5 day cruise for 2. Money will go to the Rotary Futures Program to assist students in achieving higher education goals.

May 3 - Let's plan to be well represented at the **Rotary District 6960** Conference May 3 through 5 at the Colony Beach and Tennis Club at Longboat Key. Mark your calendar now. For details and registration go to www.rotary6960.org

Guy Quinn Needs Your Email Addresses

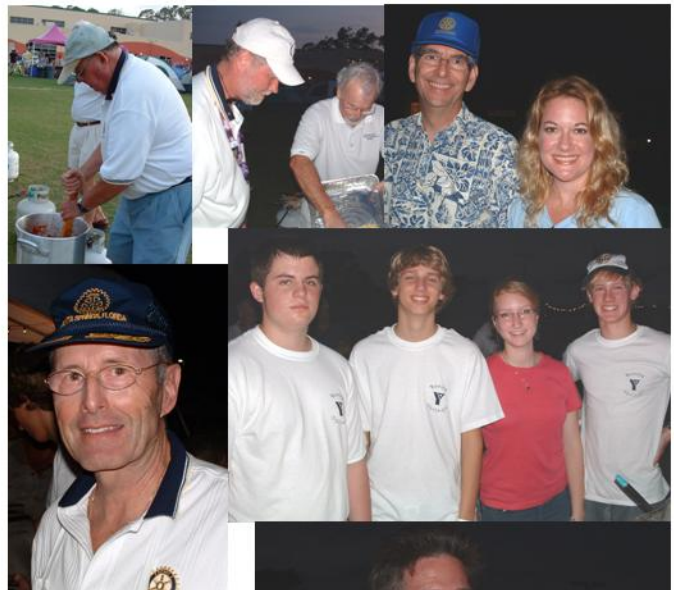
As previously reported **Guy Quinn** needs your correct email addresses. The club will be sending your quarterly bills by this method starting April 1. Contact Guy at guy.quinn@raymondjames.com to make any corrections. There will be a savings in postage of about \$150/year, not to mention the labor savings. This is another way to modernize our business practices.

Shots For Tots

Dave Edwards tells us that this month 25 families were served. One family with 2 children had one of the children receive 7, the other, 9 immunizations. **Hank and Vicki Schelling, Ira Hawk** and Dave's wife **Betty Edwards** helped Dave with this much needed project. **Dave Shellenbarger** emphasized this in his talk last week.

Relay for Life a Success

Ray Faubion and **Stephanie Kissinger** our Bonita Springs Rotary Relay for Life Team captains are to be commended. The team served over 175 spaghetti dinners and raised over \$4,000 at the event. All participating teams raised over \$100,000. Thanks to the Elks Club for furnishing the sauce and Naples Tomato for providing the noodles.



Workers from upper left clockwise: Harold Eames RR, Ray Faubion w/ Andy Frech RR, Paul Van Valkenberg w/ Stephanie Kissinger, "The All



Night Crew" Tyler Marzella, Hunter Faubion, Maria Fiala and Curran Petrites, Mary Lou Battig and Jim Wolfe w/ Nancy Wykoff and Peter Zahner. Rotarians again proved that many hands make light work and a fund raiser can be a fun time to socialize. Hats off to our Rotary Regulars for making our club better for your efforts. You have proven the value of our seasonal visitors. Thank you Rotarians for involving your children and friends. It is much appreciated.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$2419

Jim Renfro, Fifty/Fifty Meister was absent, so Bobbi Bird and Frank Mazzeo filled in for him. Mark McCaw drew the jack of diamonds which earned him \$5. An additional \$124 was added to the club treasury. There are 19 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$2419.



3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Rotarian Profile



George M. Cohan, III isn't always this serious, sometimes he is more serious, especially when the success of Reverse Raffle is on the line. We know him as the Bonita Springs Rotary Sergeant-at-Arms. He should at least have the title of Master Sergeant-at-Arms. He attacks his pet project like Patton rolling toward the Rhine. George has resided in

Bonita Springs for 23 years and claims to be a passionate golfer and huge Florida Gator supporter. We wouldn't for a moment question the latter, George. He is Vice President and Regional Sales Manager for Colonial Bank, Southwest Florida Region. In addition to his sales management duties, George designs and facilitates sales leadership, relationship selling, and motivational seminars for Colonial Bank. He is a nationally known speaker on sales and service, as well as an annual faculty member of BAI's Graduate School of Retail Banking at the University of Wisconsin. A fellow faculty member, David Cole, who resides in Naples, has commented about George, "My classroom is next to George's and they sure seem to be enjoying themselves by the sounds of the laughter." Are we surprised by that observation? When asked about the importance of Reverse Raffle, George states, "It has been our #3 ranked fund raiser, maybe #2, now. It is a lot easier selling Reverse Raffle tickets than moving Noble Firs. If we sell 400 tickets at \$100 that is a total of \$40,000. The event costs about \$8,000. We award \$17,500. The balance goes to our club. We award \$500 to the first ticket drawn, \$1,000 to #100 and \$1,000 to #200 and \$15,000 to #400." You will be remiss if you don't buy one and sell two tickets. If you haven't been, wait until you sample the hors d'oeuvres. Its an *"extravaganza."*



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.

Happy Birthday!

Bob Lorenz - March 19

11th Annual Reverse Raffle

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Spoke Folk

Editor: **Bob Pagel**

Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 21, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Mark McCaw will introduce **Frank Willett**, who will make a presentation pertaining to Rotary District 6960's Abuse and Harassment policy. You might say that we are having compliance training. This is necessary since we work with youth in programs such as Interact, Rotaract, S4TL, Dictionary Day and Students of the Month.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Jason Dolle** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** with help from Rotary Regular, **Frank Keck**, Champaign, IL, led us in a rousing rendition of *God Bless America*. We never sounded better. I think we like that song. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Mac McBride**.

Happenings

Please remember the following dates. Check previous issues of the Spoke on our website for details or see the project chairs to volunteer your time, talents and money.

March 30 - Ambassadorial Scholar from the People's Republic of China will speak at the College of Rotarian Governors' Banquet. See **Dick Fredrickson**.

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Upcoming Programs

March 28 - Kara Minoui from The D'Jamoos Group will make a presentation about Estero on the River, which will be home to the Gulfshore Playhouse.

April 25 - Al Oerter, 4 time Olympic Gold Medalist.

Last Week's Program

Mark McCaw introduced **Ellen Nichols**, Program Director and Founder of New Horizons of Southwest Florida, which has three programs. Super Kids Club, Super Kids Church and the Star of the Sea Youth Sailing Program. We expected to learn about another opportunity to make a difference in Bonita Springs and our Rotary Club was not disappointed in what we learned.



Ellen and her spouse, **Bob Nichols**, are serving over 100 disadvantaged children in our area. Due to efforts of the Nichols those kids are being given the opportunity to have a future amongst those of us who are the advantaged. Ellen, a lifetime resident of Bonita Springs, began her talk with a quote from **John W. Whitehead** of the Rutherford Institute who said, "Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." We were shown slides of Ellen and the many volunteers in action. Two weeks ago **Dave Shellenbarger** told us about the work of the Bonita Springs Community Foundation and this past week we witnessed evidence by seeing children using the 60 lap top computers funded by them. To learn more about New Horizons, go to www.mysuperkidsclub.org. To volunteer, call Ellen at 565-6714 or email her at newhorizonsofswfl@msn.com. New Horizons is a 501 (c)3 organization. The Nichols' primary goal in doing their work in our community is to break the "cycle of poverty." Thank you, Ellen and Bob for being an example that meets the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

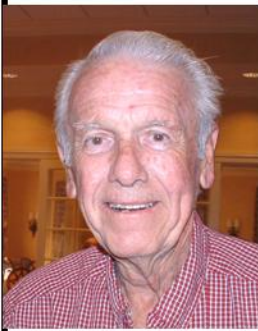
Moms and Tots Literacy Program

Sue Masters is looking for volunteers to distribute books at six Moms and Tots Literacy Program sites. Two Rotarians are needed at each location Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30. This is a two hour "feel good" opportunity. If you haven't had the chance to sign up, see Sue or call her at 949-2419.

Rotary Shirts Available

Guy Quinn is distributing Bonita Springs Rotary shirts, free of charge, to be worn at events. Get yours today.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$2512



In the absence of **Jim Renfro**, **Bobbi Bird** and **Frank Mazzeo** sold the chances and **George Cohan** conducted the drawing. **Dick Emerson**, Rotary Regular, Haverhill MA, drew the 5 of diamonds for \$5. We were all holding our breath when George told us that Dick is a past Reverse Raffle winner. An additional \$93 was added to the club treasury. There are 18 cards remaining with one ace worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$2512.

3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Rotarian Profile

Jason Dolle is one of our newest members. You will see more of him in April, since he will be our program host. Jason was born in Cincinnati, OH and spent most of his growing up years in Greenhills where his family roots are deep. The gazebo in the town center is dedicated to his grandparents on his mom's side. Jason was the oldest of about 40 cousins and remembered being the go-to babysitter for his aunts' and uncles' kids. He considered that a fun experience even when having 10 of them in tow. Jason graduated from the University of Cincinnati where he was a Phi Delta Theta member. His degree is in Computer Engineering, but as important as acquiring a degree was finding his beautiful bride, **Mindy Dolle**. Jason didn't waste time in deciding she was the one. They met at the "Bearcat Mixer" as a freshman even before classes had started. They have been married for three years. Though his education fits more in line with designing computer chips he is a website designer. While still in college Jason traveled to Japan and Korea a number of times working as a consultant for such companies as Hitachi, LG, IBM and Orion. Right after college he had the great experience of a month backpack trip across Europe. He has been a partner in his own businesses for 4 years. He considers himself blessed to have as clients of his company, RBD Studios, John R. Wood, Balistreri Realty, Victor Wooten and Robyn Pfister Griffin, to name just a few. Thanks, **Ken King**, for bringing Jason to Bonita Springs Rotary.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Home on the Range

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

Chorus:

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

Music Notes by Steve Krchniak

Do you have any favorite songs that might be added to our weekly list? Any ideas are welcome. Newer songs, Rotary lyrics fitted to well known melodies, even other oldies but goodies will be considered by an ad hoc committee of Jim Dati, Gil Urick, and Steve Krchniak. We're a fine singing club and it might be time to tweak our repertoire a bit. Let any of the above know your recommendations. Do we have any shy lyricists bursting with creative energy?

After last week's presentation by Ellen Nichols, the Board of Directors agreed to donate our rarely used electronic Yamaha keyboard to the SuperKids Camp in Bonita Springs. Ellen is a pianist and was happy to accept the gift. She has a number of ideas for its use in their program.

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Spoke Folk

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

District 6960 Club 4305

Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 28, 2007

Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

This Week's Program

Bobbi Bird will introduce **Kara Minoui**, who will introduce a team from The D'Jamoos Group. A presentation will be made about Estero on the River, which will be home to the Gulfshore Playhouse.

Last Week—The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. **Ira Hawk** delivered the invocation. **Gary Colechio** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** with help from **Ron Anderson** and District 6960 Governor Elect, **Gary Israel**, led us in singing *Home on the Range*. The 4 way Test was recited with help from **Gary Murphy**.

Happenings

March 30 - Ambassadorial Scholar from the People's Republic of China will speak at the College of Rotarian Governors' Banquet. See **Dick Fredrickson**.

March 31 - Estero Rotary's First Annual Art Fest at Coconut Point. See **Gary Israel**.

April 1 - Celebrate Bonita. See **Bobbi Bird**, **Guy Quinn** or **Jim Dati**. Your help is needed. This is the first opportunity to wear your new Bonita Springs Rotary Shirt. See **Guy** for your shirt.

April 19, 20 and 21 - Romeo and Juliet Redefined presented by Gulfshore Playhouse at Naples Cambier Park. See **Sue Masters** or go to www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

April 22 - Reverse Raffle. See **George Cohan**. Do not wait until the last minute to turn in unsold tickets. You do not want to face the "Wrath of Con, whoops, Cohan."

May 3-5 - Rotary District 6960 District Conference. Go to www.Rotary6960.org for details and registration.

Next Week's Program

Jason Dolle will introduce **Christine Hause**, Director of Donor Development, who will give an overview of WGCU that will include the role of public broadcasting in Southwest Florida and its relationship with FGCU.

Last Week's Program

Mark McCaw introduced **Frank Willett**, Rotary District 6960 Youth Exchange Chair, who conducted what amounted to the official Rotary International compliance training for Rotarians with regard to working with youth. Visiting Rotary District Governor Elect, **Gary Israel**, reinforced all of what Frank told us. The potential for abuse and harassment is of serious concern to Rotary International, District 6960 and should be to Bonita Springs Rotary. Organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and churches have stepped out ahead of Rotary in addressing the issue. Frank wanted to assure us that Rotary is not less concerned. It is Rotary's policy that any Rotarian who will work with youth on a one on one basis will submit to a background check by the local police. Bonita Springs Rotary has access to the official policy documents of Rotary International regarding this matter and anyone involved in volunteering with youth should study them. Anyone in the community whether Rotarian or not who will have youth, such as Rotary Exchange students, in their homes must agree to both announced and unannounced visits by people responsible for Rotary programs according to Frank. We are fortunate to have **Frank Willett** take on this difficult task as Compliance Officer for District 6960 and to present this vital information to our club and the many clubs throughout the district.



Fred Partin on PETS

Fred Partin attended PETS in Orlando last weekend. PETS is the President Elect Training Session and Fred offered a brief summary of his training. We learned that the Rotary Motto for Rotary International President, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's year 2007-2008 will be "Rotary Shares." The key statement that Fred shared with us comes as a question, "Are you a Rotarian or do you just belong to Rotary?" President, **Dick Fredrickson**, reinforced what Fred contributed by asking our club members to answer the call for help on our various projects. Have you contacted **Bobbi Bird**, **Guy Quinn**, and **Jim Dati** to help make Celebrate Bonita a success?

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Pot: \$2639



worth \$100 if drawn and the joker worth \$2639.

3 tickets for \$2, 5 for \$3, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Welcome back, **Jim Renfro**, Mr. 50/50. **Ron Anderson** drew the 4 of Spades for \$5. An additional \$127 was added to the club treasury. There are 17 cards remaining with one ace

Rotarian Profile

Mark McCaw is definitely a Rotarian. He is the epitome of Service Above Self. He is a leader in business, in the community and in life. **Mark** and his wife **Karen** and three children, **Christina**, **Jackie** and **Richard** live in Estero. In business **Mark** is the team leader of the **McCaw Group**, which serves high net worth individuals and small businesses. With over 15 years experience he promotes a long-term approach to investing and emphasizes financial planning to help clients determine their financial needs and risk tolerance. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in Business Administration with concentration in Finance and Economics. **Mark** is a past president of our club and currently serves on the board. He is President of the Bonita Assistance Office, President and Trustee of the Bonita Springs Chamber Foundation, Past Chairman of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce and has been Chairman of the Mardi Gras Charity Gala since 1998. He is very involved with the United States Swimming Association as a national referee for swim meets. When **Mark** finds time for leisure he enjoys swimming, golfing, and camping. Recently **Mark** stepped forward and agreed to have the **McCaw Group** print the Spoke, which will save Bonita Springs Rotary about \$1,000 for the year. We can thank **Mike O'Dell** for introducing **Mark McCaw** to Rotary.



BSU Thank You

John Spear and **Fred Partin** thanked Bonita Springs Rotarians, Rotary Regulars, spouses and friends, 25 in all, who counted the votes on Sunday, March 18 at John's office. Many hands made short work, 2 hours and the Bonita Springs Utility votes were counted.



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!

Happy Birthday!

Jason Dolle - March 31

Donations Made for Tornado Relief



Dick Frederickson and **Gerry Myers** presented checks to **Bob Peiser**, \$900 for a shelter box, and to **Gary Israel**, \$1,000 for tornado relief fund of Rotary District 6960. **Bob** is from Lakewood Ranch Rotary in Rotary District 6960 and is Co-Director of Shelter Box USA. The money donated helped in the relief effort the result of the devastating tornados in North Florida in January.

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Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**. **Gerry Myers** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** kept us on our feet to sing **America** and we did sing it well. **Frank Keck**, Rotary Regular from Champaign, IL, with help from his friends, led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

New Spoke Format

The Spoke is in a new format thanks to **Mark McCaw** and Morgan Stanley. Our printing bill for the Spoke has been about \$1,000 each year. We can only imagine what we would pay to have it printed in color. Thank you, Mark. Please note that the club roster is on our web-site. Ask if you don't know the sign in and password info. We will print the roster and have it available at the sign in table. Take one if you don't use a computer. Make-up meeting locations can be found at www.rotary6960.org.

Next Week's Meeting

Kevin Lewis of SWFL Addiction Services will speak about substance abuse.

Last Week's Program



Betsy D'Jamoos, Brad Guarino, and Andy D'Jamoos of the D'Jamoos Group presented **Estero on the River**, the latest venture of

the group. We learned early in the presentation about projects in the area that they have completed or are in the process of completing including Galleria at the Forum and Orion Center in Fort Myers; Plaza del Sol, Coconut Crossing and Corkscrew Palms in Estero; and Vanderbilt Galleria, Sao Grato and Andalucia in Naples. Though there are many obstacles in their path the team has a plan to accomplish completion. Included in the new community, which is being built in their "Smart Village" spirit will be 530 residences. There will be homes affordable to people working in the area such as teachers, police and fire fighters. There will be 300,000 square feet of commercial space including retail, restaurants and a boutique hotel, general and medical office space and the new 36,000 square foot **Gulfshore Playhouse**, which the group has donated. Estero on the River will be a complete town with access to other areas by Lee Tran, but many people will live, play and shop within walking distance in a town with sidewalks on both sides of tree lined streets. Main Street will be on the shore of a lake and the Estero River is at the heart of the community. The environment will be upgraded through the removal of exotic plants and a buffer will be created on both sides of the river.

Estero on the River is the culmination of a vision of the D'Jamoos family and their company.

Students of the Month

Steve McIntosh, Vocational Service Chairperson, introduced **Michelle Lauber**, Estero High School Service Student of the Month, who is a junior, and for the fourth year in a row was recently elected class president. She is on the Swim Team and is Captain of the Girls La Crosse team. She has been involved in student government throughout her high school career.



He introduced **Elizabeth Selle**, Academic Student of the Month, too. Elizabeth has a 4.0 GPA. She will be attending Florida State University in the fall. She is on the Swim Team and volunteers at the Bonita Springs Charter School. We are fortunate to have such stellar students in our area and they are good citizens as well. Congratulations, Michelle and Elizabeth.



Don Manley Inducted



Don is not new to Rotary. He was a Rotarian in the Findley Ohio Rotary Club for 27 years. Don's classification is Nursing Home Administration. Don is familiar to many of us. We learned that he is a worker during our Christmas Tree Sales project. Don, we are happy to have you join us.

President, **Dick Fredrickson**, inducted our newest Rotarian, **Don Manley**. **Ken King** proposed Don for

Happenings

Today - Join **Dave Shellenbarger** immediately after the meeting to participate in the **Lee Memorial Hospital Visioning Project** focus group to study the health care needs in South Lee County. This will take an hour and a half of your time.

April 19, 20, and 21 at 8 PM at the Cambier Park Bandshell in Naples for the premier of the Gulfshore Playhouse original production of **Romeo and Juliet Redefined**. Contact **Sue Masters** for information.

April 22 - Reverse Raffle. See **George Cohan** for details and additional tickets. Let's keep George happy by turning back any unused tickets ASAP. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and Bonita Springs Rotary needs your help.

May 3-5 - Rotary District 6960 Conference. Details and registration can be found at the district website, www.Rotary6960.org.

Upcoming Programs

April 18 - Al Oerter, 4 time Olympic Gold Medalist will be sharing a program with us regarding a new venture, **The Olympic Art Museum**, in Fort Myers. The museum will feature Al's abstract art and art of other Olympians. The museum will be one of a very limited number of venues allowed to display the Olympic flag and the Olympic rings and use the name Olympians. You won't want to miss this program.

May 16 - Jeffrey Lytle, Editorial Page and Sunday Perspective Section Editor of the Naples Daily News will be our featured speaker. Mr. Lytle has won numerous awards for his editorial writing, headline writing, page design, in depth reporting, photography and general excellence in newspaper editing.

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For **Ron Anderson** it is not the third time is the charm it is the second time is the charm. We featured Ron last week when he drew the 4 of Spades. Here the smiling Ron holds the joker



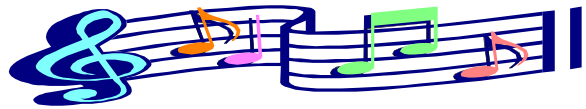
worth **\$2639**. This week we are back to a \$500 pot. \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2 and 10 for

Rotarian Profile

Sandy Scoggins came to this area from Naperville, IL where she almost became a Rotarian. She even got as far as completing orientation and then she and husband, **Keith**, were lured to beautiful SW Florida as are so many of us transplants. Sandy and Keith have two daughters, **Erin** age 21 and **Kelsey** 18.



One evening over dinner with **Bob** and **Barbara Pagel**, the subject of Rotary came up and Bonita Springs Rotary is fortunate Sandy joined us. Sandy is an RN, has a Masters of Education from the University of Missouri in St. Louis and in the past has taught nursing. Her classification is Health Insurance. She has worked for United Health Care for 20 years. Her title is Senior Director. She works from her home, as does Keith, and she is on her computer and phone all day. She is responsible for managing a 3 to 5 million dollar daily claim inventory for seven claim offices around the world, which means she is in charge of making sure claims get processed in a timely fashion. Sandy is a volunteer with Bonita Springs Rotary's Shots for Tots. She has worked at Rotary projects such as Celebrate Bonita and recently signed up as a teacher of 20 students of the Literacy Council. Thanks, Sandy for not just joining Rotary, but for becoming a Rotarian.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

All Hail To Rotary

All hail to Rotary!
Steadfast and strong
We'll strive to hold our course
Though days seem dark
And things go wrong
Service in all we do
Friends ever free
Until we meet once more
Here's health to all our friends'
In Rotary

Happy Birthday!

Jim O'Leary - April 4

Help Wanted

The Spoke Folk need you. We need writers, photographers and people who use Microsoft Publisher. See me, please. **Bob Pagel**

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Upcoming Programs

Jason Dolle will introduce **Al Oerter**, 4 time Olympic Gold Medalist who will be sharing a program with us regarding a new venture, **The Olympic Art Museum**, in Fort Myers.

April 25 - **Jason Dolle** will introduce a speaker, TBA.

May 16 - **Jeffrey Lytle**, Editorial Page and Sunday Perspective Section Editor of the Naples Daily News will be our featured speaker.

Shots for Tots

Dave Edwards, his wife, **Betty**, **Ira Hawk** and **Sandy Scoggins** helped 25 families with 75 tots receive lots of shots. God Bless You!

Last Week's Program

Jason Dolle introduced **Paula Sklodowski** of WGCU. We learned that they operate from their location at FGCU, which holds their license.



WGCU is our Public Television and Radio outlet here in SW Florida and it has been operating since 1983. Paula is a graduate of Ohio University in Athens. She asked for a show of hands. We learned that most of us listen to and watch WGCU, but a minority of us support their efforts. Of the funds received by public radio and television less than \$2 per citizen in the U.S. is paid by the federal government. Most of the funds used to keep WGCU operating comes from private donations. We were offered a copy of the WGCU monthly magazine, Expressions. You will get a copy each month if you contribute. Expressions contains a monthly program guide. To learn more about WGCU, go to their website at www.wgcu.org.

Happenings

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April 23 - **29 Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWFL** in conjunction with Barnes and Noble will be holding a book fair for the benefit of the organization. See **Bob Rosier** or go to www.hereforthechildren.org for details.

Happenings (contd.)

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June 9 - Installation of the Bonita Springs Rotary Officers and Board of Directors.

Please mark your calendars for this great event to be held at the Spanish Wells Country Club. Watch this space for details.

Bonita Springs Assistance Office



Lois Hollands, Administrator, Bonita Springs Assistance Office, is shown holding a check for \$32,010.96, which were the funds raised by Mardi Gras, our joint fund raiser with the Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club. Representing our club here are **Dick Fredrickson**, President, **Mark McCaw**, Mardi Gras Co-Chair and President of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office and **Gerry Myers**, President of the Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Lois shared with us details on how the office functions in support of the many people in need in our area. Mark shared with us the proposed establishment of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office Foundation. He told us of the vision of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, the Bonita Partnership for Compassion and the City of Bonita Springs to establish a Human Services Campus to better serve the people of this area.

Ian Waterhouse Dream Maker

Bonita Springs Rotary presented a check for \$1000 to **Ian Waterhouse** a student at Estero High School who arranged to take a group of young cancer patients by bus to the Magic Kingdom to visit Mickey and Minnie and to take their minds off of their problems for a day.



He calls his project "Give a Child a Wish." The money will be used to help defray the cost of the project. This enterprising young man arranged for the bus trip to be donated. Ian you are a blessing to us. Keep up the good work.

Road Runners Recognized



Our club presented a \$1000 check to the 3D-Run Shoppe Road Runners Club for their help in unloading Christmas trees during our sale. Estero High School track coach, Jeff Sommer accepted the check, which will go to a

fund to help pay for an all weather track at the high school. It is but a small portion of the funds needed, but it is a start.

Rotary Leadership Training

On May 12 the Rotary Leadership Institute will conducting a training session at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County. Details can be found at www.rlittraining.org. This is invaluable especially for incoming officers and board members.

**\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$579**

Paul Helbing drew the Ace of Spades out of the new deck of 53 cards and took home \$100. Our treasury increased by \$79 last week. Two weeks ago **Ron Anderson** collected \$2639. Last week he had to pay fines for everyone at his table. Way to go, George M. Cohan.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Zippity-Do-Da

Zippity-Do-Da, Zippity-A
My, oh, my what a wonderful day.
Plenty of sunshine headin' my way
Zippity-Do-Da, Zippity-A.
Mr. Blue Bird on my shoulder
It's the truth...It's actual...
Everything's satisfactual.
Zippity-Do-Da, Zippity-A
What a wonderful feeling,
What a wonderful day.

Happy Birthday!

John Spear - April 12

Paul Helbing - April 16

Rotarian Profile

Roger Brunswick is our very much appreciated chair of the Rotary Regular program. He graduated from the U. of Miami in Coral Gables, FL. He came to SW Florida in 1993 from Ohio where he was a member of the Cleveland East Rotary Club. While in Ohio he became a Buckeye fan and he still is one. **Roger** and his wife **Anita** have been married for 31 years and they have 2 grown sons and three granddaughters. They are fortunate to have them all living in the area. When Roger first moved to the area he was an A/C Contractor. In 2005 he sold that business and became a Realtor. Roger was proposed for membership in our club by **Jay Barclay** in 2005. In addition to his involvement in Rotary, Roger is active in the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and is participating in Leadership Bonita. Roger, thanks for your hard work.



Correction

The editor rarely admits an error, but this is a big one. The correct number for Sandy Scoggins claim inventory is 3 to 5 million claims on any day, not dollars. We can only imagine the dollars involved.

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Last Week: The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** tolled the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**. **Paul Helbing** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing *Zippity-Do-Do* after revealing that the song was from *Song of the South*, 1946. Few people remembered Uncle Remus. **Nancy Wycoff** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Notes

Future President **Fred Partin** missed the meeting while honeymoon cruising. The club received a check for \$1,500 from the Bonita Springs Utility for counting the ballots for the BSU election. **Doug Pratt** will be having hip replacement surgery April 16th. Past President **Bob Hagy** is recovering from surgery after breaking his leg in a fall from a ladder. There was a feature article in the Friday, April 6th, Naples Daily News outlining the long time achievements of **John Spear**. President Dick reminded us that the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club's **Duck Pluck** and the Naples Gulf Shore Club's **Top Gun Paintball Shootout** are coming up. Details are available at the District 6960 web site.

Thank You

Herb Barnes, Rotary Regular, offered a "Thank You" to the club for hosting the Regulars again this year. **George Cohan** noted that **Bill Oehler** had started the Ro-

tary Regular program and led a standing ovation for Bill. The Regulars attempted to spell out THANK YOU, first grade style. More practice was needed.

Donation to Children's Hospital



Dr. John Iacuone

Gerry Myers presented a \$5,500 check to **Dr. John Iacuone** and **Tracy Connelly** of the Lee Memorial Health System. Dr. Iacuone is Executive Director of the Children's Hospital. He told us that the donation had been used to purchase a Neopuff Infant Re-

suscitator and described the use of the device for premature birth infants. It has helped the unit become the best in the state according to a recent audit. The funds for this donation came from sale of a boat given by a Swiss citizen with the condition that the proceeds be donated to an agency that the club did not usually support.

Reverse Raffle, Sunday April 22nd

George Cohan announced that April 18th is positively the last chance to get money and stubs turned in. Gary Murphy waved cash and said, "Here's mine. Get it while it's still green."

The prizes at the raffle are:

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| \$ 500 | First number drawn |
| 1,000 | 100th number drawn |
| 1,000 | 200th number drawn |
| 15,000 | Last number drawn. |

George described a new "opportunity" that will be available at the raffle. Chances will be sold for a raffle number to be included in the last 50 to be drawn.

Last Week: Kevin Lewis



Kevin Lewis of Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) was our speaker. SWFAS has been rebuilding lives and families since 1980. The group prides itself in being Southwest Florida's leader in sub-

stance abuse treatment and is the oldest and largest treatment provider in Southwest Florida. More than 63,000 residents from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties have turned to SWFAS for help with addiction.

At present, SWFAS has 25 detox beds and about 60 patients on the waiting list. The organization is in the process of constructing an \$8 million, 40 bed, detox facility next to the Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center. It will be able to help about 1,700 more people per year. The Lee County Commissioners recently approved \$2 million to help build the facility.

An Early Bird, Harold Eames

Harold Eames of Hampton, NH is one of the original Rotary Regulars. We expect to find Harold already sitting at the head of the "Old F#*ts" table no matter how early we arrive for meetings.



He has a distinguished history in Rotary, starting as a charter member of the Hampton Rotary Club in 1969. Harold is a Past President and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1975 for service to the club. In New Hampshire, Harold was also President of Seacoast Visiting Nurses Association, President of the Hampton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Director of the New Hampshire State Board of Health Care.

As a high school and college student, Harold worked at a restaurant in a resort area. He started as a dishwasher and worked up to become the cook. More importantly, he dated Gwen, one of the waitresses. They have now been married for 54 years.

Harold graduated from the University of Maine in 1953 and was commissioned in the Army. After two years service, he returned to Hampton, NH and opened the "Eames House" a furniture and patio store.

Harold and Gwen have two children. Daughter Sara lives in Cape Coral and is a medical aide. Son Chip and his wife Donna have three children. All the grandchildren are nationally ranked snowboarders and are representing Sugarloaf, ME at the USA Snowboard Association championships being held at Northstar at Lake Tahoe.

Harold is often found helping out at the Christmas Tree Sale, stirring up sauce at the Relay for Life dinners, and at other Bonita Springs Rotary events. He's a great example of Service Above Self.

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Dave Struble had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.

Three tickets for \$2

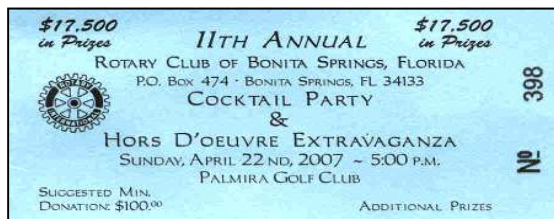
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Twenty Five for \$10



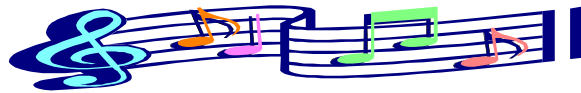
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Next Week: Vann Ellison

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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!

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Bill Caputo—April 19th

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Notes

Jason Dolle has been named Chairman of the Publicity Committee and had scheduled an "Around the Bell" meeting. The District Assembly will be April 21st. Gerry Myers, Nancy Ross, Ray Faubion, and Fred Partin are scheduled to attend. Jason Dolle and Sandy Scoggins were presented with new name badges and will no longer have to wear the *Red Badge of New Members*.

Trustee Election

Gerry Myers reported that **Mike O'Dell** and **Dick Hamlin** will join him as the nominating committee in the upcoming election for Foundation Trustees. Please contact one of them with any suggestions.

Golfing Opportunity

President Dick reported on an invitation from the **Highlands Woods Golf & Country Club** for members to use the golf facilities from May 1 to October 31. The fee, including cart and range balls, is \$25 plus tax per person. Full details will be Emailed.

Odyssey of the Mind



Gerry Myers introduced **Diane Hecky** and her daughter **Sami** who had participated in the *Odyssey of the Mind* competition at Orlando. The *Odyssey of the Mind* teaches students creative problem-

solving methods while having fun in the process. The Foundation contributed \$861 representing 25% of the travel expenses for the two teams from Spring Creek Elementary School that competed.

"I like me" books

Fred Partin, **Steve** and **Connie McIntosh**, and seven Interact Club members from Estero High distributed and read the "I like me" books to the kindergarten students at Spring Creek Elementary. The books were paid for by our clubs foundation and each book is personalized for each student.

Reverse Raffle

George Cohan reported that **Richard Garner** has sold 50 tickets and **Diane Lepola** has sold more than 25. Great work!

Last Week: Al Oerter



Jason Dolle introduced **Al Oerter**, 4 time Olympic Gold Medalist and internationally known artist who entertained us with anecdotes from his athletic career and described his new venture, **The Olympic Art Museum**, in Fort Myers.

Al's Olympic record is unsurpassed. He was the Olympic Gold Medalist and Olympic record holder in four consecutive games, 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968. At the 1960 Rome Olympics, Al did poorly in his first four attempts. His teammate Rink Babka, who was leading the event, gave him helpful advice before his fifth throw and Al threw the discus for a new Olympic record. Babka was not able to beat Al's throw and finished with the silver medal.

Al retired from athletics after the 1968 Olympics. He did make an attempt to qualify for the American team in 1980, but finished fourth. Nonetheless he made his overall best throw that year at the age of 43.

Al found fourteen Olympian artists from seven countries who were exhibiting their art work. These are people who aspire to excellence in art as well as sport. They have 24 medals, 28 world records and 33 national championships in their sports. They are now converting a building on the waterfront in Fort Myers. The city will contribute some funds, but the group needs a "few million" to build the museum properly.

RR Ralph Atkinson Retiring From Rotary

By Ira Hawk

After more than 37 years as an active member, Rotary Regular **Ralph Atkinson** has advised the Club of his plans to retire. Ralph, who will celebrate his 91st birthday in May, sent a similar letter to his home club in Sylvania, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. He will continue his affiliation with Rotary, however, as a member of the "Rotary Retreads" organized two years ago at Bentley Village by our Honorary Member, **Joe Norton**.

Ralph, who has attended this club for several months a year since 2000, continues



in good health. He has decided, however, to begin "taking it a little easier". Nevertheless, he and Alice, his bride of almost 66 years, continue to "work out" for about an hour every day exercising at the Bentley Wellness Center.

Growing up as a farm boy in north central Michigan, Ralph earned his chemical engineering degree from the University of Michigan and joined the Standard Oil Company of Ohio in 1939. His career was interrupted by five years in the US Army. As the Ordnance General Supply Officer for the First Army, Lt. Col. Atkinson had responsibility for assembling the weapons and equipment for the D-Day Invasion and for the first 30 days of combat by all forces in Europe.

Afterward he returned to SOHIO and spearheaded its post-war expansion program, which included a major enlargement of the refinery at Lima, Ohio, to become the largest facility of its kind between Chicago and the East Coast. Later, he was named to be its manager. It was there he was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Lima in 1970. After retirement, he moved to Sylvania, and has been a member of that club since 1986.

Ralph and Alice were married June 14, 1941 and have three children, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Always a gentleman and a leader by example, Ralph, in his own quiet way, has won the respect and admiration of friends and associates throughout his long and productive career. His regular presence in our meetings will be greatly missed.

Upcoming Events

April 23 - 29 Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWFL in conjunction with Barnes and Noble will be holding a book fair for the benefit of the organization. See **Bob Rosier** or go to www.hereforthechildren.org for details.

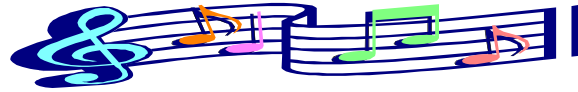
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Ira Hawk had the winning ticket but couldn't pick a winning card.

Three tickets for \$2

Five for \$3

Twenty Five for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

You're A Grand Old Flag

G. M. Cohan

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!!!

**Thursday – Saturday, May 3-5 -
Rotary District 6960 Conference.** Details and registration can be found at the district website, [www. Rotary 6960.org](http://www.Rotary6960.org).

**Saturday, June 9 - Installation of
the Bonita Springs Rotary Officers and
Board of Directors.** Please mark your calendars for this great event to be held at the Spanish Wells Country Club. Watch this space for details.

Next Week: Ron Heller

Next week we will have popular motivational speaker and author **Ron Heller**. He is a former professional baseball player, sports announcer and golf show host. His first book, *Golf is Our Game*, was a tongue in cheek look at the game of golf and the antics of golfers. His new book, *Three Minutes that are Simply Fascinating*, addresses a far more serious sport -- the game of life.

Today's Song

"You're a Grand Old Flag' is a patriotic song of the United States. The song, a spirited march written by George M. Cohan, is a tribute to the U.S. flag. In addition to obvious references to the flag, it incorporates snippets of other popular songs, including one of his own. Cohan wrote it in 1906 for George Washington, Jr., his stage musical." Wikipedia

Happy Birthday!

None this week

Please!

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The Spoke Extra

April 25, 2007

11th Annual Reverse Raffle

With considerable excitement in the air **Bill Veri** and **Andy Frech** negotiated an interesting settlement of the \$15,000 first prize among the final four. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd remaining numbers drawn would get \$3,000 each and the final number would get \$6,000. **Bill Veri**, **Horein-Frech**, and **Bill Sanison** got the \$3,000 prizes and **Crystal** won the \$6,000.

The other prize winners were \$500 for a **Lepola** sold ticket, and \$1,000 each to **Lisa Spear** and **Gary Colechio**.

The 11th annual event was held at the Palmira Golf Club. A crowd of 257 members and friends was on hand to enjoy the great, unending supply of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

The team of **George Cohan**, **Guy Quinn**, **Jose Lopez**, and **Glenda** (soon to be Cohan) worked carefully to ensure that every number was fairly drawn, announced, and recorded on the status board.

Bobbi Bird was the sales agent for the new wrinkle of selling chances for five numbers to be inserted into the last half of the drawing. There was considerable interest in the chances which sold for \$20. However, none of the added numbers made it to the final ten.

The big winners will be the Rotary Club's charity clients from the net proceeds of about \$15,000. Thanks to **George Cohan** who made it happen. The Club is grateful for his leadership and dedication.



George Cohan III and Glenda taking a break



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May 2, 2007

This Week's Program

Paul Van Valkenburg is our Program Host for May and will be introducing **Ron Heller**, author and raconteur, who will talk about his new book, **Three Minutes That Are Simply Fascinating**, which is about the game of life. Ron has authored a tongue in cheek book, **Golf Is Our Game**, too.

Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Kenny King**. **Don Manley** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing ***You're a Grand Old Flag***. **Ken Weyl** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Next Week's Program

Tim Moore a consultant to the broadcast industry and managing partner of Audience Development Group will be speaking. Tim is the author of a weekly leadership column called the "**The Midweek Motivator**," which is widely distributed via the internet and read by thousands.

Concerns

Doug Pratt is recovering from hip replacement surgery. **Pearl Nielsen**, Rotary Regular, Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada, is gravely ill after suffering a stroke. We will keep them in our prayers.



Jason Dolle introduced **Vann Ellison**, Executive Director of St. Matthew House (SMH) in Naples. It is the only homeless shelter in Collier County. They have 120 beds. It is obvious there is a need in this area. Currently 17 men are sleeping on the floor. Vann is the son of a minister and he has a history

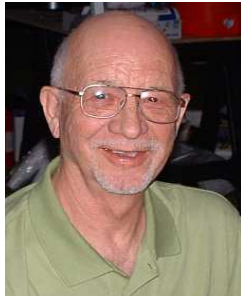
of working for the betterment of the downtrodden. Prior to taking the job at SMH, Reverend Ellison was the chaplain at the Collier County Jail. His sense of humor came through numerous times during his talk. His mother tells people that her son was in jail, but now things are better, since he is at the homeless shelter. He talked about how they can be flexible at SMH, since they do not receive federal funds with resulting red tape. However, there is a question about whether a request be honored they refer to "If in Doubt, Give It Out." The motto of SMH comes from Matthew Chapter 25, "Touching Hearts, Changing Lives." SMH is a results oriented organization which strives to show people entrepreneurial pathways out of poverty. Ellison demonstrated with examples how people's lives have been changed. He talked of a female drug addict who had lost her children. She came to SMH, went to college, got a degree in accounting, got a job and along the way got her children back. SMH hopes to raise \$400,000 this week in their annual gala-a-thon. Funds are raised through sales at

Ellison told of giving away thousands of dollars worth of clothes from those shops and the shops still are a profitable fund source. SMH Catering under Chef Tad Mieszczak's leadership is another profitable source of funds. For further information on SMH and how you can volunteer or benefit from having a business relationship with SMH go to www.stmatthewshouse.org or call 239-774-0500. Thanks, Jason, for arranging this inspirational program.

Spoke Master - Scott Gerrish

Rotary Regular, **Scott Gerrish** is heading home to Derry Village, NH after he and his wife, **Amalia** take a South American cruise. Fortunately, Scott is only as far away as his email address.

I may be asking for his advice from time to time. Scott's technical expertise has been invaluable in our transition to our new format. He is but one of many Rotary Regulars who contribute immensely to the success of our club. Godspeed, Scott and Amalia. **Bob Pagel**, Spoke Editor



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May 12 - Rotary Leadership Institute will conducting a training session at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County. Details can be found at www.rlitraining.org. This is invaluable, especially for incoming officers and board members.

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Upcoming Programs

May 16 - Jeffrey Lytle, award winning editorialist at the Naples Daily News will be speaking to us. He is the editorial page editor and editor of the Sunday Perspective section and hosts "One on One with Jeff Lytle" on MyTV8 every Sunday at noon.

May 23 - State Senator Dave Aronberg will be with us. Senator Aronberg is noted for being the strongest consumer advocate in Florida government.

This Week \$770

Sue Masters drew the 6 of Diamonds out of the deck. How could she miss getting the winning ticket. Look at the lei of tickets around her neck. Of the 49 cards remaining there are 3 Aces and the elusive Joker. Our treasury increased by \$61 last week. 1 ticket for \$13/\$2, 5/\$3, 10/\$5 and 25/\$10.



Rotarian Profile



Dave Edwards, Chairman of our Shots for Tots is our featured Rotarian. **Dave and Betty** have been married for 51 years. They have 2 sons and a daughter and 5 grandchildren. Dave graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson

University with a BSME degree and worked for Becton Dickinson a manufacturer of medical and surgical supplies for 28 years. He joined the Hancock, NY Rotary in 1970 and served as president of that club in addition to being treasurer for 9 years. He likes to recall the first Shot for Tots session on January 3, 1995. **Mark McCaw** was in charge. This was a brand new project and it was bedlam that night. Now the routine goes smoothly. Thank you, **Ira Hawk**, for proposing **Dave**.



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.

Happy Birthday

Peter Frabutt - May 2
Gerry Myers - May 2
Mark McCaw - May 3
Jose Lopez - May 6
Manfred Klein - May 8

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Estero High Honorees

Barbara Young

was selected for the Teacher/Staff Member Award. She was nominated by Mr. Kaplan who states, "She is in a department that is understaffed and overworked." She works with students with learning disabilities. She has been at Estero High School for 20 years.



Justina Fluellen



is the Service Award recipient. She volunteers as needed helping teachers at school and she helps out at her church office, too. She plays basketball

for EHS and won the 2006-2007 Coaches Award. She hopes to attend Warner Southern University.

"The Goods" Form

Want publicity for your Rotary project? See **Jason Dolle**, **Debbie Metzger** or **Sue Masters** for this easy form to complete. It is a simplified approach to the who, what, when, where, why and how of your project.

WGCU Support

Dwight Esmon

joined us last week to accept our club's donation of \$1,000 to WGCU. Dwight read the spot announcement that is read on the air speaking to the support offered by our club and it is an excellent description of Bonita Springs Rotary's involvement in the community.



Notice

The Spoke needs you! We need writers, photographers and people knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft Publisher. "Many hands make light work," is trite, but true. Take advantage of this opportunity to *be* a Rotarian. **Fred Partin** recently told us there is a difference between *belonging* to Rotary and *being* a Rotarian. I think "Service Above Self" applies here. If not on the Spoke, join another avenue of service.

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May 9, 2007

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Last Week - The Meeting

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In Memory of Pearl

We mourn along with her husband, Arne, and family the loss of Rotary Regular, Pearl Nielsen, Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada.



Last Week's Program



Fellow Rotarian, **Ron Heller**, of Lakeland, Florida, entertained and inspired us in telling us about his new book, **Three Minutes That Are Simply Fascinating**.

Donate \$20 to Care Flight, an organization that flies children needing emergency medical care, and you will receive an autographed copy of his book. Visit Ron's website at www.threeminutesforyou.com and email him at threeminutesforU@aol.com.

Project Graduation

Debbie Gress, a dedicated parent of an Estero High School student and chairperson of **Project**

Graduation came to Bonita Springs Rotary and received \$500 to help defray the cost of

an all night graduation party from 10 PM to 4:30 AM, May 14 at the Bonita Springs YMCA. Debbie leads a group of parents who have organized this alcohol and drug free event to help students have a fun and safe evening.



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Scholarships Awarded



Bonita Springs Rotary awarded \$2000 scholarships to 4 Estero High School students. Flanked by **Steve McIntosh** on the left and President **Dick Fredrickson** on the right are L/R **Jen Diner**, President of both Interact and the Student Council at Estero High School, who will be studying marketing this fall at Florida Atlantic University, **Mallory Hodas**, Interact Treasurer and VP of the National Honor Society, who will be in pre-dentistry at the University of Florida, **Kathryn Satterwhite**, National Honor Society President and Co-Salutatorian of her class, Secretary of both Interact and the Student Council, who will be studying business administration at College of William and Mary and **Adam Walker**, Interact's best fund-raiser, who will be studying international relations at Florida State University. We learned from **Mark McCaw** that **Ms Hodas'** family, owners of Hurricane Ribs, donated all of their proceeds of sales during the April 1 Celebrate Bonita event to the Bonita Assistance Center. Congratulations, graduates!

Happenings

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Shots for Tots

Dave Edwards and his team of wife, **Betty**, **Ira Hawk**, and **Sandy Scoggins** helped serve 26 families this month. Shots for Tots has been a continuous Bonita Springs Rotary Project since it was started by **Mark McCaw** on January 3, 1995.

Service Above Self

Volunteer to serve on a project or committee today. Be a **Rotarian**.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$824

Mark Humphrey

drew the Queen of Diamonds out of the deck and took home \$5. Of the 48 cards remaining there are 3 Aces and the elusive Joker, if drawn wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$54 last week.



1 ticket for \$13/\$2, 5/\$3, 10/\$5 and 25/\$10.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

God Save Our Moms

God save our gracious Moms.
Long live our noble Moms.
God save Dear Mom;
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save Dear Mom.

Rotarian Profile



Don Manley is our newest member, but not new to our club nor to Rotary. He became a third generation Rotarian when he joined The Findlay, Ohio Club in 1982. He served on the board and headed numerous committees and projects for the club.

He and wife **Karen** own nursing and rehabilitation facilities. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of Findlay. He and Karen have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Hector, child number 4, is referred to as their Rotary child. They were in El Salvador with Rotary helping after an earthquake in 2001 when they found Hector who had lost both legs and had suffered burns. They brought him to the US, arranged for his care and adopted him. He is now a junior at Seacrest Country Day School. He is a golfer and recently shot a 77 on two artificial legs. Wow! Don, you are a Rotarian and we are honored to serve with you.

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Martha Erickson - May 13
Guy Quinn - May 13
Buddy Cliff - May 14

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This Week's Program

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Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Bob Lorenz**. **George Cohan** subbed for **Nancy Ross**, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then proceeded to fine Nancy for being late. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing **God Save Our Moms**, which was sung to the melody of **God Save the Queen**. Steve composed the lyrics. **Kenny King** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Next Week's Program

State Senator **Dave Aronberg** noted for being the youngest senator and strongest consumer advocate in the Florida State Senate will be speaking to us.

The Swimmers Are Coming

Mark McCaw needs volunteers to act as timers at a swim meet at FGCU June 7-10. The Gulfcoast Swim Team is hosting the event in which 450 teams will be participating. Food and beverages will be provided to volunteers. There will be a need at all times for 16 timers. This is a great way to support our youth.

Last Week's Program

Paul Van Valkenburg introduced our speaker for the day, **Tim Moore**, a consultant to the broadcasting industry. First, Tim referred to us a-la Don Imus as "nappy headed Rotarians." Don Imus would have



come to speak to us, but he is busy with his lawsuit against CBS. Tim likened his work to being an offensive coordinator for an NFL team. He works to generate revenue for stations by matching advertisers to listeners. He started his radio career at age 16. He has owned and managed radio stations. Tim travels nationally speaking to broadcasters groups. He gave us insight into the industry, especially the financial aspects. He told us how a large conglomerate, which owns 1300 stations, purchased a group of 48 stations in Florida for \$730 million. According to Tim an income stream will never be generated to warrant that kind of price. From what we learned it would be wise for the banks and investors to tune into his message.

No Meeting on the 4th of July

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District 6960 Conference



President **Dick Fredrickson**, Past President, **Gerry Myers**, Secretary, **Ray Faubion**, in this picture, plus **Bobbi Bird** represented our club at the District 6960 Conference where we were recognized with the Governor's Award.

Gary Israel, Incoming District Governor, announced that next year's conference is scheduled from May 26 through May 31, 2008 and it will take place on a 5 Day Caribbean Cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale going to Key West, Cozumel and Belize. A number of our members have already signed up.

The Foundation

Gerry Myers announced that the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs will be holding elections to fill 4 seats on its board of trustees. Please consider serving as a trustee. You will, along with your fellow trustees, help decide how are club spends the money we raise.

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George Cohan made a special request for all Rotarians to participate. Anticipate big fines for those not in attendance.

Fred Partin sent us an email looking for sponsors for the event to help defray the cost. Contact Fred at fpartin@bsu.us or phone him at 390-4801. For as little as \$250 you can be a table sponsor and receive recognition in the program and on a display board.

Celebrate Bonita

Jim Dati says the final accounting is about to be completed and it looks like Bonita Springs Rotary will be getting over \$10,000 for its efforts during the April 1 event. Thank you to all who worked that day.

**\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$883**



Fred Partin drew the 4 of Hearts out of the deck and took home \$5. Of the 47 cards remaining there are 3 Aces each worth \$100 and the elusive

Joker, if drawn wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$59 last week.

1 ticket for \$1, 3/\$2, 5/\$3, 10/\$5 and 25/\$10.

Rotarian Profile

Steve McIntosh is our Vocational Service Chair. We know, as do the students of Estero High School, that we are most fortunate in having Steve lead the way in this avenue of service. He has provided guidance to the Interact Club at EHS and has prepared them well for service to their communities. Steve joined Rotary after being proposed by **Bill Oehler** in 1988. **Steve** holds a PhD in business administration and he and his wife, **Connie** are partners in Tartan Consulting. They provide strategic planning, executive assessment and psychological evaluation to a worldwide client base. He has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*. He is treasurer of the FGCU Foundation and is a member of the Bonita Springs Utilities Board of Directors. He and Connie have two children, daughter Stephanie lives in Bonita, son Chris is in Houston, TX.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.

Happy Birthday!

No Birthdays

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May 23, 2007

This Week's Program

State Senator, **Dave Aronberg**, considered to be the strongest consumer advocate in Florida government will bring us up to date on what is happening in the Florida legislature.

Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Martha Erickson** as we joined hands in prayer. **Nancy Ross** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing ***When Johnny (or Jenny) Comes Marching Home*** in honor of Armed Forces Day. He asked all veterans to stand and be recognized. **Rick Barber** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Next Week's Program

Appropriate for the week of Memorial Day, Major General **Bernard L. Weiss**, USAF (Ret.) will speak on the issue of military manpower, our recruiting capabilities, and the state of preparedness of our armed forces.

The Foundation Needs You

Gerry Myers, Mike O'Dell and **Dick Hamlin** serve as the nominating committee for the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. They need 4 candidates to fill 4 vacancies on the board. Elections are next week. Please step forward and volunteer to serve. The foundation decides on how we use the money we raise, so you will play a critical role for us.

Last Week's Program

Jason Dolle introduced our speaker for the day, **Jeffrey Lytle**, Editorial Page and Sunday Perspective Section Editor of the Naples Daily News. We learned that his father was a Rotarian. Before making his presentation he congratulated our club



on making scholarships available to graduating high school students and shared with us how his son had received funds of this type and how much they were appreciated. Jeff first came to Southwest Florida in 1975 and came to Naples in 1979 to work for the paper. Back then Naples was a small town. He has been a witness to the explosive growth of the area. Though not within the city limits, many parts of Collier County claim to be part of Naples. There is a growing balkanization, however, even to the point where communities such as Pelican Bay are considering becoming cities. On the subject of changing I-75 to a toll road, he decried the fact that people using the road, for which they have already paid, would be charged to use it in order to accumulate funds to widen it. He talked about the creation of Ave Maria and the renaissance of downtown Naples. Jeff's "One on One with Jeff Lytle" can be seen every Sunday at noon on MyTV8.

No Meeting on the 4th of July

Quote of the Day

When the ever gracious Associate Sgt.-at-Arms, **Steve Kaskie**, welcomed back **Ken Weyl**, Ken responded without missing a beat, “**Have I Been Gone?**” Ken was gone on a cruise, but that was last month. If we live to be Ken’s age we all would like to be as sharp as he is and have a beautiful girlfriend, too, like **Sally**.

Accelerated Reader



Gerry Myers, Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation President, not shown, and Bonita Springs Rotary President **Dick Fredrickson**, right, presented \$650 to the Accelerated Reader Program of Rayma C. Page Elementary School. Accepting were Principal, **Susan Caputo**, on the left and Reading Teacher, **Denise Boring**, center. Accelerated Reader Spokeswoman, Second Grader, **Mary Katherine Boring**, promptly demonstrated that our money is well spent. We learned how she has earned 229 points reading almost 90 books. Her brother, **George Boring**, a kindergartner, has read 40 books. The children at the school have been rewarded with pizza parties, BBQs and a sleepover. Mary Katherine showed us the necklace with awards. The AR program focuses on motivating children to read and they are tested on comprehension after completing each book.

Happenings

June 9 - Installation of the Bonita Springs Rotary Officers and Board of Directors. This black tie optional event will be held at the Spanish Wells Country Club. The invitations have been mailed.

Fred Partin sent us an email looking for sponsors for the event to help defray the cost. Contact Fred at fpartin@bsu.us or phone him at 390-4801. For as little as \$250 you can be a table sponsor and receive recognition in the program and on a display board.

The Swimmers Are Coming

Mark McCaw needs volunteers to act as timers at a swim meet at FGCU June 7-10. The Gulf-coast Swim Team is hosting the event in which 450 teams will be participating. Food and beverages will be provided to volunteers. There will be a need at all times for 16 timers. This is a great way to support our youth.

Estero High School Staff Awards



Anne Seifert and **Anita Smith** were recognized as the EHS staff members selected for the Bonita Springs Rotary School Staff/Faculty Award for the months of April and May.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$944

Fred Partin's ticket was drawn for the second week in a row. Fortunately for us he drew the 3 of Clubs and only won \$5. Of the 46 cards remaining there are 3 Aces each worth \$100 and the elusive Joker, if drawn wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$61 last week.
1 ticket for \$1, 3/\$2, 5/\$3, 10/\$5 and 25/\$10.



Rotarian Profile



We are fortunate that **Ira Hawk** recognized the potential of **Gil Urick** and proposed him as a member to our club. It is difficult to keep Christmas trees fresh in our climate, so we are very lucky to have Gil's willingness to get to the lot everyday of the sale to spray water on our valuable inventory. He is Chairman, **Ron Anderson's**

right hand man during this big fund raiser. Gil is the "Keeper of Attendance" for our club, so remember to always sign in when you are attending, and make up at a board meeting or committee meeting or at another club if you cannot make our Wednesday morning meetings. Please send make ups to Gil at gil@gilurickdesign.com. Gil is a native of Wichita, KS, a graduate of Wichita State University and came to Bonita Springs via Pittsburgh, PA. He specializes in graphic design doing logos, annual reports, brochures and websites. He has the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as clients. He and his wife, **Donabeth**, were married in 1985. Thanks, Gil!



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!

Happy Birthday!

Dick Fredrickson - May 28
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The Spoke Folk

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Last Week - The Meeting

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Future Programs

Roger Brunswick is our program host for June.

June 6 - **Kris Cella** of Cella Molnar and Associates, Inc. representing Southwest Florida Expressway Authority, SWFEA, will speak on The Express Toll Lanes Concept.

June 13 - **Dr. James Croley, MD, PA** of the Cataract & Refractive Institute of Florida will talk about The 1st Annual Eye Ball-Charity for the Blind of SW Florida and on Bifocal Implants.

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Last Week's Program

Paul Van Valkenberg introduced State Senator **Dave Aronberg**, 27th District, representing Bonita Springs. He represents Palm Beach, too, which makes his district quite unique. The district is made up of 39% Democrats, 38% Repub-



licans and 13% independents and other minor party members. Indicative of Dave's political skills was being a Democrat and getting elected in a district that leans to the right. In 2002 he was elected as the youngest state senator at age 31. He was re-elected in 2006 and he still is the youngest person serving in the senate. He commented on Governor Charlie Crist's State of the State speech, which would put the populist label on the governor in that he talked of needing to increase teachers' pay, protect the environment, require a paper trail for votes and fight global warming. He stated that he felt that the new governor respects the separation of power between the three separate but equal branches of the government. Aronberg takes pride in supporting fellow senator, Burt Saunderson's bill earmarking \$200 million to divert polluted water from flowing into Lake Okeechobee and into the Caloosahatchee River. This could help prevent Red Tide. To learn more visit his website www.senatordave.com. Email: dave@davearonberg.com

Gerry Myers Honored



District Governor Elect, **Gary Israel** recognized **Gerry Myers** as a Rotary Foundation Benefactor for the gift that he gave to the Permanent

Fund of the foundation. The money will provide a continuous stream of money ad infinitum. He was inducted, too, as a Rotary District 6960 Paul Harris Society Member for his ongoing donations to The Rotary Foundation. Gerry, you are special.

Super-Sub Bobbi Bird

Jim Renfro has fled to the cool north of Sweden again.

Bobbi will be filling in for him for a good part of the summer until she heads to Maine. I guess we can put up with her. Thank you, Bobbi.



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We Bid Adieu to 3 Rotarians

Bruce Bridewell, **Clara Anne Graham**, and **Bill Davis** are leaving our club. Bruce will be joining the Estero Rotary Club. It is closer to home and office. Bill is retiring and hopes to join a club closer to his home in Naples. Clara Anne will be kept busy with increased activities in the League of Women Voters.

3 Are Proposed to Bonita Rotary

Ben Nelson, **Linda Ritzert** and **John Tyson** have been proposed to our club. Thanks for considering Bonita Springs Rotary. We will learn more about you in the weeks to come and I am sure you will learn much about our club and the benefits of membership as well as the many ways you can help to serve. **Our Motto: Service Above Self. Welcome.**

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1015



Fred Partin's ticket was drawn for the third week in a row, but he deftly with slight of hand passed it to his son, **Kyle**, who drew the 4 of Diamonds. Of the 45 cards remaining there are 3 Aces each worth \$100 and the pot winning Joker. Our treasury increased by \$71 last week.

1 ticket for \$1, 3/\$2, 5/\$3, 10/\$5 and 25/\$10.

Rotarian Profile

Jim O'Leary owes a lot to Rotary and Rotary has benefited greatly from Jim's involvement. Jim was introduced to Rotary by **Peter Frabutt**. **Mark McCaw** introduced him to his cousin, **April**. Jim and April were married in 2001 and they now have three beautiful daughters,



Sadie (5), **Molly** (4) and **Amy** (4 months). Doesn't "**Lucky**" **O'Leary** have a nice ring to it. Jim manages our award winning web site and schedules us on projects such as the Christmas Tree Sales Project. Jim is a Gator. While at Gainesville he was president of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, was chairman of the Gator Growl and was inducted as a member of the Florida Blue Key, U F's leadership honorary. He graduated Cum Laude from Stetson University's Law School in 1995 where he was a member of the U. S. News and World Report #1 Trial Team. Jim took first place in the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers mock trial competition, too. We are fortunate to have Jim as a Rotarian.



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.
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June 6, 2007

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Roger Brunswick will introduce **Kris Cella** of Cella Molnar and Associates, Inc. representing Southwest Florida Expressway Authority SWFEA. She will speak on The Express Toll Lanes Concept.

Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**. **Jim Dati** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak**, in honor of Memorial Day week, directed us in singing **God Bless America**, but before he did he told us how Irving Berlin wrote the song in 1918 and he read the second verse to us. **Mark Humphrey** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Future Programs

June 13 - **Dr. James Croley, MD, PA** of the Cataract & Refractive Institute of Florida will talk about The 1st Annual Eye Ball-Charity for the Blind of SW Florida and about Bifocal Implants.

June 20 - **Mike Mastej**, CEO of Physicians Regional Medical Center.

June 27 - TBA

Last Week's Program



Major General **Bernard L. Weiss**, (USAF Retired) was introduced by **Kenny King**. General Weiss has expertise in the area of logistics and he delivered a very enlightening presentation regarding the state of our military. He told us how our

military should be capable of being involved in wars in two theaters of operations, but currently they are being stretched by our involvement in Iraq. Our military is a 100% volunteer force. Instituting the Draft would never happen. Our politicians are into preserving their offices. The Draft would be extremely unpopular with the voters. There has been suggestions that the standards be lowered, so that volunteers with less than a high school education or a GED could qualify. Lowering standards brings a whole new set of problems with which the military must deal. Currently there are 135,000 men and women on the ground in Iraq and the Surge will bring that to 150,000. There are about an equal number of contract employees working in Iraq training the Iraqis and providing security. General Weiss pointed out the disparity in pay. An enlisted person receives about \$900/month. If he/she is married his/her family qualifies for food stamps. Contract employees can earn \$150,000/year and have \$250,000 of life insurance compared to \$100,000 for the enlistee. He was not at all concerned about being PC in stating his suggestions on dealing with Islamic extremists.

No Meeting on the 4th of July

Celebrate Bonita Proceeds



Lois Hollands, Administrator for the Bonita Assistance Center is shown holding a check for **\$12,454.77**, which she presented to our club. That is our club's share of the proceeds generated by beer and other beverage sales at the April 1 Celebrate Bonita event. Key players accepting the check for our club were our project leaders, **Bobbi Bird** and **Jim Dati**. Representing the board of Bonita Assistance Center were our members, **Mark McCaw** and **Jose Lopez**.

Foundation Board Election

By acclamation, **Dave Shellenbarger**, **Doug Pratt**, **Steve McIntosh**, and **Tom Burgess** were elected to the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Dave and Doug will serve until 2010, Steve to 2009 and Tom until 2008.

District 6960 Database Update

President **Dick Fredrickson** asked us last week to update the Rotary District 6960 Database. It is simple.

Go to www.rotary6960.org and click on District Database. Click on Database Login. Click on Members. Click on View My Data and then click on Edit Member. You can update your information. Please do that. We would like to publish a new directory for our club and it would be good if the information was correct. **Thanks!**

Happenings

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This is a great way to support our youth. Please volunteer to help Mark. He can be reached at w: 949-5605 h: 949-2886. Mark is always the first to step forward when we need his help.

Contribute to the Spoke

Would you like to publicize your Rotary project? Write an article in Microsoft Word and send the document to bob4rotary@msn.com. Send photos, too, they add a lot to the story. Need volunteers? Tell us of the advantages and benefits of offering support. You can tell us on Wednesday morning and have an article in the Spoke for your fellow Rotarians to take home for consideration.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1071

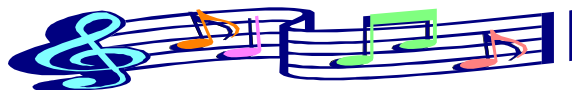


Fred Partin's ticket was not drawn. Filling in for Fred last week was **Jim Dati**, who drew the 6 of Clubs. Of the 44 cards remaining there are 3 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$56 last week.

Rotarian Profile

Steve Krchniak, Bonita Springs Rotary Song Leader, has twice served on our board. In 2002-03 he sponsored Ambassadorial Scholar to England, Laura Thimling. Steve served on the board and as president of his former club before moving to Bonita Springs with his wife **Nancy** in 1996.

Steve, Nancy and both of their children, **Katy** and **Steve**, who live in the San Francisco Bay Area, are all Paul Harris Fellows. Steve and Nancy have two grandchildren, **Kurt**, 9 and **Claire**, 5, who they love to visit. Steve has a B.S. in Music from SUNY Fredonia, Masters in Music Performance from Manhattan School of Music and a PhD from NYU. Prior to a career as an educator, Steve was a professional trumpet player in the New York City area. He was a bandsman for the US Army and served in France. Steve retired after a 27 year career at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville as Professor Emeritus. **Joe Norton** was his sponsor when he joined our club. Thank you, Joe.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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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Debbi Metzger - June 12

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Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**. **Nancy Ross** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak**, in honor of the 63rd Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, directed us in singing **God Bless America**. **Paul Lotz** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Sunshine Report

Welcome back, **Hank Hochstetler**. It was good to see you performing with the Bonita Springs Rotary Chorus singing Happy Birthday to **Don Thomson**, whose birthday is June 17. Don being a loyal practitioner of the 4 Way Test admitted his birthday would be celebrated at today's meeting, but he wouldn't be with us, so he paid for a beautiful serenade last week.

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Kris Cella of Cella Molnar & Associates a transportation consulting firm presented a 3 hour program in 20 minutes on the tolling of I-75. Her presentation illustrated that change is inevitable and in the case of I-75 it is important that planning and implementation of the



plan to expand to 10 lanes be carried out as soon as it is possible. We were told that the expansion to six lanes in 2010 will not ease congestion. Conventional funding from the state and federal governments for ten lanes will not be available until 2030. Population growth and the use of I-75 by the increased numbers of Southwest Floridians will outstrip the capability of a 6 lane road by the time it is completed. We learned that only 15% of users are passing through the area. The remaining 85% are people living and working in the area. The plan, which originated with Lee and Collier Counties, is being implemented by the Southwest Florida Expressway Authority. The plan is to expand to 10 lanes of which 6 will be tolled. Transponders, not toll booths will be used. Ms. Cella is making presentations throughout the area in order to get feedback regarding the plan from residents of the area. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete a survey regarding the plan go to www.swfea.net. Ms. Cella can be contacted at kcella@cella.cc or by calling 239-337-1071.

Future Programs

June 20 - **Dr. Mike Mastej, MD**, CEO of Physicians Regional Medical Center.

June 27 - TBA

July 4 - **No Meeting**

July 11 - **Stephanie Kissinger**, Program Host for July will introduce **Mark Crabb, FCDME**, Deputy Director for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Ralph Atkinson Honored

Ralph Atkinson, Former Rotary Regular, was honored along with 35 other residents of this area for their service on D-Day, June 6, 1944 and for the liberation of France. **Ira Hawk** reported that the 36 veterans received the Legion of Honor from **Jean-David Levitte**, Ambassador of France in the United States. They were honored at a luncheon at the Hilton Naples on June 6 the 63rd Anniversary of D-Day. Ralph joins other illustrious individuals, including **Thomas Edison** and **Alexander Graham Bell**, who have received the Legion of Honor. On June 6, 1944, **Lt. Col. Ralph Atkinson** was the Chief Ordnance Officer of the 1st Army and was responsible for supplying the troops with their necessary weaponry for the largest invasion in the history of the world.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk reported that Shots for Tots has been an ongoing project for 12.5 years and that over 11,000 immunizations have been dispensed. This past week his team was made up of **Ira** and **Clarice Hawk** and **Sandy Scoggins**, who provided immunizations to the children of 31 families.

Installation Banquet

Bonita Springs Rotary installed its officers for the 2007-08 Rotary Year. District 6960 Governor **Tony Gallo** presided over the installation ceremony installing **Fred Partin** as President, **Ray Faubion**, President Elect and **Nancy Ross** as Secretary. and congratulated President **Dick Fredrickson** and the club for having an outstanding year. For the first time our club had sponsors for the event. They were Major Sponsor, **CH2MHILL**, Corporate Sponsors, **Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc.**, **Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law**, **Oswald Trippe and Company, Inc.**, and **Southwest Florida Wealth Group**, and Table Sponsors, **Ron Anderson** and **Dave Shellenbarger**.

Current President **Dick Fredrickson** passed the gavel to **Fred Partin** and then Dick transferred the traveling clock to Fred and then Fred presented Dick with a clock honoring him for his year of service.

Before all of this took place, an excellent video presentation created by **Dick Hamlin** was presented and in it **Dick Fredrickson** paid tribute to all of the hard working Rotarians of Bonita Springs. He then presented the Service Above Self Award to **Bobbi Bird** for her work on Mardi Gras, for Co-Chairing the club's involvement in Celebrate Bonita, for her work on 50/50 and for her work on our social events.

In his farewell address, **Dick Fredrickson** commented that he would probably be the last person who had served in the Armed Forces in World War II to serve as our president. In the technology age of Blackberries, Blueberries and iPods he felt it was time to turn things over to the Baby Boomers. In his inaugural address, **Fred Partin** stated that it is an honor to be elected president and a privilege to carry on the tradition of those who have served the community. He told us that Rotary International's theme for 2007-08 is "Rotary Shares." Fred quoted International Rotary's president for 2007-08, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. "The magic of Rotary allows ordinary people like you and me to accomplish extraordinary deeds."

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1136



Last week joint venture capitalists, **Sue Masters** and former Rotarian from York, PA, **Maureen Q. Shallcross**, COO of the Rappallo Theatre in Estero drew the Nine of Hearts. Of the 43 cards remaining there are 3 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$65 last week.



Let's 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!!!

Rotarian Profile

Ira Hawk has ink flowing through his veins. He has been an editor of **The Spoke**. The beginning of his journalism career, however, goes back almost 70 years. He started his own monthly in 1938 and its circulation peaked at 2500. Later he worked for the Scripps-Howard *Columbus (Ohio)*



Citizen. For five years he was PR, Admissions and Alumni Director and he taught courses in communications for Wilmington College, in Ohio. His last career covered more than 37 years with General Motors in public relations, marketing and sales. Ira became a Rotarian in 1951 and has been a member of Bonita Springs Rotary since 1990. **Ira** and his wife of almost 58 years, **Clarice**, have two children and five grandchildren. Ira has been involved with the Shots for Tots program since its beginning. We are most fortunate to have Ira actively involved in our club. Ira, please share with us the story of starting a monthly at such a young age.

Happy Birthday!

Bill Oehler - June 16
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Bonita Springs Rotary 2007-08 Installation Banquet Pictures



Above left, President **Dick Fredrickson**, presents the Service Above Self Award to **Bobbi Bird**. Above right, Incoming President, **Fred Partin**, presents Outgoing President, **Dick Fredrickson**, a clock for his year of service. On the left, **Diane** and **Skip Lepola** lead a line dance.

In the Partin family picture are left to right back row, Fred's son **Kyle** and wife, **Jessica**, Fred's wife, **Sharon**, **Fred**, Fred's son **Todd** and wife, **Samantha**, middle row, Fred's sister, **Linda Ur**, Fred's daughter, Reverend **Nicole Partin** and seated in front Fred's mom, **Ruby Partin**. Fred's daughter Nicole delivered the Invocation at the banquet.

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June 20, 2007

This Week's Program

Roger Brunswick will introduce **Dr. Mike Mastej, MD**, CEO of Physicians Regional Medical Center.

Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Ira Hawk**, **Hank Hochstettler** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak**, in honor of Flag Day, led us in singing **George M. Cohan's You're a Grand Old Flag**. **Ed Schick** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Sunshine Report

June Program Host, **Roger Brunswick**, was absent due his being in Ohio to be with his seriously ill mother. Please remember them in your prayers.

Happenings

July 13 - **Rotary Night at the Ballpark**. District 6960 is sponsoring Rotary Night at the Miracle's game on our lucky day, Friday, July 13. Cost is \$7/ticket. Half of the admission price is returned to the district. Have fun and raise money for worthwhile projects.

Last Week's Program



Dr. James Croley, MD of the Cataract and Refractive institute of Florida presented a program on the VIP (Visually Impaired Person) Center. Dr. Croley made a video presentation which showed how the center trains people to be self sufficient. He pointed out

that the board of directors of the VIP Center is primarily made up of visually impaired people and asked if any of Bonita Springs Rotary members would like to help by serving on the board or by helping in some way. He shared with us that the First Annual Eye Ball-Charity for the Blind in Southwest Florida in April drew 90 attendees and raised \$30,000. He would like to see this event grow in order raise the funds needed to help the visually impaired of South Lee County, Bonita Springs and Collier County. We learned that the VIP Center did have a facility in Naples, but rising rents forced the center to close, so Dr. Croley has offered some space in his office to help serve the needs of people in this area. Blindness is increasing dramatically in the U S due to ever aging Baby Boom generation, the increased incidences of diabetes, macular degeneration and glaucoma. Dr. Croley recommends an eye exam at least every two years. He pointed out that a person would not know they were developing glaucoma unless they were examined. The VIP Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit, so any donation to them is tax deductible. To learn more about Dr. Croley go to www.drcroley@floridacataract.com.

Future Programs

June 27 - Bonita Springs Rotary Awards Day

July 4 - **No Meeting**

July 11 - **Stephanie Kissinger**, Program Host for July will introduce **Mark Crabb, FCDME**, Deputy Director for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Spear Pays Record Fine

For organizing the "**Call In Honey-moon Interruptus**" of the **Glenda and George Cohan** wedding, **John Spear** paid a \$136 fine. Unfortunately it was not Beneficial to All Concerned, since the money was used



to buy a round of drinks for a few lucky attendees at the recent Installation Banquet. For those of us who weren't invited to the wedding, here is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Cohan. George, you are a lucky man.

Mark McCaw Thanks Volunteers

Mark McCaw reported that 15 Rotarians volunteered their time to act as timers at the recent swim meet at FGCU. Another demonstration of the Rotarian motto, "Service Above Self."

Rotarian Profile - Dick Fredrickson

Dick's a true Midwesterner! Born in Chicago, raised in Detroit, he attended Michigan State University. While at MSU, he joined the Navy and finished his college education, graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1945. After a short tour of sea duty in the Pacific, he married and in 1946



joined Cincinnati Milacron, a machine tool manufacturer located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dick spent the next several years in sales with different territorial, regional and division assignments in the company's Consumable Products Division. In 1971 he became Marketing Manager for a division of the company located in Germany. In 1973 he and his wife, Kathy, moved to Tokyo, Japan where he became President of Cincinnati Milacron Kogyo, a totally owned operation of the Consumable Products Division. Dick and Kathy enjoyed their expatriate days immensely.

Returning to Cincinnati in 1974, he became Product Manager of the company's newest venture, a machine to make the plastic carbonated beverage bottles that have become a standard in the industry. In the next few years he traveled worldwide promoting the machine. Dick took early retirement from "The Mill" in 1984 and joined a Germany company, Krupp Corpoplast, representing them in the United States until he finally retired in 1990.

Dick and his wife, Kathy, moved to Estero, in 1996 where he became very active in the First Presbyterian Church, Rotary and civic associations. Between them, they have four children, ten grandchildren, and eleven great grand children.

**\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1200**

Harv Humphrey had the winning ticket and drew the Ace of Diamonds to win \$100. Of the 42 cards remaining there are 2 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$64 last week.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10

Saving the Last Dance



If you missed the Installation Banquet you missed a great event. Here are **Dick and Kathy Fredrickson** dancing the night away. Thank you, Dick, for a great year as president of Bonita Springs Rotary.

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Let's 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.

Happy Birthday!

**Jim Horein - June 20
Frances Dixon - June 21**

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June 27, 2007

This Week's Program

Dick Fredrickson will be presiding at his final meeting as President of Bonita Springs Rotary for 2006-07 and will be making presentations of awards.

Last Week - The Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Gerry Myers**, **Jim O'Leary** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak**, led us in singing *In The Good Old Summertime*. **John Warfield** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Sunshine Report

We were saddened by the report from **Roger Brunswick** that his mother died. We all remember Roger and his family in our prayers.

Happenings

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Last Week's Program



Roger Brunswick, Rotary Program Host for July, introduced **Michael Mastej**, CEO of Physicians Regional Medical Center - Collier Boulevard. He gave us insight into the inner workings of his facility, which is one of the many operated by HMA, which is

headquartered in Naples. He pointed out that HMA operates hospitals and medical centers in many states and as far away as Yakima, Washington, but mainly in the southeastern states. Mr. Mastej's talk focused mainly on the operation of the new facility, a 100 bed hospital, which he manages. The hospital was five years in the making and opened on February 5, 2007. He likened the opening day patients to people waiting for a garage sale to start in that they were waiting for the doors to open and the hospital has been busy ever since that day. The utilization of the Collier Boulevard hospital is evidence that one was needed in East Naples. Obstetrics and Pediatric Care is delivered at that facility, unlike the Pine Ridge facility. Seventy-five babies have been born there in the first 5 months of operation. The hospital is noted for providing vascular surgery and has attracted patients from as far north as Estero. The hospital will eventually expand to over 400 beds and an 80,000 square foot medical clinic managed by HMA will be opened soon near the hospital. To learn more go to

www.physiciansregionalcollier.com

Future Programs

July 4 - **No Meeting**

July 11 - **Stephanie Kissinger**, Program Host for July will introduce **Mark Crabb, FCDME**, Deputy Director for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Rotarian Profile



Gerry Myers is Past President of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Gerry is a Hawkeye. He was born and raised in Iowa City and he stayed there right through college. The University of Iowa is in Iowa City for those unfamiliar with Iowa. Gerry earned a BA in

Mathematics and a BS in Engineering. During his 38 year working career with GE in sales engineering and marketing management, Gerry and his family moved numerous times. They lived in Iowa, in five different locations in Illinois, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut. **Gerry** and his wife, **Ruth**, have been married for 46 years. They have three sons and 2 grandchildren. Gerry first joined the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, IA in 1994. He joined Bonita Springs Rotary in 1999. He has 13 years of perfect attendance. Gerry is the President, Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. He currently serves as Area 3 Assistant Area Governor for Effective Services. Gerry was recognized recently by Rotary District 6960 for his ongoing support of Rotary International. He truly is a **Rotarian** for all of us to emulate.

Shots for Tots Total Passes 11,000

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs has reported that 470 immunizations were administered to 166 area children during in the Bonita Shots for Tots program during the first half of 2007.

This brings the total since the program was begun in January 1995, to 11,233 immunizations for 5,368 children.

Shots for Tots is a joint effort of the Rotary Club, the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, and the Lee County Health Department. Immunizations against the various childhood diseases are offered without charge to all children under the age of 18 from 5 to 8 PM on the first Tuesday of every month. The next clinic will be held at the Church on Tuesday evening, July 3.

The immunizations are administered by Registered Nurses on the staff of the Health Department. Rotary volunteers assist with the coordination and administration of the clinics. In the 12 and one-half years since this project was begun, more than 50 Rotarians and their spouses have participated, many of them several times every year.

The Rotary Club sponsorship of the Shots for Tots project was undertaken at the request of the Lee County Children's Services Council, because there was no other opportunity in the southern part of the county for children to receive these much needed immunizations to safeguard their health.

Story by **Ira Hawk**

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1252

Mark McCaw had the winning ticket and drew the Two of Diamonds and won \$5. Of the 41 cards remaining there are 2 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$52 last week.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



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?

Happy Birthday!

Hank Hochstetler - June 27

Rick Barber - July 2

Tom Burgess - July 2

Frank Mazzeo - July 10

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This Week's Program

Stephanie Kissinger, Program Host for July will introduce **Mark Crabb, FCDME**, Deputy Director for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau

Last Meeting

President **Dick Fredrickson** called the last meeting of his Rotary year to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt, Fred Partin** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Krchniak** had us remain standing and led us in singing the **National Anthem**. Thanks, Steve, for having us sing in a key that worked well. It must help to have a PhD in Music Education. **Ray Faubion** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Sunshine Report

Bill Oehler reported the joy of being present when his daughter **Nancy** got engaged in Crawfordsville, IA. Nancy's fiancé came into the room carrying two grocery bags. **Bill** and his wife **Judy** were presented with seed corn hats. Then this outstanding gentleman, a farmer with a large hog production operation, asked for Bill's blessing and knelt before Nancy and asked for her hand in marriage.

Condolences to **Paul** and **Vickie Helbing** on the death of her brother. We will remember them in our prayers.

Last Meeting's Program

President **Dick Fredrickson's** presented awards to Rotarians for their service and the officers for 2007-08 were recognized.

Rotarian of the Year



Our **Rotarian of the Year** is **Bobbi Bird**. She was recognized for her leadership of Celebrate Bonita and for her many contributions such as Program Chair and 50/50 Substitute.

Fund Raising Leadership Awards were presented to **Ron Anderson** for Christmas Tree Sales,



Bobbi Bird for Celebrate Bonita, and **George Cohan** for Reverse Raffle.



Many members were singled out and they received certificates for their ongoing work at our weekly meetings.

George Cohan and **Steve Kaskie** for their duties as Sergeants-at-Arms, **Steve Krchniak** as Song Leader, **Bob Pagel** and **Ken Weyl** for their work on the **Spoke**, and **Jim O'Leary** for his work as Webmaster.

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President **Dick Fredrickson** recognized **Gerry Myers** for his work as President of the Foundation of Bonita Springs Rotary.



Program Chairs, **Gil Urick**, Attendance, **Ken King**, Hospitality, **Bobbie Bird**, Programs, **Debbie Metzger**, Publicity, **Roger Brunswick**, Rotary Regulars and **Sue Masters**, Social, received certificates for their ongoing contributions to the club.



Dick Frederickson is now Past President, **Ray Faubion** is the President-Elect, **Nancy Ross** is our Secretary, **Fred Partin** is our President and **Guy Quinn** is our Treasurer.



Dick Fredrickson presented a plaque to **Bob Pagel** for his service as Editor of the **Spoke**.

I would like to thank **Mark McCaw** for volunteering to print the **Spoke** in color. If he was only printing it in

black and white he would save us over \$1000/ year. One can only imagine what it would cost in color.

Bob Pagel, Editor

Future Programs

July 18 - TBA

July 25 - **Stephanie Kissinger** will introduce **Jack Wert**, Executive Director, Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Rotarian Profile

Our new president, **Fred Partin**, was proposed to our club by Rotarian **John Mathes** and joined Bonita Springs Rotary on October 11, 2000.



Fred and his wife, **Sharon**, were married on April 7, 2007. He has 3 children, **Nicole, Todd** and **Kyle**. He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University. Fred has served as Executive Director of Bonita Springs Utilities since 1981, leading the not-for-profit utility through more than two decades of robust growth and progress.

In addition to Fred's service in our Rotary Club, he currently serves on the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board, and board trustee of the CREW Land & Water Trust. Fred formerly served as one of three trustees-at-large on the board of governors for the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association. The section has 2,400 members, including 120 utility members that supply potable water to 90 percent of the state's population.

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce honored Fred as its 1991 Director of the Year and 1998 Citizen of the Year.

Fred, thanks for serving as our president.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1312

Last week **Jose Lopez** had the winning ticket and drew the 8 of Spades and took home \$5. Of the 40 cards remaining there are 2 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$60 last week.



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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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July 18, 2007

This Week's Program

Stephanie Kissinger, Program Host for July will introduce **Chief Phil Kinsey** of the Bonita Fire Control & Rescue District.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Jack Blake** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Fred Partin** had **Jason Dolle** lead us in reciting the 4 Way Test and we did it correctly by saying, The 4 Way Test of things we think, say or do and we did it at the start of the meeting. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing the *Sing, Everyone, Sing*.

Sunshine Report

Justice cannot be done in this limited space to tell you the **Richard** and **Toby Garner** story. It should be a program for our club. Many of you know the whole story of how on July 2 they became the parents of triplets. For those who don't, here is some of the information. Richard will have to tell the whole story. After trying for 15 years to have children and not being successful, Richard's niece, **Melissa**, agreed to help by bearing Richard and Toby's baby for them. Well, it turned out to be twins, **Katherine Melissa** and **Jackson Richard**. And then if you were writing the story you couldn't have scripted this, Toby finally got pregnant and she gave birth to **Emma Claire**. All three arrived on the same day. Wow!

I guess it is baby week. **John** and **Lisa Spear** report that son **Zack** and his wife **Cassy** had a baby girl, **Kylie Marie Eaton** on July 5.

Service Above Self Award



President **Fred Partin** presented to a much deserving, **Mark McCaw**, the Service Above Self Award for Rotary Year 2006-07 for his 8 years of chairing Mardi Gras, his involvement in many projects, and bringing the Spoke to a new level by publishing it in color.

Rotarians Recognized



Certificates of Appreciation for their work during the past Rotary Year were presented to **Mark McCaw**, Mardi Gras, **Jim Dati**, Celebrate Bonita and Membership Development, **Tom Burgess**, Orientation and **Frank Ogden** for Membership Classification.

Shots for Tots



Three weeks ago President **Dick Fredrickson** presented **Ira Hawk** with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ira reports that a slim crowd was expected at the Shots for Tots program on July 3, since it was

the day before a holiday. **Wrong!** Ira and wife, **Clarice**, had a busy night. Thirty one families showed up. More proof that this program is needed.

Last Meeting's Program

Stephanie Kissinger introduced **Mark Crabb**, FCDME, Deputy Director, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. Mark proved to us the importance of tourism and the money being spent to attract visitors. For every \$1 spent, \$3 is returned to the area. Does your business do that well? Tourism means \$3 Billion to the Lee County economy. Tourism is our biggest business. The bureau is funded by a 5% bed tax paid on every stay less than 6 months. That raises \$21 million. That effort saves every taxpayer in Lee County \$455/year. Lee County attracts 125,000 snowbirds, 118,000 Germans, and 78,000 Brits. The bureau has offices in Great Britain and in Germany. Mark points out that an upcoming in-line hockey event at Germain Arena will bring in 6,000 youth from around the world and it will mean income of \$21 million. However, it isn't easy. The doomsayers of the Weather Channel create a lot of negative publicity. Visit www.fortmeyers-sanibel.com to learn more.



Future Programs

July 25 - **Stephanie Kissinger** will introduce **Jack Wert**, Executive Director, Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau.

August - **Jose Lopez**, program chair for August will introduce a series of speakers on education.

August 1 - **Sabra Cecil**, Chairwoman Pre-K Educational Program, State of Florida.

August 8 - **Dr. James Browder**, Superintendent, Lee County School District.

August 15 - **Dr. Marci Greene** - Dean, School of Education, Florida Gulf Coast University.

August 22 - **Dr. Lou Traina**, Vice President, Hodges University.

August 29 - **Dr. Carole Carpenter**, Vice President, Ave Maria University

Dear Members of the Bonita Springs Morning Club,

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the Rotarian of the Year award that was bestowed upon me by all of you this past month.

Words can not adequately express how much it means to me. You may have noticed that at the awards banquet, because I was really speechless. However, to receive this award is deeply touching to me and a great honor.

Again, thank you for this very special recognition. It means a great deal to me.

Yours In Rotary,

Bobbi Bird.

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Home on the Range

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

Chorus:

Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
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July 25, 2007

This Week's Program

Stephanie Kissinger, Program Host for July will introduce **Jack Wert**, Executive Director, Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Mac McBride** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ray Faubion** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted the Bonita Springs Rotary Chorus in singing *Home on the Range* and he told us that the State of Kansas claims it as their song.

Sunshine Report

We are saddened by the passing of a former member of our club, **Gordon "Mr. Jaguar" Taylor**, who died on July 7.

Paul Helbing has resigned and has joined a club in the Tampa area where he and **Vickie** now live. Best of luck to Paul and Vickie.

Tonya Horsten gave birth to **Kassandra Danielle** on June 30. We miss you, Tonya.

An organization that recognizes outstanding lawyers has given **Jim Dati** its "super lawyer" designation. Congratulations, Jim!

Joe Pavich, Estero Rotary Club President, joined us for our meeting last week.

Last Week's Program



Stephanie Kissinger introduced **Phil Kinsey**, Chief of Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District. He gave a very informative presentation about his department, its staff and the services it provides. We learned that the department responded to 5500 emergencies last year. Medical emergencies accounted for 85% of those calls. Chief Kinsey

then demonstrated very graphically by asking us to hold our breath. Response times currently are at 6 minutes for most emergencies in Bonita Springs. A reduction in personnel and services due to budget cuts, the result of tax reform, could result in response times of up to 12 minutes. More fatalities will occur when people have heart attacks or critical accidental injuries. Chief Kinsey feels that his presentation is not a "scare tactic" rather an important explanation to residents of what their votes on tax cuts can mean and that his facts enable voters to make an informed decision. His department has an excellent website, www.bonitafire.org. Go there and learn about the many services such as CPR classes available to Bonita Springs residents. Thanks, Chief!

Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation

Outgoing President of the Foundation, **Gerry Myers**, reports that our club raised and dispersed close to \$100,000 to 27 different causes last year. Let's give ourselves a pat on the back.

Let's Welcome Linda Ritzert



Our newest member, **Linda Ritzert**, shown here with her sponsor, **Nancy Ross**, was inducted into Bonita Springs Rotary on July

11. Linda's classification is Consultant - Decorating. She was born in Columbus, Ohio, but spent much of her life in Lorraine, Ohio where she was active for 40 years in Quota Club, a business-women's organization that served the hearing and speech impaired. She is a Past-Governor of that club. She came to Florida 12 years ago after serving as Associate Director of the Port Authority of Lorraine. She owns "A Class Act," an accessory and decorating business at 4259 Bonita Beach Road. In addition to being a Rotarian, Linda is active in her church and in the American Cancer's Society's Relay for Life. She got involved in that endeavor as a result of losing both her husband and brother to cancer. Nancy, thanks for proposing Linda. Linda, thanks for joining us.

Softball Challenge

Sue Masters is organizing a team to answer the challenge of Bonita Springs Noon Rotary. It will be on a Saturday evening at the Bonita Springs Rec Center. Call Sue to sign up at 949-2419.

Steve Agius Area 3 Governor

We were honored by the presence of Area 3 Governor for Rotary District 6960, **Steve Agius**, of Bonita Springs Noon Rotary who reported on the reorganization of 6960. Our **Gerry Myers** will be Area 3 Governor next year.

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Fun is Good....

....is the motto of the Ft. Myers Miracle baseball club. And, fun is what 650 Rotarians had at the July 13 game. President **Fred Partin** led the Bonita Springs Rotary contingent. Rotary District



6960 Governor **Gary Israel** led the singing of our National Anthem. During the 7th Inning Stretch one of the Miracle Zooperstars, **Harry Canary** led the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."



The district through ticket sales raised \$2275 for our many projects.

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This Week \$1419.

Ron Anderson had the winning ticket and drew the 10 of Diamonds and won \$5. Of the 38 cards remaining there are 2 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. Our treasury increased by \$48. last week.



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...Fun is Good Continued from page 3.

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Bye, Bye Blackbird

Pack up all my care and woe.
 Here I go, singing low,
 Bye, bye blackbird.
 Where somebody waits for me,
 Sugar's sweet, so is she/he,
 Bye, bye blackbird.
 No one here can love and understand me,
 Oh, what hard luck stories they all hand me.
 Make my bed and light the light,
 I'll arrive late tonight,
 Blackbird, bye, bye.

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Last Meeting

President Elect **Ray Faubion** filling in for the vacationing President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Hank Hochstetler**, **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bill Oehler** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted the singing of *Bye, Bye Blackbird*.

Sunshine Report

Correction: **Tanya Horsten** gave birth to **Kassandra Danielle** on June 30. Last week I misspelled Tanya's name. I hope I got the baby's name right.

Chief **Phil Kinsey** thanks us for allowing him to speak to our club. He said, "It was truly an honor and privilege." Thank you, Chief Kinsey, for coming to speak to us and for having a well trained department prepared to protect us.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

District Governor **Gary Israel** and his guest, **Chris Pascale**. **Fred Mansfield**, guest of the absent **Sue Masters**. **Ozzy Tello**. **Vince Modarelli**, Rotarian, Bonita Springs Noon Club. **George Beyer** guest of **Stephanie Kissinger**.

Last Week's Program

Stephanie Kissinger

introduced **Jack Wert**, Executive Director, Naples, Marco Island and Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paradise Coast. He promotes the area known as Florida's Last Paradise. We learned that the 1.4 million visitors to Collier County in 2006 spent \$744 mil-



lion and had a \$1.1 billion impact on our economy. Tourists paid sales and gas taxes totaling \$74 million, which reduced the taxes on each Collier County household by \$547. Wert debunked many of the myths of tourism. Tourists do not cause road congestion. Seasonal residents cause congestion demonstrated by traffic patterns after Easter. He was quick to point out that seasonal residents are crucial to the economy of the area, too. More tourists all year round is his goal in order to lessen the effects of fluctuations in visitors on the work force. His office cooperates with other tourism promoters, especially Lee County. He told us of the effort to draw more people through the use of websites. One is www.floridasgolfcoast.com aimed at golfers. The website of his bureau is www.paradisecoast.com. Tourism is definitely an effort by many organizations, the Hotel & Lodging Association, Visit Florida, Economic Development Commission, SW Florida International and the Naples Airport and FGCU with its Resort & Hospitality Program. Most important we learned that we don't have a hurricane season, we have a windy season. Thanks, Jack! Wert!

Rotarian Profile

Dave Shellenbarger is a Michigan native who became a Florida resident and member of our Club in 2004. After growing up on a farm in southern Michigan Dave enrolled in Michigan State University, where he graduated with a degree in Business-Marketing in 1968. Acceptance to Navy OCS was followed by a 1-Y exemption in the draft, and **Dave and Kathie** were married in January, 1969.



After teaching school for a year, Dave joined Burroughs Corporation in July, 1969 as a sales rep selling a new product called an electronic calculator (\$2,295!). Responsibilities evolved into accounting and mainframe computer sales, sales, product, and branch management. Corporate life created demands that were not attractive, and he joined a computer remarketing and leasing firm in 1978 and relocated to Rochester, Michigan. In 1981 he started his own remarketing/leasing company, and evolved the business into a software, services, and systems integration company in the nineties. On June 30, 1999 the sale of the company was completed to a German technology company, and he retired at age 52.

Dave and Kathie bought a seasonal home in Bonita Bay in 1999 and moved into a newly constructed high rise building in 2002. They have a beachfront condo in Holland, MI where they spend their summers, more closely located to their two sons and their families, including five grandchildren. Dave and Kathie are involved in several community organizations and agencies, including our community foundations, Hope Hospice, the Art League, Salvation Army, Bonita Partnership, and their condominium association. They enjoy golf, travel, fitness, socializing, and family, and Rotary provides a special set of friends and an opportunity to be part of our community in an important way.

Clean Water Project

Sandy Scoggins is heading a project for our club to raise funds to provide clean water to a community in a developing country. Please join her in this new project. It is an excellent opportunity for our club to be involved internationally.

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The Spoke Extra

We frequently have more than enough stories for our four page bulletin. We have decided to add additional pages when necessary, but only publish them in the online version. If you are not online and would like a copy let us know and we will print one for you.

Today's extra page covers information about **Gary Israel**, District Governor 6960 and **Steve Agius**, Assistant District Governor 6960 Area 3. See pages 5 and 6 of the online version of this edition.

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Beer Barrel Polka

Roll out the Barrel
We'll have a barrel of fun.
Roll out the Barrel
We've got the blues on the run.
Zing! Boom! Ta-rar-el!
Ring out a song of good cheer,
Now's the time to roll the barrel
For the gang's all here.

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District 6960 Governor Gary Israel



Gary and Ann Marie Israel have a busy year ahead for them. Recently we saw them at the July 13th Miracle game along with 650 Rotarians from the district. Gary, an accomplished vocalist led the singing of the National Anthem.

Here is Gary's bio from the Rotary District 6960 website:

Gary is originally from southern Ohio and is still an avid Buckeye sports fan (Ohio State, Cincinnati Reds). He earned his Bachelors of Science from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. He taught English and Spanish right out of college. Gary spent of 22 years in the Cemetery/Funeral industry in Sales and Marketing with the last 10 years specifically in Sales Training and Motivation.

In 2000, at age 49, he made a huge career change to Retail Advertising Consultant for the #1 Information Source in Lee County.... **The News-Press**, where he earned Outside Sales Executive of the Year (2001) and Most Customer Sensitive (2001 and 2003) and a

member of the Director's Club.

Due to job relocations, Gary has been an active member of 4 Rotary Clubs within District 6960 under the tutelage of the late **Pete Cypher**, PDG!! He started his Rotary career with the Cape Coral North Club, then to the Rotary Club of Palmetto in Manatee County, then to Charlotte Harbor and finally to the Rotary Club of Estero where he is a Charter Member. Gary has served as President of the Rotary Club of Estero, Deputy Area 2 Governor of Effective Community Service and of TRF and 2 years as Area 2 Governor.

He has also spent many years as a facilitator/discussion leader for the Sunshine Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute and serves on the Executive Committee. In addition to these responsibilities, Gary also served as District Trainer for 2005-06 and also as the District Public Relations Chair, 2005-06. Gary is a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and charter member of the Paul Harris Society.

In October 2001, **Gary** and his wife **Ann Marie** were married (first time for both!) and they currently reside in Estero, Florida with their two cats **Abby** and **Zoë**

Gary Israel's Message

Gary Israel's inaugural message can be found in its entirety at www.rotary6960.org by clicking on Database and looking in the District 6960 Newsletter.

Here are some excerpts taken from the Gary's message:

District 6960 "led the way" by exceeding our goal of \$200 per capita in annual giving to The Rotary Foundation, which has just completed a record breaking year.

He asks all of us to make every effort to really have fun and enjoy Rotary by taking advantage of every **Fellowship** opportunity.

This year Rotary International President **Wilf Wilkinson** has asked each and every one of us to show just how much and in how many ways **Rotary Shares**. Gary asks us to join him in sharing *All of the Best of Rotary*.

Let's make the best of our most advanced vehicle of communication...our District website/database - www.rotary6960.org. Please take **personal responsibility** to ensure your own information is **complete, accurate and up to date**.

This year, in addition to the emphases of water, health and hunger, literacy and the family of Rotary, the focus and major goal will be on **MEMBERSHIP**. Gary is encouraging each of us to make a personal commitment to sponsor at least one new qualified, service-minded member before March 31, 2008. There will be new honors and recognition for those who succeed in this endeavor.

Learn as much about Rotary as you can, so that you will be able to better fulfill our motto for the year, **Rotary Shares**.

Gary Israel asks that each of us make **Rotary Awareness** a part of who we are by asking ourselves each day...

Do I Love Rotary? Will I Serve Rotary? Will I Share Rotary?

Gary states that once you can answer these 3 simple questions without hesitation you will have become a true **Rotarian!!!**

Thanks, Gary, you are a leader who we can follow.

District 6960 Assistant Governor Steve Agius

Steve has been a Rotarian since 1983, and became involved in the Rotary Gift of Life in District 7260, Suffolk County, New York, in 1989. He served as Chairman of the board of directors of the Gift of Life until moving to Florida in 1996. Steve then joined the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon, and became a board member of District 6960 Gift of Life program. He will become President of this board on July 1, 2007, and is also Assistant Governor for Area 3 in District 6960 for 2007-2008.



Here Steve explains the reorganization of District 6960. "As of July 1 2007 our District changed from 8 areas to 11 in order to make the size of the areas more manageable for the Assistant Governors of each area. The area your club is in is area 3, which consists of the Estero, Bonita Noon and Ft. Myers Beach clubs as well. There is also now a tri-level area leadership plan in place whereby the Assistant Governor has 2 Deputy Assistants. In our case, **Gerry Myers** is the Deputy Assistant Governor and is tied to the District Governor Elect **Margie Cypher**. This year Gerry is responsible for the Rotary Foundation in our area. At the start of the next Rotary year, when Margie becomes District Governor, he and the other 10 area Deputies for the foundation all "move up" to the Assistant Governors position, and I am out. **Mike Prioletti** is the other Deputy in our area, and he is tied in with **Vince Cautero** who will be DG in 2009-2010. Next year Mike moves up to the slot Gerry has this year and so on. By the time a Rotarian becomes Assistant Governor under this plan, they will have had 2 years of training as a Deputy Assistant. I think it's a great plan as it will really strengthen our District leadership by bringing in a lot of new fresh leaders into the District Leadership and they will have been well trained in the process.

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August 8, 2007

This Week's Program

Jose Lopez, Program Host for August will introduce **Dr. James Browder**, Superintendent, Lee County School District. Dr. Browder was given an Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship in 1992 by Bonita Springs Rotary for his contributions to the community as Principal of Estero High School.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Ira Hawk** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Frank Mazzeo** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing of *Beer Barrel Polka*.

Pueblo Bonito Camp Scholarships



Gerry Myers and **Diane Lepola** representing the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation presented a check for \$1400 to **Bill Gunnin**, Chief Professional Officer, Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County. The money will be used to provide summer camp scholarships to 10 children of Pueblo Bonito. **Jose Lopez**, Rotarian, Bonita Springs Rotary, is a member of the board of directors of the Partnership in Housing, which manages Pueblo Bonito. Thanks, Rotarians!

Last Week's Program

Jose Lopez, Program Host for August, introduced Bonita Springs Assistance Office President, **Mark McCaw** and Administrator, **Lois Hollands**, who made a presentation, "A Community Initiative to Create The Bonita Springs Family Resource Center."



Mark and Lois told us of the need for such a center in that 7 of 10 elementary school students are on the free/reduced price lunch program, 21% of current Bonita Springs residents ages 21 through 64 have disabilities and in 2004 it was determined that 25% of the population did not have health insurance. The plan is to build two buildings on a 17.11 acre parcel at W. Terry and Matheson Streets. The Bonita Springs Assistance Office Building I would have 27,260 square feet and would provide office space for many 501(c)(3) organizations serving those in need. The Salvation Army building would be 20,000 square feet. Mark pointed out who would be served and pointed out who would not, too. This would not be a soup kitchen or an overnight homeless shelter for transients. Some of the organizations located there would be the United Way of Lee County, Bonita Partnership for Compassion, Bonita Springs Area Housing Development Corporation, Deaf Service of Southwest Florida, Department of Human Services, LARC (Lee County Association of Retarded Citizens), Lee Memorial Health Systems, Southwest Workforce Development Board, SWFAS (Southwest Florida Addiction Services), and many more. Visit their excellent website at www.bsfrc.org. Thanks, **Mark** and **Lois**.

Rotarian Profile

Sue Masters and husband **Richard** have been married 42 years and have two sons --one local and one in Rochester. She was born and raised in Rochester, NY, and graduated from St. John Fisher College in Management/Finance. Her career spans Eastman Kodak Co. to Commercial Property Management, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and 1st woman elected to serve as Supervisor of Irondequoit - a suburban town with 58,000 population, 2 school districts, 5 fire districts, \$16 million budget and 300 employees.



In 1994, she was 1st woman invited to join the Irondequoit Rotary, where she served as Director Int'l Services and enjoyed a Rotary Friendship Exchange to India for 4 weeks, staying with families and seeing lots of Rotary Humanitarian Projects. Sue helped establish Int'l Sister City links with Poltava, Ukraine, and Pescara, Italy and her town. She says her most treasured Rotary memories: "Helping to save a young girl's life in Ukraine. The girl needed a pacemaker replaced - and is still keeping in touch with her 11 years later; when my first grandchild became our club's youngest Paul Harris Fellow -- at 9 weeks old; maintaining perfect attendance since joining Rotary 13 years ago -- including make-ups around the world."

She retired, bought in Bonita Springs in 1999 -- just in time to celebrate Bonita's incorporation as a City! She states that the best part of retirement: "Living in "Paradise" and enjoying my first Grandchild, **Caitlyn** - who is a native Bonitan, born Aug. 14, 2006! Travel is also a highlight -- In 2001 I was out of the country 13 weeks -- traveling to France, Belgium and Denmark to visit former foreign exchange students; a week in Italy.

And, nine days after 9-11, I flew to Australia for two weeks and extended that trip to include New Zealand, Thailand and Vietnam."

She transferred to Bonita Springs Rotary in 2003. As Social Director, she is looking for members to come forward with suggestions and willingness to get some fun social events organized for the club this year -- to "build good will and better friendships!" Rotary is one of her favorite charities where she feels her donations of time, talent and treasure(\$\$\$) get the "biggest bang" - locally and internationally--and help spread peace and goodwill throughout the world.

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The Band Played On

Casey would waltz with a
strawberry blonde,
And the band played on.
He'd glide 'cross the floor
With the girl he adored
And the band played on.
His brain was so loaded
It nearly exploded the poor girl would shake
with
alarm.
He married the girl with the strawberry curls,
And the band played on.

Happy Birthday!

Paul Van Valkenburg - August 9
Gary Murphy - August 12
Nancy Ross - August 12

Announcements

Sandy Scoggins is looking for a few more people to join her, **Roger Brunswick** and **Bob Pagel** on the Clean Water Project.

Shelter Box USA informed us that our donated shelter box went to Pakistan.

The Spoke Extra - See page 5 of the online version to learn about the Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club's Tom Barr Golf Classic benefiting college bound local graduates to be held on Saturday, September 15.

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Last Week

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Hank Hochstetler** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Debbie Metzger** led the 4-Way Test and **Frank Krchniak** led us in singing a "new" old song, ***The Band Played On.***

Hospital Report

Rotarian Jack Blake is now recuperating at home after being hospitalized in Germany. He became ill last month while on an European river cruise with wife **Lynn**. Was taken from the ship in Koblenz and spent four days in the hospital there before being able to re-join the tour.

Kathy Fredrickson, wife of our immediate past president, **Dick Fredrickson**, had successful surgery in Cincinnati last Tuesday to repair a crushed vertebra suffered in a recent fall at their cottage in Canda.

Rather than placing her in the traditional body cast, doctors used a new procedure in which they inserted a balloon into the vertebra through a tiny tube, pressurized the balloon to expand the vertebra to its original size, then forced a special cement into the cavity to hold it in place. They will remain at her daughter's in Cincinnati for post-operative rehabilitation.

Superintendent Is Speaker

Dr. James Browder, Superintendent of the Lee County School System, reviewed some of the challenges our schools face at the meeting last week.



Introduced by Program Chair, **Jose Lopez**, Dr. Browder said that many of the problems relate to the rapid growth and the movement of families within the district.

He said that in addition to the net growth of about 3,000 students when schools open this month, another 9,000 students will be in different schools because their families have relocated from one part of the county to another. When he came here 35 years ago enrollment was about 16,000. Now it is about 82,000. Five new schools will be built this year and at least four more next year.

The "class size" amendment, he warned will have serious consequences. Not only may it bankrupt the state with the cost of erecting new school buildings, but is already causing a "huge" shortage of qualified school teachers. This past year, Lee County was unable to fill 50 teaching positions. It will get worse, he said, because colleges are not turning out teachers in sufficient numbers to fill the need.

Dr. Browder expressed his pride in the district's teachers and what they are accomplishing. Good teachers have a powerful influence on the lives of children that lasts forever. "Thank a teacher for what he or she is doing for our community," he said.

Our Schools Are A Big Business

With more than 11,000 employees, the Lee County School System is the largest employer south of St. Petersburg. Annual budget for operations and new school construction is \$1.7 million.

There are 101 schools serving 82,000 students, making the system among the top 50 in the United States. Ninth in Florida.

Because one-half of the students are from families below the poverty level, the system serves 10 million meals a year — 2.8 million breakfasts and 7.2 million lunches.

The system has 700 buses traveling about 75,000 miles a day transporting 46,000 students to and from school. Buses are now fitted with a GPS device which allows the district to track location, speed, time at each stop, etc., of each bus.

Students represent 159 countries and speak 98 different languages. More than 8,000 are "limited English proficient."

More than 10,000 volunteers regularly contribute hundreds of thousands of hours of service in our schools. In addition to value of their personal attention and care, this translates to a \$15 million contribution.

Proud To Be Paul Harris Fellow

Dr. Browder expressed again his appreciation for the recognition our Rotary Club gave to him fifteen years ago when it contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation in his name to designate him as a **Paul Harris Fellow**.

At the time he was serving as the first principal of Estero High School, and the award was given in recognition of his many contributions to our community. He said that as he has moved through various assignments in the meantime, he has always been proud of that award.

Future Programs

Next week, August 22, **Jose Lopez**, program chair for August will introduce **Dr. Lou Traina**, Vice President, Hodges University. Hodges University is the new name of the institution formerly known as International College.

Dr. Carole Carpenter, Vice President, on the new Ava Maria University, is scheduled to be our speaker on August 29.

Bill Macauley, Chief Operating Officer of the Bonita-Estero Association of Realtors will be here on September 5 to report on the market in Southwest Florida.

Large Turnout for Shots

The "Back to School" "Shots for Tots" clinic last Tuesday evening was the most successful in several years.



An estimated 150 immunizations were administered to seventy-four children.

This program, now in its 13th year is a joint effort of our club in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church and the Lee County Health Department. Since its beginning in January 1995, approximately 11,500 immunizations against childhood disease have been given to help protect the health of children in our area.

Our clinic, as it has been over the years, continues to be the most successful one operated by the Health Department. More than 50 Rotarians and their spouses have contributed thousands of hours of volunteer service to make it all possible.

\$\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$\$

This Week \$1553

Frank Mazzeo had the winning ticket, but drew only the two of clubs. He won \$5, but two aces (worth \$100 each) and the joker for the jackpot await a future winner!

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Noon Club Sets Golf Classic

Rotarians are invited to play in the 9th annual Tom Barr Golf Classic on Saturday, September 15 at the Palmira Golf Club. The tournament will benefit the Noon Rotary Club's Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for golf and lunch are \$80, lunch only \$25. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

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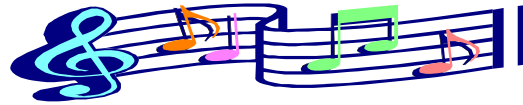
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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!
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Happy Birthday!

Mark Lewis - August 15

Mark Petrites - August 18

Paul Lotz - August 21

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This Week's Program

Jose Lopez, Program Host for August will introduce **Dr. Lou Traina**, Vice President, Hodges University, Naples.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Bob Lorenz**, **Ed Houck** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Stephanie Kissinger** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Maria Drumm, guest of **Nancy Ross**, **Bryan Dowd**, guest of **Stephanie Kissinger**, **Brad Collins**, guest of **Ken King**. Visiting Rotarians, **Keith Merrill**, Rotary Regular, Huntsville Ohio, in town for a few days, and **John LeVoy**, South Fort Myers.

Softball Challenge

The Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club has challenged our club to a softball game, which will be held at 8 PM on Saturday, October 13 at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. If you are interested please see **Fred Partin**.

Last Week's Program



Dr. Marci Greene, Ed. D., Professor and Dean of the College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University was introduced by **Jose Lopez**, Program Host for the Month of August. Dr. Greene recounted the growth and maturity of the university, since it was founded

in 1997. The campus is now made up of over 60 buildings and is still growing. She praised the various civic organizations such as Rotary that have supported the university in its endeavors. She told of interesting programs such as the First Generation Grants, which are given to students, who are the first of their families to ever attend college. The university has established a graduate program. Dr. Greene stressed the importance to teachers of having a doctorate degree in that the degree enables the teacher to progress though the pay scale steps in addition to offering their students the knowledge gained in the educational process. Dr. Greene told of the valued cooperation from Lee County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James Browder, who was our speaker two weeks ago. She told how minority enrollment has doubled since 2001 and now averages around 20%. She told us about **SERVES**, Supports Encouragement Resources Vital to Success, a mentoring program for teachers in which Rotarians could get involved. Watch for Community Day, an open house at FGCU on Saturday, October 27. Learn more at the College of Education website www.coe.fgcu.edu.

Ben Nelson Inducted



John Mathes introduced **Ben Nelson**, who he proposed to Bonita Springs Rotary. Ben's roots are deep in Southwest Florida. His grandparents homesteaded on Pine Island in the 1920s where his father was born. Ben's parents moved their family to Bonita Springs in 1959 where they owned a hardware store for many years. Ben has owned and operated Nelson Marine Construction since 1981. He builds sea walls, docks and boat lifts. **Ben** and his wife **Lori** have three adult children. Ben has served on the board of directors of Bonita Springs Utilities for 10 years, 3 of them as president. He is in his seventh year as a Councilman for District 6 in the City of Bonita Springs and is currently running for mayor. He has been a member of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce for 25 years. **John Mathes**, thank you for proposing **Ben** for membership. **Ben**, welcome aboard or welcome ashore, whichever, but be sure to use a dock built by Nelson Marine Construction.

Tom Barr Golf Classic

The 9th Annual Tom Barr Golf Classic at Palmira Golf Club on Saturday, September 15, 2007 benefiting college bound local high School graduates is a Rotary project by Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon. See the August 8 online version of **The Spoke Extra** for an entry blank or contact **Rod Mease**, 239-659-0099 or **R J Hoeft**, 239-777-6623.

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Let's Get Acquainted

A good way for us to learn about each other is to volunteer a biographical sketch of who you are for the **Rotarian Profile** feature of **The Spoke**. Send it to me, **Bob Pagel**, at bob4rotary@msn.com. Send your picture along with it or I will take a picture at a meeting. Include in your bio, information about where you went to school, about your family, your occupation, your involvement past and present in Rotary and a bit about your other interests. Thanks for making your Rotary newsletter an interesting read.

**\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week \$1584**

Jim Dati had the winning ticket and drew the Seven of Spades and won \$5. Of the 34 cards remaining there are 2 Aces each worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins the pot. The Rotary Foundation gained \$31 last week.



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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

The Happy Wanderer

By Antonia Ridge

1' I love to go awandering,
Along the mountain track,
And as I go I love to sing,
My knapsack on my back.
Valderi, valdera, valderi,
Valdera, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha,
Valderi, Valdera,
My knapsack on my back.

2. I wave my hat to all I meet,
And they wave back to me,
And blackbirds call so loud and sweet
From ev'ry greenwood tree.
Valderi, valdera, valderi,
Valdera, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha,
Valderi, Valdera,
From ev'ry greenwood tree.

3. Oh, may I go awandering,
Until the day I die.
Oh, may I always laugh and sing
Beneath God's clear blue sky
Valderi, valdera, valderi,
Valdera, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha,
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Last Meeting

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Ugo Assi, a native of Milan, Italy, was the guest of **Roger Brunswick**, **Bryan Dowd**, native of Iowa, guest of **Stephanie Kissinger**, and **Roman Horoszewski**.

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The Rotary Foundation

Gerry Myers reports that last year our club contributed \$148/member to the foundation. Our goal this year is \$250/member. A full report on the District 6960 meeting held in Port Charlotte this month and attended by **Gerry** and **Jim Dati** will be made in this publication soon.

Last Week's Program

Jose Lopez, Program Host for August, introduced **Dr. Lou Traina**, Vice President of University Advancement at Hodges University (formerly International College) and the Executive Director of the University Foundation. Dr. Traina told us of the "Culture of Positive Change" at Hodges. He said that this was the third time that he has spoken to our club. He enlightened us with information that many of us did not know, such as the fact that the average age of the Hodges students is 31. Hodges is a university catering to fulltime working people, who want to advance their careers, which accounts for an average age much higher than most colleges. However, Dr. Traina was quick to point out that the 19 year old population at the school has had a 40% increase. The students can attend school year round. The faculty has 12 month, not 8 month contracts. Students can attend school 24/7 in that many courses are blended or hybrids, classroom and online. Students can submit papers electronically and they are graded electronically. A new doctorate program in business administration will be added soon. The current enrollment is 2,000, 69% are female. Hodges ranks in the top 10 universities in the US in serving the Hispanic community, 25% of the students are Hispanic. The schools at Hodges are the School of Allied Health, the Kenneth Oscar Johnson School of Business, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Technology. To learn more about Hodges and its service to SW Florida visit www.hodges.edu.



Rotarian Profile

Tom Burgess has been a Rotarian for over thirty years and is married to **Leslie**. They have been married for forty-four years.

Tom and Leslie have three grown children who live in Portland (OR), Denver and the Washington, DC area. Tom and

Leslie's biggest challenge in their lives right now is trying to work out the logistics of getting to see their kids and grandchildren often enough.

Tom's prior Rotary service includes membership in the Rotary Clubs of Winchester, KY, Reston, VA, Sun City Center, FL and, of course, the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Tom is a past president of the Rotary Club of Reston and is working on his third Paul Harris Fellow designation. Tom currently serves as chairman of Rotary Information for our club and, as such, leads the new member orientation program for all prospective members of our club. He has also served on our club's board of directors and is currently on the board of the club's foundation.

Tom has a master's degree in city management and has spent parts of his career in both the public and the private sectors. For the past over thirty years he has specialized in the management of large master-planned communities. In his current employment, Tom serves as general manager of community operations for Bonita Bay where he is responsible for security & access to the community, maintenance, landscaping, storm water management, roads, parks, beach operations and community activities for the Bonita Bay residents.

Prior to moving to Florida, Tom was executive vice president and general manager for Reston, Virginia, one of the country's first and largest master-planned new communities.



Tom oversaw the growth and servicing of Reston as it grew from its early inception to a city of over 50,000 population by the early 1990's.

Tom has been a member of our club for the past five years and says that he believes that this is the BEST Rotary club he has ever had the pleasure to be associated with! Tom you are a Rotarian responsible for making us the Rotary Club that we are.

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Stephanie Kissinger Succeeds Debbie Metzger

Steve McIntosh in seeking someone to be our leader for the Interact Club/S4TL at Estero High School and to succeed **Debbie Metzger** asked for a volunteer last week. **Stephanie Kissinger** volunteered. Thanks, Stephanie, you are the right person for that position. Thanks, Debbie, for a job well done.

Are you a RINO? Rotarian in name only? Isn't it time to follow Stephanie's example and get involved.

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Ira Hawk Wins \$1584

Hooray for **Ira Hawk**. He pulled the joker out of the 34 remaining cards and is the big winner. This week we are back to drawing for \$500. You will win that if you have the winning ticket and draw the Joker. Each of the 4 aces is worth \$100. Half of the money raised goes to the Rotary Foundation. Join the fun. \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

***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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See **Fred Partin** for details. So far the Rotary Foundation has received \$5 million as a result of Rotarians choosing this credit card.

What's In Your Wallet?

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Welcome, Ozzy Tello



Guy Quinn proposed **Ozzy**. He was inducted into our club last week. We will be featuring Ozzy in a future issue in the Rotarian Profile, so that we can get acquainted. We feature both new and long time members. Send your bio to bob4rotary@msn.com.

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September 5, 2007

Welcome Nancy Keefer

Nancy Wyckoff, program chair for September, will introduce our speaker today, Nancy Keefer, President of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

In the 10 years since coming here from Upstate New York, she has helped the local chamber grow to a membership of 1300, making it the largest organization of its kind in Southwest Florida. Under her leadership it has been named "Chamber of the Year" for the State of Florida and has received Accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

John Tyson is New Member

Our fourth new member of the Rotary year was inducted last week as John Tyson was introduced by his sponsor, Kenny King.



John was a Rotarian for 25 years as a member of the Club in Muskegon, Michigan, where he was an attorney and business executive. Now retired to Southwest Florida, he gives generously of his time as a volunteer with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

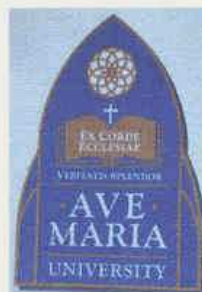
Dictionary Labeling Saturday

Volunteers are needed to help put labels in the dictionaries which Rotary will give to all Third Graders. See Fred Partin.

New University Introduced

Rotarians last week were given an interesting introduction to America's newest university only a few days after its 600 students moved into the new campus and new town of Ave Maria.

Dr. Carole Carpenter, Vice President for Organizational Development, described the new community which has been created in what were formerly tomato fields near Immokalee. She said it has been made possible by the Vision of Tom Monaghan, who grew up in an orphanage and never went to college, but built a highly successful business, Domino's Pizza. He now has devoted



more than \$200 million of his fortune, and most of his energy to establishing the school. It is devoted to liberal arts education and high moral standards. The current student body represents 43 states and 12 countries, and eventually will grow to more than

5000 students.

The town builds on the heritage of pioneer Barron Collier, and the university already has attracted the support of more than 20,000 area "founders" who have pledged on-going financial contributions.

Meet A New Rotarian

Ozzy Tello has for the past three years been a tax accountant with the local firm Wiebel, Hennells and Carufe, P.A., where he also serves as system administrator and resident expert on tax software programs.



A native of New York, he spent 10 years on active duty with the United States Air Force, where he was an Information Systems Manager. He has worked almost 17 years in industry in various information management areas and is nearing completion of his Master's degree in Accounting and Taxation.

Ozzy lives in Cape Coral with his wife, Michelle, and five sons. They are now expecting their sixth child, and are praying for a girl! He is a second-generation American, his parents having immigrated from Columbia and Ecuador. *A warm Rotary Welcome to Ozzy Tello!*

Last Week

President Fred Partin sounded the opening bell right on time to begin a packed-full and meaningful hour together.

The invocation was given by Doug Pratt, Paul Lotz led us in the pledge to the flag, and John West, in the Four-Way Test.

Steve Krchniak, despite being almost overlooked by our president, taught us another "new" old song, *I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover*.

Don Manley, was presented his "blue" badge. Although Don has been a Rotarian for many years at his previous home in, Ohio, he had been a "rookie" here for the past few weeks.

Membership Seminar

Director Jim Dati recently represented our Club at a District 6960 Seminar on Membership, and presented a stimulating report last week.

Theme of the conference was "retention, development and recruitment," he said, underscoring the important role all members must play in introducing Rotary to other community leaders.



He discussed how membership in a Rotary club helps meet the "social, esteem and self actualization needs of an individual," and encouraged members to identify others who should be in Rotary.

Past President Reports

Immediate Past President Dick Fredrickson reports from Cincinnati where wife Kathy is slowly recovering from back surgery. He passes along an idea from a Rotary Club there where he recently did "make up".

It is encouraging members who have offices with waiting rooms to get a gift subscription to *The Rotarian* magazine. This will enable their patients/customers to learn more about the good work Rotary is doing around the world. Cost is only \$12 per year.

District Website

Log in with your e-mail address and use your RI number for the password. (*Find it on the mailing label for your ROTARIAN*) Check your own information! The District website has Rotary answers, club documents, meeting times and places, links to other clubs and district events.

WWW.ROTARY6960.ORG

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Harv Humphrey had the winning ticket, and drew the two of diamonds from a new deck for \$5. All the "pay cards" await a future winner!



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Happy Birthday!

Charlie Bishop — September 5

Rotarian in the News

Bonita/Naples Daily News, in two pages of its business section, recently featured Rotarian Peter Zahner and his line of sunscreen products, MelanSol, which helps block harmful UV radiation.

Peter developed the formula two years ago from 100% natural ingredients following his own bout with skin cancer. His sunblock in three varieties is sold in area health food stores and is distributed in the U.S. and Canada, and in his native Switzerland.



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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,
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Nancy Wyckoff, Program Host for September will introduce **Carla Ulakovic**, District 6960 Ambassadorial Scholar for 2005-06 to Bond University in Queensland, Australia where she received her masters degree. Carla will share with us her experiences as a scholar and tell of the value added to her life as a result of receiving the scholarship.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Martha Erickson**, **Gil Urick** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rex Sims** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing *I've Been Working on the Railroad*.

Visiting Guests

Bryan Dowd, guest of **Stephanie Kissinger**, and **Roman Horoszewski**, and **Fred Mansfield** guest of **Sue Masters**.

Softball Challenge

The Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club has challenged our club to a softball game, which will be held at 8 PM on Saturday, October 13 at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. If you are interested please see **Sue Masters**. This is an opportunity to recruit younger people to not only join our softball team, but also to join our club. Remember, we have our most important project coming up where there will be some heavy lifting. You know what I am talking about. **Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!**

Last Week's Program

Nancy Wyckoff, our Program Host for September introduced **Nancy Keefer**, Bonita Springs Noon Rotarian and no stranger to our club and known personally by many, which was obvious by the numbers of her friends greeting her with hugs. She speaks to our club every year in an effort



to bring us up to date on what is happening in the Bonita Springs area. We learned that despite the slow down in the economy nationally the economy locally is still healthy although not as booming as in the near past. We learned that the chamber office has 40,000 visitors in a year. The Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce is certified as one of the few accredited chambers of commerce in the US. One of the goals for the near future is to increase the percentage of voter turnout. Currently it is at a dismal 17%. Nancy says that the median age is dropping and now is at age 50 in Bonita Springs. The Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce membership is down from a high of 1300 members to 1200 and a third of those dropping out had gone out of business. A sign of the economic times. Unemployment in the area is at 2.6%, which is about half of the national average. One of the problems facing employers is the lack of available workers. And, one of the reasons is that old bugaboo that we have heard talked about by many of our speakers, "affordable housing." Workers will not come here if they cannot afford to live near work. The bad news. Residential building permits through August are at 77. Last year they were at 376. (See next page)

According to Nancy there is good news. During the same time period, Commercial permits were up to 46 compared to 24 last year. This is a sign that businesspeople have faith that the economy will turn around. One thing that is of great concern to the Chamber of Commerce and its members is the Hometown Democracy Referendum movement, which if passed could cause chaos within the business community. Instead of trusting the local elected officials to make the right decisions, many issues would have to go to referendum and there would be a large percentage of voters, who would vote to block any change in the community. Hometown Democracy has a nice sound to it, but is it best for everyone? The Bonita Chamber of Commerce will be involved in educating voters. Thanks, **Nancy Wyckoff** for introducing **Nancy Keefer**. We hope to hear your report next year and that you will bring us news that our business climate has had an upswing. For more information go to:

www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk reported that he and his wife, **Clarice**, and **Bob Lorenz** helped 30 families receive their most important immunizations. After counting all of the shots for August they learned that there were 189 given at that event. **WOW!!! Ira Hawk** and your team makes us proud to be Bonita Springs Rotarians.

The Dictionary Project

"Many hands make light work" or is it "Many hands make work light." Anyway, see **Fred Partin** to volunteer to hand out dictionaries in our local elementary schools. The schools, dates and times will be announced shortly. It is reported that this project is a most pleasant experience for participating Rotarians. This past Saturday Rotarians **Sue Masters**, **Bill Oehler**, **Martha Erickson**, and **Bob Lorenz** helped by working to place labels identifying our club as the donor on the dictionaries. Thank you, Rotarians.

Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Moving

According to **Tom Burgess** the Noon Club is moving to Spanish Wells Country Club. Hooray for our friends in the Noon Club.

Future Programs

Nancy Wyckoff, Program Host for September will introduce the following people.

September 19 - **Richard Barber**, Bonita Springs Post Office.

September 26 - **Charlie Strader**, President, Bonita Springs Historical Society and environmental advocate will talk about the society and their efforts at historic preservation.

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Rotarian Profile

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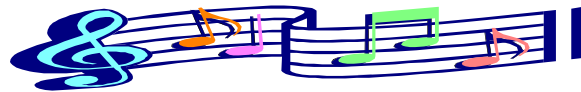
Please take your candle out from under your bushel basket. Let the light shine on your project.

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Bob Lorenz pulled the lowest card in the deck, the 2 of Clubs, and took home \$5. Of the 51 cards remaining there are 4 aces each worth \$100 and the Joker which wins you the pot if drawn. The Rotary Foundation gained \$51. this past week due to your generosity.



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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!

Sunshine Report

It is great to see our friend and fellow Rotarian, **Jack Blake** back amongst us. Jack took ill while on a trip to Europe. What a way to do research on National Health Care. **Welcome Back, Jack!**

Linda Ritzert - September 12
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September 19, 2007

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Nancy Wyckoff, Program Host for September will introduce **Richard Barber**, Postmaster, Bonita Springs Post Office.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Dave Edwards** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dan Dietz** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** recruited an ensemble to lead the club in singing ***America, The Beautiful***. The ensemble sang the first verse and then the entire club joined in repeating it in honor of Patriots' Day.

Goodbye, Dan Dietz!

Our best wishes go with **Dan Dietz** as he opens a dental practice in Port Charlotte.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Gary Israel, District 6960 Governor, **Bill Hise**, RR from Hayward, WI. **Skip Lepola**, guest of **Diane Lepola**, **Jeff Manz**, guest of **Ben Nelson** and **Roman Horoszewski**, guest of **Sue Masters**.

Family Picnic Saturday 9/29/07

Sue Masters says, "Bring your spouse, friend, children and grandchildren to this event, which starts at 9:30 AM at the Bonita Bay Beach." Adults \$15, kids are free. You can catch a shuttle at Bonita Bay or park nearby and walk.

Last Week's Program



Carla Ulakovic, Rotary District 6960 Ambassadorial Scholar for 2005-06 was introduced by **Nancy Wyckoff**. Carla then proceeded to tell us of her going to Australia and earning her masters degree in Public Relations at Bond University in Queensland, Australia. She has delivered 18 speeches at this point regarding her experi-

ence. She has Rotarian blood flowing through her veins and she wowed us by volunteering to serve on one of our committees. Her work as a special project coordinator for the East County Water District located in Lehigh would fit very well with **Sandy Scoggins'** new Clean Water Project. Carla shared with us the scope of the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, which was established in 1947. It is the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. It is dedicated to international understanding and goodwill. To date there have been 37,000 scholars. In 2005-06 there were 800 participants. We anxiously await the time when Carla can join Rotary.

Next Week's Program

Nancy Wyckoff, Program Host for September, will introduce **Charlie Strader**, President, Bonita Springs Historical Society and environmental advocate who will talk about the society and their efforts at historic preservation.

Rotarian Profile



Diane Lepola has over 30 years experience in the financial services industry. She was born and raised in Itta Bena, Mississippi. She began her career in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and moved to Southwest Florida in 1991. She was an education major at Louisiana State University and is also a graduate of National Graduate Trust School. She is a Vice president and Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley in Bonita Springs, where her focus is on estate planning, financial planning, taxation, and investment strategies for high net worth individuals. She has been a member of our club since 1995.

Diane and her husband, Skip (former member of our club), along with their Shih Tzu's, Beethoven and Patsy Cline, live in Bonita Springs. As a member of our club she has served as Social Chair, Director, and as President. She currently serves on the Foundation Board as Trustee.

Diane Lepola is a Rotarian who practices "Service Above Self." She is an example for all of us. Thanks, Diane!

Clean Water Project

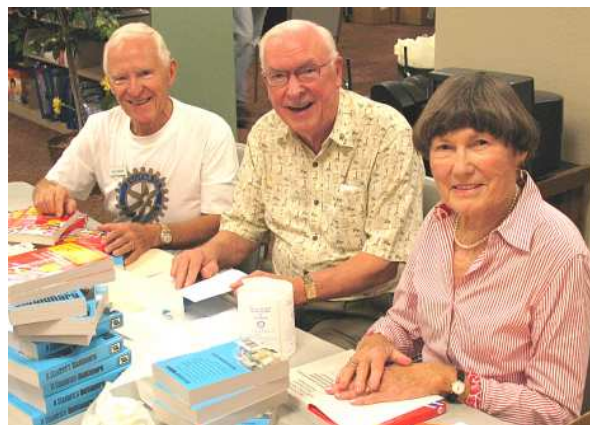


Sandy Scoggins, project chair, center, is flanked by project members, **Bob Pagel**, **Linda Ritzert**, **Roger Brunswick** and **Paul Van Valkenburg**.

President **Fred Partin** announced the establishment of the Clean Water Project to be headed by **Sandy Scoggins**. Fred told us that that 20% of the world's population does not have clean water and that 6,000 people die each day from diseases the result of contaminated water. The committee is studying how to fund the project and in what country we will be involved. Contact Sandy to get involved or to contribute funds, which will multiply through matching funds programs.

The Dictionary Project

Bill Oehler, **Bob Lorenz**, and **Martha Erickson** are shown applying the 4 Way Test labels to the dictionaries to be given to local elementary school students on Dictionary Day, October 5. District



6960 Governor **Gary Israel** reports that over 100 Rotarians representing 14 Lee County Rotary Clubs were involved in placing the labels in the dictionaries. You will be asked to participate on October 5. Be ready to volunteer.

Jim O'Leary Updates Website

Go to www.bonitaspringsrotary.org to check out our updated website. Thanks, Jim, for all of your hard work. If you have missed any issues of **The Spoke**. You can find them on the website thanks to Jim.

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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.

Softball Challenge Reminder

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Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Hank Hochstetler**, **Steve McIntosh** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Harv Humphrey** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** gave credit to George M. Cohan for this 100+ year old song, ***Give My Regards to Broadway***.

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Christmas Tree Project 2007

See **Ron Anderson's** article in ***The Spoke Extra*** online this week.

Last Week's Program



Richard Barber, Bonita Springs Postmaster was introduced by **Nancy Wyckoff**, Program Host for September. Richard is a native of the Bronx, that's Bronx, N.Y., where else. There is a lot of interest in what the U.S. Postal Service does, which was indicated by the number of questions

asked at the end of the presentation. Richard started with the Post Office by working on the dock and he worked his way up the ladder. He has lived in Bonita Springs for 35 years. He takes pride in operating a very efficient organization that operated 2% under budget last year. He leads 90 workers providing service to 33,611 stops daily. Last year his team delivered 97 million pieces of mail. Richard says that seasonal patrons account for 60% of the mail business in peak of season. In addition to the main office on Old 41 and the branch on Bonita Beach Road there are numerous contract providers throughout the community and he urges us to patronize them.

Clean Water Project

Sandy Scoggins reports that the project is an ongoing project and the initial effort is a joint project with the Florence, OR Rotary Club to provide clean water filtration systems to Mayan villages in Guatemala. The project committee will select other sites for help in the future. (see next page)

Clean Water Project continued

Every Bonita Springs Rotarian can help on this project in some way.

Idea - Would you like to contribute money in 2007 to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation and get a tax deduction and help multiply your money? Since Rotary District 6960 will match what we contribute to an international project and then Rotary International will then match that again every dollar that you give is multiplied. Talk about getting a bang for your buck.

An Even Bigger Idea - Are You at least 70.5 Years of Age? Did you know that you have a one time opportunity if you contribute all or part of your **required minimum distribution** by December 31, 2007? Check with your CPA or financial planner. They can explain this special opportunity in detail. Basically you can instruct your IRA custodian to write a check directly to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. You will pay no taxes at all on this transferred money, which is a better way to contribute than taking the money, paying taxes on it, and then contributing to a charity.

Remember, this is a special tax law pertaining to Tax Year 2007 and the money must be transferred by December 31, 2007. Please consider a contribution that is specifically for our **Clean Water Project** or if you have another favorite, contribute toward that.

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October 24 - **Cancelled** See October 25.

October 25 - Joint meeting at Spanish Wells, 11:45 AM to 1 PM. French Group Study Exchange.

October 31 - **Coach Karl Smesko**, Head Women's Basketball Coach, FGCU Eagles. They were rated #1 in the US for most of the 2006-07 season.

Dictionary Day October 5

See **Nancy Ross** to volunteer your help. This is a very gratifying experience.

Rotary Make Up Opportunities

Any Day	Online	See our website for details
Monday	Noon	Ft. Myers So. Crowne Plaza Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon	Estero Elk's Club Ft. Myers Royal Palm Yacht Club
Wednesday	7:30 AM Noon	Naples Gulf Shore Naples Both at Naples Beach Hotel
Thursday	7:30 AM 11:45 AM	Naples North Collie Athletic Club Bonita Springs Noon Community Cong Church until 10/1/07 then at Spanish Wells
Friday	7:15 AM	Naples - Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay

For a complete list of make up locations go the www.Rotary6960.org. District Database.

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Shine on Harvest Moon

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 Shine on Harvest Moon
 Up in the sky.
 I ain't had no lovin' since January,
 February, June or July.
 Snow time, ain't no time to stay
 Outdoors and spoon.
 So shine on, shine on
 Harvest Moon,
 For me and my gal.

For Me And My Gal

The bells are ringing
 For me and my gal
 The birds are singing
 For me and my gal.
 Everybody's been knowin'
 To a weddin' they're goin'
 And for weeks they've been sewin'
 Every Susie and Sal.

They're congregatin'
 For me and my gal
 The Parson's waitin'
 For me and my gal.
 And someday, we're gonna build
 a home for two
 For three or four or more
 In Loveland for me and my gal.

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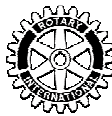
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Bonita Springs Rotary



September 26, 2007

Family Beach Party

Hi Rotarians,

Our 2nd Annual Family Beach Party is Saturday, Sept 29 at the beautiful Bonita Bay Beach Club and will include a Catered Picnic Buffet, Beverages, Beach Fun and Boating (bring your boat!) and good fellowship. Bring the family, children and grandchildren! All for \$15 PP and no charge for kids!

Tom Burgess has arranged for a beach shuttle for transportation to the Bonita Bay Beach Park. No one should park at the Beach Park. The beach shuttle bus "pickup" point is the Bonita Bay Management office parking lot -- on US 41 -- just before the main Entrance to Bonita Bay and a left turn. There is plenty of parking. There will be two shuttle trips to the beach -- the first at 10:00 AM and the second at 10:30. The first return shuttle will leave the beach park at 1:30 PM to drop off the first group. The last return shuttle will leave the park at 1:50 PM. Other parking may be available at public access parking lots nearby. Some members will be coming by boat.

Check your calendar and sign up Wednesday morning! Or RSVP to Gary Colecchio < GSC@gate.net > or Sue Masters < SueMasters@juno.com > by Friday, Sept 21. Last year 50 members and guests enjoyed good food, good conversation and boating fun. Hope to see you at the Beach Pavilion on Sat, Sept 29!

Gary Colecchio and Sue Masters

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES ~ 2007



It's hard to believe, but we are coming around to that time of year again when our Rotary mantra will be "Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree". Now that I have led the tree sale for a couple of years, I am more comfortable with the detailed

planning, but I also fully realize that the whole project couldn't happen without the unselfish support so many of you give. When it comes to "Service above self," I believe the Christmas tree sale is a classic example and perhaps that is why it has been so successful for many years because you believe that also. I hope we can keep that same spirit going as we head into the sale this season. Remember too, all of our profits are turned over to the club foundation to be used for charitable purposes.



This year we are again fortunate to have our same site available at Sunshine Plaza on Bonita Beach Road. However, it may be the last

time this site is available since plans show a new bank building will be built on or near our tent site by next year. Let me know if you have any ideas for a new location. This year we are also fortunate that the cost of trees has held steady so we can hold the line on prices from last year. Meanwhile, preparations have already started. Sunshine Plaza has issued the permit, Taylor Rental has been alerted about the tent rental, and the trees have been ordered (900 in all). I realize we are all getting older and we hate to handle those heavy Noble firs, so the order for Nobles has been cut in half and the number of Fraser firs, which are lighter and more manageable, has been increased to compensate. The Frasers are also amongst the first to sell out. Also, the wreath order was scaled back since we had quite a number left over last year.

Our club is always looking for members to serve on the Christmas tree committee, so if you have any interest in doing so, please let me know. Obviously, our tasks become easier as more people become involved. Finally, just a reminder that we annually start the sale when the first batch of trees arrive the day after Thanksgiving which comes early this year, November 22nd. We always need help unloading counting and tagging trees, especially on the first day when three separate trucks arrive from Oregon, Michigan and North Carolina. Please mark it on your calendar and help if you can.

Yours in Rotary,

Ron Anderson

Rotary Badge Exchange



Fred Partin exchanged **Linda Ritzert's** red new member badge for her Rotary name badge.



Past President **Dick Fredrickson** is shown being congratulated by President **Fred Partin** upon receiving his Past President's name badge.

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October 3, 2007

This Week's Program

Bonita Springs Rotarian and Program Host for October, **Don Manley**, kicks off the month by making a presentation on The Wheelchair Foundation and will tell us how the foundation donates wheelchairs in Third World countries.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Mike O'Dell** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bob Bachman** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing *Shine On Harvest Moon and For Me and My Gal*. Many Rotarians commented on the beautiful full moon that greeted us when we got up last Wednesday morning.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Area 3 District 6960 Assistant Governor, **Steve Agius**. **Fred Mansfield** guest of **Sue Masters**, and **Bryan Dowd**, guest of **Stephanie Kissinger**.

Dictionary Day - This Friday

See **Nancy Ross** to volunteer your help. This is a very gratifying experience.

Softball Challenge Reminder

The Bonita Springs Noon Rotary Club vs. our club softball game, which will be held at 8 PM on Saturday, October 13 at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. Please see **Sue Masters**.

Last Week's Program

Charlie Strader, President of the Bonita Springs Historical Society was introduced by our September Program Host, **Nancy Wyckoff**. We learned much about our community learning that its history precedes that of St. Augustine and that this area would look quite differently if it wasn't for the poor public relations of **Juan Ponce de Leon**, who met his demise in this area when the Calusa tribe paid him back for previous offenses with an arrow, which caused Juan's death in 1521. The Calusa's capital was at Mound Key in Estero Bay. We learned that Bonita Springs got the name when a group incorporated and changed the name from Survey and changed Surveyor's Creek to the Imperial River. The society will be publishing a booklet highlighting the historic properties and community identity, thanks to a \$13,000 grant received from the City's Partnering For Results program and the Lee County Arts and Attractions Fund. We learned a great deal about what we have been missing, such as the **Robert Storter** Folk Art collection, which was at the Liles Hotel and is now in Miami at the South Florida Museum. There is a plethora of history waiting to be learned by the current residents of this area. Did you know that you can become a member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society and receive a newsletter for a mere \$20? Charlie stated it well, "It is said that a well educated public is the best protection for our cultural heritage." Go to the society's website to learn more.
www.explorationsinc.com/historical



Rotarian Profile



Nancy Ross grew up in a suburb of New York, married her college sweetheart and moved to Chicago in 1972. Before the birth of her 3 sons, she was a social worker and a stay-at-home mom. When her husband died of a sudden heart attack in 1983, Nancy needed a career with flexibility, opportunity and the chance to make a difference in peoples'

lives. She chose a career as a Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual and has never looked back. Nancy is still a Representative with Northwestern Mutual in Naples, specializing in life insurance, estate planning and long-term care insurance.

In 1996, after her oldest son, Don, received his MBA and Doug and Glenn were still at University of Illinois, Nancy followed her dream and moved to SW Florida. Don, his wife Beth, and Lucia (our first baby Paul Harris Fellow) live in Chicago and are expecting baby number 2 in March. Doug is married to Dena and they also live in Chicago. Glenn lives in Boulder Colorado, where he is production manager of the symphony.

Nancy's Rotary experience began in 1989 when she was one of the first seven women to join Rotary One in Chicago. After moving to Bonita Springs, she joined Naples Downtown club before transferring to our club. As part of her service in this club, Nancy has been chairman of RI Foundation, Membership and attendance and in 2005 received the *Service above Self Award*. She has also served on the Foundation Board. In 2006, Nancy was *Rotarian of the Year*.

A Club Board member since 2004, Nancy is our Club Secretary and looks forward to serving as the second female Club President in 2009.

Future Programs

Don Manley is our Program Host for October. October 10 - **Stan Kujawa** will speak on MESA, Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad a project by Rotary District 660, Northwest Ohio. Used medical equipment is donated, reconditioned and shipped around the world.

October 17 - **Dr. Jim Kutsch, PHD** will speak on the Seeing Eye Dog program on the raising, training and placement of the dogs.

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October 25 - Joint meeting at Spanish Wells, 11:45 AM to 1 PM. French Group Study Exchange.

October 31 - **Coach Karl Smesko**, Head Women's Basketball Coach, FGCU Eagles. They were rated #1 in the US for most of the 2006-07 season.

Estero High School Honorees



Debbie Metzger and **Stephanie Kissinger** introduced the honorees, who were presented their awards and certificates. **Michelle Lauber** received the Service Award for her work as Senior Class President, Swim Team Captain and her involvement with Interact and Young Life. **Samir Patel** received the Academic Award. He is dual enrolled at both EHS and FGCU. He'll be attending FSU next year. **Ms. Heather Welker** received the Teacher/Staff Award for her leadership on the School Advisory Council and as an assistant varsity volleyball coach and assistant athletic trainer.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500

Don Manley drew the 6 of Spades to win \$5. Of the 48 cards remaining there are 4 aces each worth \$100 and the Joker which wins you the pot if drawn. The Rotary Foundation gained \$42. this past week.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game,
 Take me out to the crowd --
 Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
 I don't care if I never get back!
 We will root -- root -- root for the home team
 If they don't win it's a shame;
 For it's one! two! three strikes you're out!
 At the old ball game.

Happy Birthday!

Klaus Helf - October 3

Steve Agius Reports

Steve Agius, Area 3 District 6960 Assistant Governor, visited our club and made a special request for the upcoming joint meetings with Bonita Springs Noon and Estero clubs. Our October 24 meeting will be cancelled and we will be attending the October 25 meeting of the Bonita Springs Noon Club at 11:45 AM at Spanish Wells to hear the English/French GSE Team. On Tuesday, November 6 at 11:30 AM we will attend the Estero Rotary Club meeting at the Elks Club to hear District 6960 Governor **Gary Israel**. Our meeting of Wednesday, November 7 will be cancelled.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Steve Kaskie will be undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. **Roger Brunswick** is recovering from surgery.

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MESA is Today's Topic

Rotarian **Don Manley**, October Program Host, has arranged for us to learn about **Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad** today. MESA is a project of Rotary District 660 in Northwest Ohio, where Don lived and served before moving to Southwest Florida.

Stan Kujawa, who has played a key role, will tell us how MESA collects donated used medical equipment, reconditions it and ships it around the world to help save lives.

Last Week

Invocation was given by **Ira Hawk**. Returning **Marj Rubacky**, led us in the Pledge to the Flag, and **Ed Hauck** the 4-Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in a spirited salute to the playoffs with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."



Past president **Dick Fredrickson** was presented with the RI theme banner from his 2006-2007 Rotary year.

Dogs for the Blind Next Week

Dr. Jim Kutsch, PhD, will be our speaker next week to tell us about the Seeing Eye Dog program. He will cover all aspects, including selection, training and placement of the dogs to assist vision impaired individuals.

Gifts of Independence

An inspiring presentation of how Rotarians can make a huge difference in the lives of people in third world countries was given last week by **Don Manley**.

Drawing upon his personal experience as a member of the Findlay, Ohio Rotary Club, which purchased a full container of 280 wheelchairs and delivered them to



help disabled people in San Salvador, he told and showed how lives were changed.

Rotary Clubs and Rotarians around the world are working with the Wheelchair Foundation to provide a free wheelchair to every child, teen and adult world-



wide who needs one, but has no means to acquire one. Independence is being given to people deprived of mobility by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age.

It is estimated that as many as 100 million people worldwide need wheel chairs, though less than one percent have access to one.



The wheelchairs are rugged, designed for use in developing countries. Purchased in bulk from manufactures in China, they cost \$150, half of which is covered by the Wheelchair Foundation. Thus, a gift of \$75 can provide a chair.

Don showed photos of the large group of Findlay Rotarians delivering chairs, and helping disabled children and adults into them. Many had been living without any mobility assistance. Thus, the gift changed many lives completely.

He showed a 41-year-old man, crippled by polio as a child, who had never walked, mobile for the first time with the gift of a chair. He showed a group of police officers, all of whom had been disabled, now able to work effectively, thanks to their new wheelchairs.

The Wheelchair Foundation and Rotary have delivered 140,000 chairs in 120 countries and regions.

Don who has worked in Central America with water projects and Habitat for Humanity, told us that international service projects had given him, "the best days of my life, outside my family."

Proud Wheelchair History

The excellent presentation by **Don Manley** last week about the Wheelchair Foundation rekindled memories for "old timers" in the club.

Then President Elect **Bill Oehler** learned about it at the Rotary International Convention in June 2001. Under his leadership and that of Committee Chair **Jay Barclay** our members contributed funds to buy more than 100 wheelchairs in 2001 and 2002. A number purchased several chairs each in the names of children and grandchildren.

Shots Protect Children

Our Shots for Tots program, which Rotary has sponsored for 13 years, in cooperation with the Lee County Health Department and the First Presbyterian Church, provides free immunizations for children under the age of 18 to protect them from 15 threats to their long-time health and well-being.

Vaccines now offered include: tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, meningitis, haemophilus type B, human papilloma virus, pneumococcal infections, rotavirus and influenza.

The October 2 clinic, staffed by **Ira** and **Clarice Hawk**, served 42 families.

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Our President,
Fred Partin had
the lucky ticket last
week but drew only
the seven of dia-
monds.



**3 for \$2, 10 for \$5,
25 for \$10.**

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The Manley's Adopted Son

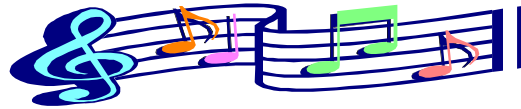
A heartwarming side light to **Don Manley's** presentation last week about the personal rewards of international service was how they found **Hector**.

Karen Manley is on the Board of the Benjamin Bloom Hospital, only children's hospital in Central America. On a visit to El Salvador in 2001 after the devastating earthquake there they saw this 12-year-old boy who was



badly burned and had lost both legs. They brought him back to the US for treatment in the Shrine hospital, and care for him until his recovery nine months later. They became very attached, and knowing the help he would need during rehabilitation, and with the agreement of his family, made him a permanent part of their lives. They keep in touch with, and visit his biological family with him several times a year.

Today, fitted with prostheses he is a senior in high school, getting ready for college, and is an accomplished golfer.



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.

Welcome Back

Rotarians last week were glad to see **Roger Brunswick**, returning after surgery and to greet returning **Marj Rubacky** and Rotary Regular **Frank Keck**.

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This Week's Program

Bonita Springs Program Host for October, **Don Manley**, will introduce **Dr. Jim Kutsch, PHD**, who will talk about raising, training and placing dogs as part of the Seeing Eye Dog Program.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Jim O'Leary** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ozzy Tello** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Visiting Guests

Greg Holtz, guest of **Dick Fredrickson** and **Diana Hatton**, guest of **Jose Lopez**.

Thoughts and Prayers

Maureen Lorenz, wife of **Bob Lorenz** having heart surgery. **Steve Kaskie** recovering from cancer surgery.

Softball Challenge

Look for information forthcoming on the re-scheduling of the game. See **Sue Masters**.

Holiday Party - December 14

Mark your calendars. Highland Woods is reserved. Please tell your social secretary.

Last Week's Program



Jim Shrader, Past District Governor of Rotary District 6600 in Northwest Ohio and **Stan Kujawa** both from the Finlay, Ohio Rotary Club were introduced by their

former fellow Rotarian, **Don Manley**, our Program Host for October. Congratulations, Don, on associating with such excellent speakers, who you are bringing to our club. Jim and Stan shared information with us on a number of involvements of their Rotary Club and District including the story of **MESA**, Medical Services Equipment Abroad, which is a program that refurbishes used medical equipment ranging from hospital beds to ambulances and fire trucks and sends them to partnering Rotary Clubs in Central America. They are experts on cutting through the international red tape to get the equipment into needy hands. Stan told us that he will be visiting with the First Lady of El Salvador next week. They told us how all 4500 Rotarians in District 6600 donate \$6/year each to provide seed money to help this project along. A bike run raises \$50 to 60,000 each year. We learned that they learned to cut the cost of shipping a crate from \$3-4,000 down to \$3-400 by partnering with Chiquita Banana, using their crates that would normally be returned empty to Central America. To learn more about these outstanding Rotarians and their projects, go to www.rotarydistrict6600.org. The Finlay Ohio Club and their district have much to offer in helping clubs around the world learn how to manage successful international projects.

Rotarian Profile



Kenny King is the first person that Rotarians and guests meet when they check in for our meetings. He is our Hospitality Chairman and mans the front desk for sign in. He serves on our board of directors, too. **Ken** and his wife **Judy** met on a cruise ship sailing around New Zealand in 2002. They live in the Meadows of Estero. They

have four grown children and four grandchildren. Ken moved to Florida retiring after 33 years as a colonel in the Air National Guard and U. S. Air Force. He was base commander of one of the largest reserve forces bases in the United States. Ken is a native of Norfolk, NE. Do you know the other famous person from Norfolk? Hint: You had to watch late night TV and you would know Ed and Doc, too. Ken's career took him to assignments in many states, Europe, the Middle East and Central America. Ken is a licensed pilot. He served for many years in the Civil Air Patrol and recently joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to do similar volunteer search and rescue work. Want to learn how to swim or dance? Ken is qualified to teach you both. Ken is a licensed Realtor affiliated with VIP Realty in Bonita Springs where he is active in the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce in addition to being a dedicated Rotarian. Thanks, Ken, for being a **Rotarian** and thanks to **Dick Fredrickson** for proposing Ken.

Reporters, Photographers Needed

Since **The Spoke** editor cannot be at all places at all times, please consider submitting a story and photos from your next event. Let's keep all of us informed. Thanks, **Ozzy Tello**, for the pictures from the Family Beach Party and **Bill Oehler** on Dictionary Day.

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Dictionary Day



Bill Oehler, Gerry Myers, Ozzy Tello and Tom Burgess were but four of our volunteers who made students happy on Dictionary Day. Tom is in the picture in the upper left. Bill took the picture. They presented dictionaries to students at San Carlos Park Elementary School.

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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.

Family Beach Party Revisited



If you weren't there, you missed great food and a lot of fun according to Rotarians in attendance. Here is **Jordan Tello**, age 7,

showing his prize catch of a sand dollar. Who was that behind the Foster Grants?



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,
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October 25, 2007

Meeting Changed to Thursday

Our meeting today is a joint meeting with the Bonita Noon and Estero Clubs at Spanish Wells on Thursday, October 25 at 11:45 AM. We will hear a presentation by the Group Study Exchange from Brittany, France.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Gerry Myers**, **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bobbi Bird** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led us in singing *Rotary, My Rotary*.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians **Herr Momberg** from Baunatal Rotary Club, District 1820 in Germany, **Izma Deutsch** from Switzerland, **Wilson Wheeler**, Ft. Myers South and **Jim Mortenson**, Bloomington MN Noon. **Ron Knape**, Charlotte, NC and **Peggy Harris**, Morristown, NJ, guests of **Jim Horein**.

Holiday Party - December 14

Mark your calendars and inform your social secretaries.

Nominating Committee Formed

Ray Faubion heads the Nominating Committee for the election of new board members. Nominate yourself or someone else to serve our club.

Last Week's Program



Rotarian **Jim Horein** introduced **Dr. James A. Kutsch, PhD** who told us his story and that of The Seeing Eye. Dr. Kutsch is shown here with his partner, **Dolby**, a Golden Retriever. Dr. Kutsch was blinded at age 16 by a chemical explosion. Despite this setback in life he went on to earn his PhD in computer science from the University of Illinois by developing the first talking computer terminal. He is the President of The Seeing Eye, which came into existence in 1929 and is the oldest of the 11 accredited schools of this type in North America. The Seeing Eyes students come from all 50 states and all of the provinces of Canada. Dr. Kutsch said the key word for people in the U S whether sighted or not is "independence." It is the core philosophy built into each of us. The mission of Seeing Eye is to breed, raise and train Seeing Eye dogs and to train their partners and to keep in contact with both dogs and the students for life. Many of their graduates have had many dogs. Dr. Kutsch told us that Dolby is his 6th dog. His first joined him in 1970. Seeing Eye has bred and trained more than 14,000 dogs for over 8,000 people. No funds come to the school from government or insurance. The school gets all of its money from private sources such as service clubs like Bonita Springs Rotary. We learned that there are 4 different breeds used as dog guides, German Shepherds, Black Labs, Golden Retrievers and a mixed breed of Lab and Golden Retriever. Please visit www.seeingeye.org to learn more.

\$35,000 to Our Club Foundation



This story was written by Bonita Springs Rotarian, Jason Dolle, and appeared in the Wednesday, October 17 News-Press. The photo shows both the boards of Bonita Springs Rotary and that of the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Club President Fred Partin will present a check for \$35,000 Wednesday morning to the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation Chairman Dave Shellenbarger to support local and international programs, projects and charities.

Looking on will be the board of directors of the club and foundation as well as club members.

"We are all very pleased to see this money go to the foundation where it will be used for numerous local and global charities that make such a difference in the world we live. This is what Rotary is all about and what we believe in," Partin said in a press release.

The Rotary Club of Bonita was chartered in 1978 and has 87 active members. The club is best known for its "Christmas Tree" lot on Bonita Beach Road, which is its primary fund-raiser. Many families have made buying their Christmas trees from the Rotary Club a tradition because they know the net proceeds come back to the community or go to a worthy international cause.

The club is responsible for weekly meetings, performing routine club operations and fund-raising activities. The foundation is responsible for distributing money received by the club to various local and international charities, projects and programs.

This contribution represents the net proceeds from previous fund-raising activities. During Rotary Year 2006-07, the foundation contributed nearly \$87,000.

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the Highland Woods Country Club in Bonita Springs. For more information about the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, visit bonitaspringsrotary.org.

Future Programs

Don Manley is our Program Host for October.

October 31 - **Coach Karl Smesko**, Head Women's Basketball Coach, FGCU Eagles. They were rated #1 in the US for most of the 2006-07 season.

Marjorie Rubacky is our program host for November.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500

Bobbi Bird is back and charming the money out of our members and visitors.

Jim Mortenson of the Bloomington, MN Noon Rotary Club drew the 9 of Spades last week. Of the 45 cards remaining there are 4 aces each worth \$100 and the Joker which wins you the pot if drawn. The Rotary Foundation gained \$67.

\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

See Steve Krchniak's Handout.

Bill Strasburg 55 Year Rotarian!

Bill Strasburg, Rotary Regular from Ambler, PA presented a check for \$55 to our club in recognition of his completing 55 years in Rotary. Bill is an example of the value of the RRs to Bonita Springs Rotary. Thank you, Bill! Can you top Bill's years of service? If so, **George M. Cohan** will gladly accept your dollars and recognize your accomplishment.

Joys and Concerns

Bob Pagel has both a joy and concern. Great grandson, **Jude Guy**, 9 lbs. 11 ozs. was born in San Diego, CA on October 9. Bob's son, **Steve**, had neck surgery this past Monday. **Maureen Lorenz**, wife of **Bob Lorenz** recovering from successful heart surgery. **Steve Kaskie** recovering from cancer surgery. He's back home. Give him a call. **Roman Horoszewski's** 8 year old son is recovering from surgery.

Happy Birthday!

Harv Humphrey - October 29

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October 31, 2007

This Week's Program

Coach Karl Smesko, Head Women's Basketball Coach, FGCU Eagles will be our speaker today.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** of our club along with **John McLeod**, President of Bonita Springs Noon Club and **Joe Pavich**, President of the Estero Club conducted the meeting. The invocation was delivered by **Hank Hochstetler**. **Steve Krchniak** led the Chanter Ensemble, and the entire assembly in singing a rousing *Vive Le Rotary*.

Joys and Concerns

Ken Weyl is recovering from a life threatening bacterial infection. Give him a call. He will tell you all about it. Thanks from **Bob Pagel** for your concerns for his son, who is recovering from spinal surgery. **Maureen Lorenz**, wife of **Bob Lorenz** continues to improve after heart surgery. **Steve Kaskie** recovering from cancer surgery.

Softball Challenge

Look for information forthcoming on the re-scheduling of the game. See **Sue Masters**.

Holiday Party - December 14

Mark your calendars. Highland Woods is reserved. Please tell your social secretary.

Last Week's Program



A combined group of Rotarians from our club, the Bonita Springs Noon Club and the Estero Club were entertained and informed by the Group Study Exchange from Brittany, France. **Claude Theard**, their leader, told us how Brittany, which accord-

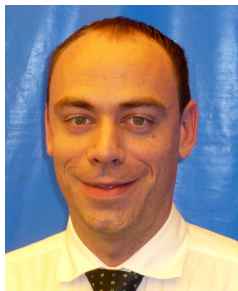
ing to him is on the French, not English Channel, has a Celtic origin. A video was shown and the music playing definitely had the Celtic sound. Brittany is the peninsula, which juts out toward England in far western France. It is a fishing and agricultural region. Claude has only been in Rotary, since 1998, but is a past-president and a GSE team leader for the second time. He served as Rotary District 1650 Secretary in 2005-06.



Team members include **Delphine Le Maout**, who is a radio broadcaster for the leading radio station in Central Brittany. She organizes music festivals in Brittany, too.



Gwenael Le Berre is a dairy farmer with 90 Holstein milking cows. In addition to the cows he has 90 heifers. Le Berre grows hay and corn to feed the herd. The milk produced is used for cheese and crepes. He is also a trustee of his bank, Credit Agricole.



Jean-Raymond Fayat is a business analyst for the Institute of Locern, which is a think tank of entrepreneurs. They help international oriented businesses in Brittany.



Yann LaChaise is a framing carpenter. He had an 8 year apprenticeship and was required to travel and work all over France and Switzerland. In addition to houses he has framed commercial buildings, churches and castles.

Call for GSE Team Leaders

We have just had the wonderful experience of hearing of the experiences of a GSE team. You have the opportunity of leading a GSE team going to the Brittany Peninsula in France, where the incoming team was from, or to the Bahamas and Northern Caribbean. The call for team leaders has been made. Contact District 6960 GSE Chairman, Don Thomas. His home phone is 239-772-1842. Applications must be in to Don no later than November 5. The teams will be traveling in late March, April or early May of 2008. Bon Voyage!

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The Night Shall be Filled with Music

Steve McIntosh announced that there are several great events in the Affairs of the Arts series being sponsored by the Art League of Bonita Springs. Among those events is The Night Shall Be Filled with Music on Monday, January 28, 2008, 6 to 8:45 PM. Tickets, limited to 60 guests, are \$75 per person. There will be performances by faculty members of Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music as well as talented students of wind, string and vocal. Dress is Club Casual. Check with Steve for tickets.

District Website

Log in with your e-mail address and use your RI number for the password. (*Find it on the mailing label of your ROTARIAN*)

Check your own information! The District website has Rotary answers, club documents, meeting times and places, links to other clubs and district events.

www.Rotary6960.org

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500

We didn't have a drawing at the joint meeting, but did you see that **Jim Renfro** has returned.

There are 44 cards remaining. There are 4 aces each worth \$100 and the Joker which wins you the pot if drawn. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your generous participation.

\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

For Me And My Gal

The bells are ringing
For me and my gal
The birds are singing
For me and my gal.
Everybody's been knowin'
To a weddin' they're goin'
And for weeks they've been sewin'
Every Susie and Sal.
They're congregatin'
For me and my gal
The Parson's waitin'
For me and my gal.
And someday, we're gonna build
a home for two
For three or four or more
In Loveland for me and my gal.

Happy Birthday!

Harv Humphrey - October 29
Dave Shellenbarger - November 3
Jack Blake - November 5
Ed Schick - November 5

Reporters, Photographers Needed

Since **The Spoke** editor cannot be at all places at all times, please consider submitting a story and photos from your next event. Let's keep all of us informed.

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November 6, 2007

Meeting Changed to Tuesday

Our meeting today is a joint meeting with Bonita Noon and Estero Rotary Clubs and is being held at the Elks Club on Coconut Road in Estero at 11:30 AM. Gary Israel, District 6960 Governor, will give his State of the District Address.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** called the meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by **Doug Pratt**, **Frank Mazzeo** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Renfro** guided us through the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** ably conducted the club in singing an oldie, but not familiar song, *For Me and My Gal*. May it rest in peace. It was worth it in that **George Cohan** fined the honest members each \$1 for singing the song. Steve did make up for it though by leading a select group of singers in singing *Happy Birthday* to **Dave Shellenbarger**.

Joys and Concerns

Ken Weyl is recovering at the Bentley Village Care Center from the deadly MRSA Staph infection. He hopes to be home soon with continuous outpatient intravenous antibiotic treatments. For education on MRSA Staph, google it. **Steve McIntosh** had hip replacement surgery. **Steve Kaskie** continues his recovery from cancer surgery. We look forward to their return to our meetings.

Holiday Party - December 14

Mark your calendars. Highland Woods is reserved. Please tell your social secretary.

Last Week's Program



Jose Lopez introduced the FGCU Eagles women's basketball coach, **Karl Smesko**. In the introduction we learned that Coach Smesko is a winner. Coach Smesko is both humble and honest and

acknowledges that moving to NCAA Division 1 will be extremely challenging. He came to FGCU after coaching the Walsh University Cavaliers to the NAIA Division 2 National Championship in 1998, the first in school history. He turned around the Indiana-Purdue/Ft Wayne program in 1999-2001 with an 11 win improvement in his first year and a 19-8 mark in the second year, the third most wins in school history. Since starting as head coach of the Eagles he has posted a phenomenal record of 132-21. In the 2006-07 season they went 34-1 and led the nation as the #1 team for most of the season only losing their final game in the NCAA Division 2 National Championship televised on ESPN2. This year FGCU is in the NCAA Division 1 Atlantic Sun Conference. The Eagles first game is a non-conference game against the FSU Seminoles on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 PM at Alico Arena. Season tickets are reasonably priced. Our Rotary Club could go to a game as a group (20-49 fans) for \$7 each, have our presence announced and each get a T-shirt. That is an offer we shouldn't refuse. Visit www.FGCU.edu for complete information.

Dictionary Day Thank You

Past President **Dick Fredrickson** shared heart-warming letters from the recipients of dictionaries.

Perfect Attendance

President **Fred Partin** received his Perfect Attendance Pin along with numerous Bonita Springs Rotarians. **Steve McIntosh** has 15 years of perfect attendance. Among the others receiving their pins were **Gerry Myers**, **Nancy Ross**, and **Sue Masters**, all with 13 years. When we joined Rotary we learned that perfect attendance is a goal. Visit www.rotary6960.org to learn where there are clubs within easy reach for a make up. When traveling nationally or internationally go to www.rotary.org, click on club locator and find a club where you can make up. Visiting other clubs is very rewarding and you will probably pick up ideas to benefit our club.

Estero High School Honorees



Ms. Rita Kidder is our Staff Member of the Month. She is a 9 year employee of Lee County Schools and was recognized for her professionalism and compassion in dealing with fellow employees, students, parents and adult education community members. Students

especially appreciate her kindly and non-judgmental approach in helping them.



Victor Maduro received the monthly Excellence in Education Award for Academic Achievements. He has the 9th highest GPA in the 11th grade at EHS. He is in the National Honor Society and received the Citizenship Award. He hopes to become a medical doctor with

a specialty in trauma. Victor is a volunteer at Healthpark Medical Center and is a Estero Fire Rescue Explorer.

Matthew Page received the monthly Excellence in Education Award for Service. Matthew has had to learn at a most early age how to deal with adversity. Both of his parents died in the last year.



Matthew is in the 10th Grade. He serves on the Student Council and is member of the Drama Club. Most important, he is president of CROP (College Reach Out Program). He offers guidance to fellow students applying to colleges. And, he was on the Honor Roll last year.

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Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation

Dave Shellenbarger, Chairman, Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation, reported at a recent meeting that the foundation has nearly \$300,000. Do you have a favorite project that you are working on and need funds? Contact Dave. The foundation recently gave funds to the following projects: They gave a \$5000 matching grant to the Bonita Springs Rotary Guatemala Water Project headed by Rotarian, **Sandy Scoggins**, and her committee. \$300 for a DAR patriotic essay competition in local schools. \$4500 for Children's Hospital and Barbara's Friends, a project benefiting children suffering from cancer. \$5700 for the Bonita Assistance Office program, "Shoes That Fit," a program providing clothes to children in need in the Bonita Springs area. The "I Like Me" reading program in local schools received \$1600. Makes one proud to be a Bonita Springs Rotarian.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500

Jim Renfro has returned from Sweden and is back raising money for the Rotary Foundation. We gave \$53 this week. **Stephanie Kissinger** is shown with the 4 of Diamonds that she drew as proxy for **Rita Kidder**, our honoree this month as staff member at Estero High School. Of the 43 cards remaining, there are 4 Aces and the elusive Joker.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10

Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson, Christmas Tree Sales Chairman, reminds us that the lot set up is on November 16 & 17. The 900 trees will start arriving Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving is early this year, November 22. We are fortunate that the price of trees has held, so our prices will be the same as last year. There is good news. **NO 10' Noble Firs** this year. This is our biggest fundraiser. Be ready to sign up.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When You're Smiling

When you're smiling
 When you're smiling,
 The whole world smiles with you.
 When you're laughing
 When you're laughing,
 The sun comes shining thru.
 But when you're crying,
 You bring on the rain.
 So stop that sighing,
 Be happy again.
 'Cause when you're smiling
 When you're smiling
 The whole world smiles with you.

Kids with Cancer Radiothon

\$55,000 was raised by District 6960 Rotarians, **\$4,500** came from Bonita Springs Rotary. Thanks, **Fred Partin, Dick Fredrickson, Gerry Myers, Bobbi Bird, Ray Faubion, Sue Masters** and **Ozzy Tello** for representing us.

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November 21, 2007

Today's Meeting

Marjorie Rubacky, Program Host for November, will introduce **M. E. Parker**, who will talk about photography and kayaking.

Last Meeting

President Elect, **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Ken King** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Diane Lepola** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing ***This Land is Your Land***.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Welcome back, Rotary Regulars! Visiting Rotarians, **Gerry York**, Rotarian from Rochester, MI, **Dave Shellenbarger's** old club, **Bob Van Wingenden**, Swansboro, NC, **Gene Millard**, Bexley Whitehall, Columbus, OH, and **Jason Shimko**, Naples. Guests, **Tracy Connelly** guest of **Mark Lewis**, **Diana Hatton** guest of **Jose Lopez**, **Greg Holtz**, guest of **Dick Fredrickson** and **Thomas Driving** from Stockholm, Sweden, accomplished jazz trumpeter and **Jim Renfro's** dentist.

Happenings

Stephanie Kissinger is our Relay for Life team captain. Please join her in planning for this March 28 event. **Dave** and **Betty Edwards**, **Ira Hawk**, and **Dick** and **Kathy Fredrickson** helped out at Shots for Tots providing 93 immunizations to 33 families in the Shots for Tots program.

Last Week's Program



Marjorie Rubacky, Program Host for November introduced our fellow Bonita Springs Rotary member, **Mark Lewis**, who answered the question that many of us had, "What do **Steve Forbes** and **Yogi Berra** have in common?" We learned that both of them were featured speakers at the Speakers Assem-

bly of Southwest Florida. In the 12 years of existence this organization has attracted world renowned speakers, who are not paid an honorarium. Their air fare and hospitality are paid for, however. Membership in the Speakers Assembly is restricted to 500 and they are now at 496. I would imagine that by the time you are reading this you would be turned away and have to wait in line to join. Mark did invite us as guests to attend the Plenary Panel on Terrorism to be held at 3 PM on Friday, December 7 at the Hyatt Coconut Point where the group meets regularly. You must make your reservation by Tuesday, November 20. So, if you received this electronically you are not too late and you can call Mark for details at 239-992-1327. The cost is \$40. Many Bonita Springs Rotarians are members of the Speakers Assembly and a number have served as president of the organization, the most recent, **Marjorie Rubacky**, who is immediate past president. To learn more about the assembly go to www.speakersassembly.com.

Rotarian Profile

Roman G. Horoszewski is one of our new members. He was proposed by **Sue Masters**. Roman is from nowhere and from everywhere. He was a military brat, the son of an RF4C pilot, **Roman D. Horoszewski**. Roman was born at RAF Lakenheath in England and has lived in 10 states and Samoa. Roman



was a scholarship athlete in college, three varsity letters in rowing, one in beer drinking and one in women. He won numerous national rowing titles, is a triple gold medal winner at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta and was invited to the U. S. Olympic Development Camp where he won gold and silver medals at the U. S. Olympic Festival. Roman has lived in Southwest Florida since 2001. **Roman** and **Laurie** have three sons, **Roman M.**, (10), **Gavin** (8), and **PJ** (5). Roman is a Cub Scout Den Leader. Roman and Laurie are fortunate to have their parents and Laurie's sister living in the area. Roman has a BA in Economics from Rutgers, a Master of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA in Finance from FGCU. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for collegiate schools of business. Roman is the owner and president of Power Ten Business Solutions, offering economic and financial analysis, business and strategic planning and business valuation services to small and mid-size companies. Prior to founding his company Roman spent 15 years in the real estate development industry and has successfully managed more than \$200 million in real estate development from concept to completion. In addition to Rotary, Roman belongs to the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. He owns a guitar, but does not claim to a natural talent. How many children do you know who did not make their 4th grade choir? Roman admits that. He was admitted to Mensa in 1980. He can lift 100 lb Christmas trees with one hand. Welcome, Roman!

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Joys and Concerns

Ken Weyl is home and recovering. Call him on his cell phone: 272-8459. **Steve Kaskie** is back in town. Steve, please come to our meetings. We would hate to see **George Cohan** fine you. **Ken King** will have shoulder surgery. No heavy lifting, but we'll see him doing light duty at the Christmas Tree lot. **Paul Van Valkenburg's** wife **Nancy's** paintings are on exhibit at the Art League. **Dave Shellenbarger** is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his clan. At his house that is a joy. With many of us, that is a concern.

Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation

Dave Shellenbarger, Foundation Chair, gave us an update and reported that \$86,742 has been given to 6 Rotary projects, 22 local organizations and to two international projects. **Diane Lepola** told us of the Pension Protection Act provision, which expires on December 31, enabling age 70.5 plus individuals to donate up to \$100,000 of IRA and other qualified money directly to a charity. Times a wasting. Please give to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation or the Rotary Foundation. You are going to pay taxes on your Required Minimum Distribution if you don't give it away. What a way to maximize your charitable giving.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$569

Frank Mazzeo drew the King of Hearts and won \$5. Of the 42 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$569. We contributed \$103 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.



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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Side By Side

Oh we ain't got a barrel of money
 Maybe we're ragged and funny
 But we'll travel along.
 Singin' a song
 Side by side.
 Don't know what's comin' tomorrow
 Maybe there's trouble and sorrow
 But we'll travel the road,
 Sharin' our load
 Side by side.
 Through all kinds of weather
 What if the sky should fall
 Just as long as we're together
 It doesn't matter at all
 When they've all had their quarrels
 And parted
 We'll be the same as we started
 Just trav'lin' along
 Singin' a song
 Side by side.

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Wyckoff - November 24

Christmas Tree Lot Reminder

Ron Anderson reports that he needs volunteers to help unload Christmas Trees this Friday and Saturday. See Ron to sign up. **Jim O'Leary** is again maintaining the on line sign up schedule. This is our largest fund raiser. Everyone's help is needed. Next year we will be at a new location. Where? Hopefully one of us will locate a place, since a new bank will be on the current site. We hope we can find a highly visible spot. **Help!**



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November 28, 2007

Today's Meeting

Marjorie Rubacky, Program Host for November, will introduce **Marian Mosser, Ph.D.**, who will be speaking on the criminal justice system.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Jack Blake** delivered the invocation. **Bob Lorenz** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Mac McBride** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** was absent and did we ever miss him. **Bobbi Bird** and her "back up" singers led us in singing **Side by Side**. **George Cohan** showed us mercy. If he hadn't, the fines would have surpassed Christmas Tree Sales as our largest fundraiser.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Welcome back, Rotary Regulars! Visiting Rotarians, **Michael Bernhard**, Munich Friedensengel, Germany, **Gene Millard**, Bexley Whitehall, Columbus, OH, **Stan Wiens**, Mississauga West, Ontario, Canada and his better half, **Brenda Molloy-Measures**, Mississauga City Centre, **Bo Edwards**, Youngstown, OH, and, a very special guest from the Nicholasville, KY Rotary Club and best friend of **Guy Quinn**, **Leta Mattingly**. Guests visiting us, **Marjorie Rubacky's** daughter, **Mary Anne Rubacky** from Hoboken, NJ, and guest of **Dick Fredrickson**, **Greg Holtz**.

Joys and Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Klaus Helf** upon the recent death in Switzerland of his wife, **Monika**, who succumbed to cancer.

Last Week's Program



M. E. Parker, Photographer, was introduced by Program Host, **Marjorie Rubacky**. If a picture is worth 1,000 words we witnessed a "Billion Word Presentation." Ms. Parker is a computer consultant who designs websites. Visit her website and you will be sold on her abilities as a website

designer and as a world class nature photographer. We saw her stunning array of Southwest Florida photos. In the past she spent 15 years in the bush of Alaska. She worked there as an RN. Look at her Alaska collection and you will want to arrange a trip next summer to the far north. As you oftentimes see, "Don't try this at home." "Don't try living in the bush of Alaska unless you are comfortable traveling by dog sled." M.E. had 32 sled dogs to help get her out to civilization. We are thankful that her grandparents and parents were snowbirds. We have **M. E. Parker** to make us believers in the beauty of nature surrounding us in Southwest Florida. Visit her website at www.meparkerphotography.com. To arrange a presentation to your group, call her at 498-0480 or send her an email at me@meparkerphotography.com.

Happenings

Gerry Myers served on the Nominating Committee to select the 6960 District Governor for Rotary Year 2010-2011. **Don Thomas** a 22 year member of the Cape Coral Goldcoast Rotary Club was selected.

Christmas Tree Sales

The tent is up, the fencing and gates secure the site, the electricity is hooked up and 300 trees are here and waiting for you to sign up to sell. **Jim O'Leary** is again maintaining the on line sign up schedule. Go to www.bonitaspringsrotary.org to find the available times. Then call or email Jim. This is our largest fund raiser. We hope to raise \$40,000. Everyone is needed.



Here are some of the Rotarians and helpers who worked on Friday, November 16 setting up the tent. Present at the time the photo was taken were, **Skip Lepola** (Thanks, **Diane** for recruiting him), **Ozzie Tello**, **Ray Faubion**, **Mark Humphrey**, **Gil Urick**, **RR**, **Scott Gerrish**, **Jim Renfro**, **Ron Anderson** and **Mac McBride**. The big guy in the back is **Phil Zaengel** of **Gil Urick Design**. The two guys in front were hired to drill holes and drive stakes. They are **Rey Bernarl** and **Victor Sepulveda**.

Paul Harris Fellow Plus 3

Rick Barber was honored for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation on November 6. He was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow Plus 3 at the joint meeting with the Bonita Noon and Estero Rotary Clubs.



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Nominations for the Board

Ray Faubion heads the Nominating Committee. Nominate someone or volunteer to serve.

Stephanie Kissinger Elected to Board Replacing Debbie Metzger

The Bonita Springs Rotary Club Board of Directors chose **Stephanie Kissinger** to replace **Debbie Metzger**, who resigned, because of a job transfer with the YMCA. Thanks, Debbie, for all of your hard work. Stephanie, we appreciate your willingness to serve.

John West Nominated to GSE

John West has been nominated as a GSE team leader to lead a team from District 6960 to Brittany, France or Jamaica. We hope you are selected, John.

Let's Boost Attendance

President, **Fred Partin**, reports that our October meeting attendance was 76%. Our goal is 80%. Visit www.Rotary6960.org and click on the database to find convenient makeup locations. Or go to our website at www.bonitaspringsrotary.org and makeup on line. It is easy. Visit another club. Have fun and learn how we can improve what we are doing.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$633

Don Manley drew the Queen of Diamonds and is shown here holding the \$5 that he took home. Of the 41 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$633. We contributed \$64 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.



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Bob Rosier Reports on Boy Scouts

Bob Rosier, a longtime supporter of organizations serving the youth of our area, and co-chair of the Boy Scouts fund raiser reported that \$80,000 was raised recently. We are fortunate to have Bob serving the community in more ways than just Rotary. Thanks, Bob!

The Christmas Party - Sign Up Now

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All Hail To Rotary

All hail to Rotary!
Steadfast and strong
We'll strive to hold our course
Though days seem dark
And things go wrong
Service in all we do
Friends ever free
Until we meet once more
Here's health to all our friends'
In Rotary

Happy Birthday!

Mark Humphrey - November 29

Carl Bals - December 2

Bob Mantle - December 4

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December 5, 2007

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Martha Erickson, Program Host for December, will introduce **Hal Atzigen**, Coordinator, Rotary Zone 34 Polio Plus Partners.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Gary Colecchio** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim O'Leary** led the 4 Way Test. **Jim Dati** led us in singing *All Hail to Rotary*.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Steve McIntosh introduced a special guest, **Wilson Bradshaw**, President of FGCU, who is a member of St. Paul, MN #10 Rotary Club. St. Paul Rotary was the tenth chartered Rotary club in the world. **Bill Oehler** was president of that club in 1990-91.

Prior to that Bill was president of the Rochester, MN Rotary Club in 1982-83. He was president of Bonita Springs Rotary in 2001-02.



Joys and Concerns

Doug Pratt reported the death of **Diane Lepola's** brother who lived in Baton Rouge, LA. We'll remember Diane and Skip and their family in our prayers.

Last Week's Program



Program Host, **Marjorie Ruback**, introduced **Marian Mosser, Ph.D.**, Criminal Justice Professor, Hodges University. Dr. Mosser is a retired U. S. Army Lt. Col. with expertise in counterterrorism. Her accomplishments during her 25 years of experience in the field include serving as the U. S. Army's senior anti-terrorism officer managing the Antiterrorism Cell in the

Intelligence and Operations Center in the Pentagon where she managed the antiterrorism policies and procedures for the U. S. Army worldwide. She managed activities that resulted in capturing a spy and provided critical intelligence that resulted in the capture of 5 terrorists. We learned that terrorism is premeditated motivated violence against noncombatant targets in our free society. Dr. Mosser told us that some terrorists have been trained from age 5 to prepare them to carry out suicide attacks. Why would someone become a suicide bomber, which is outside the teaching of the Koran? They are taught that a suicide attack is a ticket to heaven for them and their friends and relatives and they are assured of the company of 72 virgins upon their arrival there. They are heroes. They come from all walks of life. Some have doctorate degrees. Their acts are not irrational, they are not crazy. They are martyrs for their cause, which is Islamic Fundamentalism. Antiterrorisms is difficult work in that a suicide bomber is not planning to escape or evade capture. Terrorists are mobile and pick targets of opportunity and work to get the greatest effect of their act, an alternate bus more crowded than the first. Thanks, Dr. Mosser, for your insight!

Christmas Tree Sales



The happy crew of **John Spear**, **Jim O'Leary**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, and **Jim Renfro** took a break for this photo op. The Jims are shown helping a satisfied customer load her tree into her car. Marjorie handled the money and John made a perfectly straight hole for a tree stand on this tree.



The sale was reported in both the Naples Daily News and the Banner last week. **Ron Anderson** reported that we are a bit behind last year's sale, but we should catch up, since we have an extra day this year. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to \$30,000 this year. I had reported that it was \$40,000. I hope a fine is not levied by **George Cohan**.



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Estero High School Honorees



Honorees for November are **Brittany Boaz**, Academic Award. Brittany has a 3.92 GPA as a senior and hopes to enroll in pre-med at the University of Florida. She is a member of the National Honor Society, is Community Service Chairman and excels in integrated math and is a track and field athlete.



Senior, **Thao Trang** received the Service Award. She has a 3.88 GPA and will be attending USF in the fall. She designed the Taste of Bonita T-Shirt. She was recognized for helping a fellow non-English speaking Vietnamese

student gain proficiency in English.

Erica Reynolds, Faculty Award, teaches mathematics at EHS. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She is working on her masters degree at FGCU. She has expertise in grant writing.



Staff Award recipient **Kay Nas-siff** works in the attendance office. She's responsible for getting substitute teachers when someone calls in sick. Sounds like she plays a key role at EHS.



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$710



Fred Partin drew the 6 of Clubs and took home \$5, the amount **George Cohan** fined him earlier for allowing an attorney to lead the 4 Way Test. Of the 40 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$710. We contributed \$79 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.

\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



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.
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December 12, 2007

December 26 - No Meeting

Today's Meeting

Martha Erickson, Program Host for December, will introduce Bonita Springs Rotarian, **Sandy Scoggins**, who will make a presentation on the Bonita Springs Rotary Water Project in Guatemala.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Dick Hamlin** delivered the invocation. **Sandy Scoggins** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Roger Brunswick** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in singing **God Bless America** to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day, December 7.

Kindergartners Receive Books



Steve McIntosh presented a check from Bonita Springs Rotary for \$1176 to Kindergarten teacher, **Jennifer Price**, to buy books for the kindergartners at Spring Creek Elementary School. The books are special in that each is individualized with the student's name in them. Ms. Price reported that students who received books three years ago still tell her how they treasure their book.

Last Week's Program



Martha Erickson, Program Host for December, introduced Naples Rotarian and Past District 6960 Governor 2002-03, **Hal Antzigen**, who is the Polio Plus Partners Coordinator in Rotary Zone 34. In her introduction, Martha quoted her husband, **G. Walter Erickson, MD**, from a lecture that he

made to interns in 2000 regarding the discovery of the polio vaccine. We learned among many interesting bits of information from Hal that the Rotary International Foundation has been offered \$100 million by the Gates Foundation provided we can match it in Rotary years 2008-11. The money is to be used in the Polio Plus effort. In 1985 Rotary International pledged to eradicate polio by 2005, the 100th anniversary of Rotary. We fell short, but we are well on the way to our goal of ridding the world of this dread disease. Rotary is not alone in this endeavor. We are working with UNICEF, WHO and the CDCs. In 1985 there were 350,000 new cases of polio in the world. In 2007 there have been only 763 new cases, down 1,000 cases from 2006. By the end of 2008 all of India will be immunized, which leaves only 3 countries, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan where work is yet to be done. Since 1985, Rotary International has contributed \$650 million to the effort to wipe out polio, second only to the United States government. Rotary leadership, internationally, at the district level and locally are gearing up to make sure we meet the Gates Foundation challenge to raise \$100 million to match their \$100 million. This is another reason to recruit new members. Thanks, Hal.

Rotarian Profile

Bryan Dowd was born and raised in the small community of Fort Dodge, Iowa in 1983. Throughout high school, He was active with many different groups and clubs, including Character Counts, National Honor Society, Iowa Boys State, football teams, basketball teams, and student government.



He graduated from Saint Edmond High School in 2002 and moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where he attended Morningside College for the next 4 years. He was also quite active in college, belonging to the Acacia Fraternity, Student Alumni Assoc., Student Ambassadors, and many different intramural athletic teams. He graduated from Morningside in December of 2006, with a B.A. in Psychology. Bryan currently is taking classes through the University of Phoenix in order to get a Masters in Psychology degree.

In 2006 he decided to take a job opportunity in Bonita Springs where he moved in September of '06. The job was with First American Bank, a privately owned bank based out of his hometown. He started working for First American in the summer of 2002, during school break, as a part-time teller.

He has an older brother and an older sister, both of whom reside in different states. His stepfather and uncle are both Rotarians in Fort Dodge, Iowa and his mother has assisted Rotary on an aid project to Nicaragua a few years back. He is currently single and enjoying all that life has to offer. He was proposed to Bonita Springs Rotary by **Stephanie Kissinger**. Let's find more young energetic people like Bryan. Thanks, Stephanie!

Future Programs

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December 19 - Holiday Celebration Sing Along.

December 26 - No Meeting.

Kids With Cancer Receives \$4500



Dave Shellenbarger, Chairman, Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation, presented a check for \$4500 to District 6960 Governor, **Gary Israel** for the Kids With Cancer fundraising effort in the district. Gary reported that our district has committed \$100,000

for the naming rights on a children's playroom at Health Park.

Beat the 12/31/07 Tax Deadline

Dave Shellenbarger leads our Rotary Foundation effort, too. He reports that you can check on your contributions with The Rotary Foundation by calling 866-976-8279. You can get your balance and/or make a new contribution. **However**, if you plan to use club recognition points to move to the next Paul Harris Recognition Level, make a check to The Rotary Foundation and give it to Dave, so he can get it properly credited.

Shots for Tots

Dave and **Betty Edwards**, **Ira Hawk** and **Marjorie Rubacky** helped with the immunizations of children in 31 families this month. We are fast approaching a total of 12,000 immunizations, since this important project was started.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$780

John Mathes drew the 5 of Clubs and won \$5. Of the 39 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$780. We contributed \$80 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.



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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.

Happy Birthday!

John Mathes - December 10
Sandy Scoggins - December 11
Mike O'Dell - December 18

In the Rotary Christmas Spirit

Fred Partin and **Sue Masters** made announcements at our last meeting. Fred got permission from the Bonita Springs Rotary Board of Directors to earmark the \$2000 sponsorship money raised for his inaugural to award our members Paul Harris Fellowships if they would contribute just \$250. In addition, Fred will donate another \$500 to raise the total to \$2500, so we can have ten new Paul Harris Fellows. Sue is contributing \$500 toward Paul Harris Fellowships for the 2 new members she recently proposed. Normally a Rotarian is required to donate \$1000 to the Rotary International Foundation in order to receive the award. Bonita Springs Rotary reduces that to \$500 by contributing half of the \$1000. You shouldn't pass up the opportunity to become a Paul Harris Fellow for \$250. Let's get back up to being a 100% club.

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December 19, 2007

Today's Meeting

Martha Erickson, Program Host for December, will introduce the **Rototones** under the direction of **Steve Krchniak**. The Rototones, named by **Jim Dati** and **Dave Shellenbarger** will sing a selection of holiday tunes and then will ask us to join in with them.

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation reading from the Rotarian Prayer Book. **John Warfield** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Gerry Myers** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in *Sing Out A Song of Rotary*.

Joys or Concerns

We are saddened by the death of **Ruth Mary McBride**, **Mac's** wife. **Ken Weyl** continues to recuperate at home. For **Steve Kaskie** it is back to Rochester, Minnesota to the Mayo Clinic for further treatment. We sure miss those two guys. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas Tree Sales



push to sales end.

Ron Anderson told us that we have \$53,000 in the bank and the rest of the sales dollars will go directly to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. We have 300 trees to sell as of Wednesday, December 12. Standby, your help may be needed for the

Last Week's Program

Program Host for December, **Martha Erickson**, introduced Bonita Springs Rotarian, **Sandy Scoggins**, Water Project Chairperson who gave a very thorough explanation of what the project is about and how we can be part of her "Million Person Challenge." Sandy came to Florida primed to join Rotary and to get involved in making a difference in the world.



She had joined the Naperville Rotary Club in Illinois and just after completing orientation, but before being inducted, she and her husband Keith moved to Florida. **Keith** and my wife, **Barbara Pagel**, had both worked in the Farm Credit Services System. Rotary came up over dinner at our place and the rest is history. Lucky, lucky us. The lesson: Recruit new energetic members, who want to be a **Rotarian**. **Fred Partin** got a willing volunteer to head an international project. It is obvious that Sandy knows how to get things done. This first effort totaling \$50,000 will provide clean water to 11,000 people. If \$50,000 helps that number of people, \$500,000 will complete a "Million Person Challenge." Sandy explained how this first effort will work, down to showing us the filters that are part of the filtration systems. One of the key ingredients of the program is financing. Every \$1 donated here in Bonita Springs and at other locations becomes \$4 through matches by districts and Rotary International. **Sandy** and her committee of **Linda Ritzert**, **Roger Brunswick**, **Paul Van Valkenburg** and **Bob Pagel** decided that Sandy's idea of working with experienced Rotarians was the way to get this project (next page)

done. Sandy discovered **George Lewis** through a search on the internet. George has conducted similar successful projects with his club in Florence Oregon in Rotary District 5110. He had personal contact with the first lady of Guatemala and Rotarian **Juan Carlos Cheves** of the Guatemala Sur club in District 4250. The first lady, Mrs. Berger, selected the filtration system. The containers are manufactured in Guatemala and the Q Beta filters come from England. How can Bonita Springs Rotarians contribute? First, buy a package of the note cards that are available for \$25. If we buy a total of 40 boxes, George Lewis, who's artwork is on the card, will donate all of the proceeds to the Guatemala Water Project. Second, you can donate to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation and earmark the money for our Water Project. Sandy mentioned an opportunity for those of us age 70.5 or older. In tax year 2007 we can donate all or part of our Required Minimum Distribution directly from the companies holding our funds and avoid paying taxes on that money. It is a better way to contribute, since you haven't received it and paid taxes only taking a deduction for a contribution. **This must be done by December 31, since this tax law only applies to the 2007 Tax Year.** Sandy told us that 6000 children die each day the result of drinking contaminated water. No children die in the United States the result of drinking contaminated water. Providing clean water to developing countries is a major goal of Rotary International. Sandy is offering to lead our club in an effort to make a difference in the world. She is going to Guatemala to learn more in February and will be meeting with the first lady. Let's follow Sandy.

Annual Meeting and Election

President **Fred Partin** presided at the shortest annual meeting on record. The nominating committee headed by President-elect **Ray Faubion** along with members **Don Thomson**, **Jose Lopez**, **Diane Lepola** and **Richard Gardner** presented the slate of candidates for the board, **Ray Faubion**, **Jim Dati**, **Ken King** and **Roger Brunswick**. They were approved by acclamation.

Future Programs

Mark Petrites our Program Host for January will be announcing a list of speakers soon.

Beat the 12/31/07 Tax Deadline

Dave Shellenbarger leads our Rotary Foundation effort, too. He reports that you can check on your contributions with The Rotary Foundation by calling 866-976-8279. You can get your balance and/or make a new contribution. **However**, if you plan to use club recognition points to move to the next Paul Harris Recognition Level, make a check to The Rotary Foundation and give it to Dave, so he can get it properly credited.

Wheelchair Project

President **Fred Partin** announced that the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation has allocated \$3750 toward this project. Bonita Springs Rotarians donating \$37.50 will have a wheelchair donated in their name. The chairs cost \$150. The foundation will match the Rotarians \$37.50 bringing the amount to \$75. Rotary International will match that \$75 to complete the \$150. If you donate \$37.50 you will receive recognition and receive a thank you from the recipient of the chair.

Through the Ages Car Show

We have another opportunity to raise funds for our foundation. This event occurring on January 11 and 12 in Bonita Springs needs us to sell tickets and beer. We will be good at this, since we are experts. See **Fred Partin** to sign up.

The Spoke Extra - Watch for It

A group of almost 100 people attended our Holiday Party at Highland Woods. If you were there, see the online version of this publication for coverage of the event. If not, you missed the fun.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$844

Stephanie Kissinger as proxy for **Steve McIntosh** drew the 4 of Hearts and won \$5. Of the 38 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$844. We contributed \$70 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.



\$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10

Dave Shellenbarger discovered this gem and shares it with you.

To Be A Rotarian

To be young is to swim in pools you did not dig.

To be a Rotarian is to dig pools in which you will not swim.

To be young is to dance to music, which you did not write.

To be a Rotarian is to write music to which you will not dance.

To be young is to sit under trees you did not plant.

To be a Rotarian is to plant trees under which you will not sit.

To be young is to seek benefits from a city you did not build.

To be a Rotarian is to build a city and a community from which you will not benefit.

That is what Rotary is about....
"Service Above Self"

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

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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 of good cheer:
Good tidings for Christmas
And a Happy New Year

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
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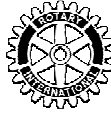
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The Spoke Extra

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The Holiday Party





If you weren't there, you missed a great party. Karaoke brought out the talent in attendance. If you were in attendance and want your picture, let me know. Some of the pictures didn't turn out very good and some were so bad I didn't include them. I apologize if your picture isn't here. Bob Pagel



