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January 2, 2008

Today's Meeting

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Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Ray Faubion** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Dati** led the 4 Way Test.

Christmas Tree Sales

Ron Anderson reports that the final numbers are not yet in, but we know that we sold 752 trees. We gave away upwards of 25 trees to families in need. We have \$65,000 in the bank, but we have to pay for the trees and pay taxes. We should have information soon on what we will donate to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. Thanks to all of the Rotarians who contributed to this effort, our Numero Uno fund raiser.



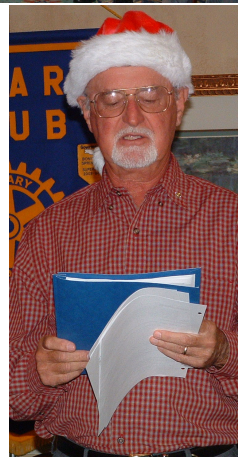
Shots for Tots

Dave Edwards has gotten a report from the Lee County Health Department. We conducted 11 clinics in 2007, saw 441 clients and 1137 immunizations were given. We can be proud of this project and the Rotarians who have made it work so effectively. Since January, 1995 we have served 5,643 clients and 11,900 immunizations have been given.

December 19 Program



The **Rototones** directed by **Steve Krchniak** primed those in attendance for the Christmas season.



Bobbi Bird taught and led us in her variation of Winter Wonderland and the 12 Days of Christmas. If you missed the meeting you missed a fun time.

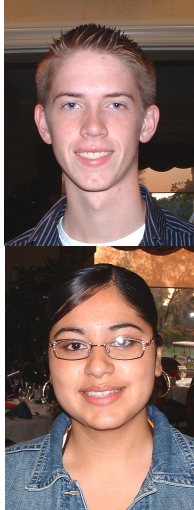
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Steve Agius, Area 3 Assistant Governor, District 6960, Bonita Springs Noon Club. **Detlev Borner**, Knights Pendragon Rotary Club, Johannesburg, South Africa. **Al Conners**, Aurora, OH Rotary Club.

Estero High School Honorees

Stephanie Kissinger introduced the honorees and presented them with plaques and gift cards. The winners are.....

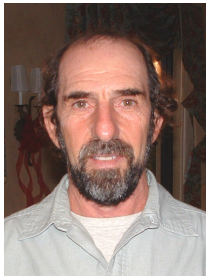
Academic Award - Ryan Davis, Senior, Ranked 10th in the Class of '08 with a GPA of 4.3 and is in the Honor Society. Ryan is an Eagle Scout, First chair tuba player, plays in the wind ensemble, jazz band and marching band and wants to pursue a doctorate in music education after undergraduate studies at the University of Florida.



Service Award - Wendy Garcia, Senior, GPA 3.83. She will be attending Edison College pursuing a degree in Interior Design. She won 1st Place in the Lee County Art Contest for the Environmental Program. Her art work was on the cover and was titled "Leave the Scene Clean." She is active in C.R.O.P. (College Reach Out Program) where she helps students get information on various colleges and programs, so that they can get enrolled.



Teacher Award - Charles Glaser, Industrial Arts Educator. He teaches drafting and is the OJT Coordinator of the Senior Job Program. He has been a teacher in Lee County for 34 years and was the SW Florida Cross Country Coach of the Year 3 times and the Lee County Cross Country Coach of the Year 4 times.



Staff Award - Joseph (Doc) Jones DC

is the chief public relations person at EHS. He greets all visitors at the school. He has been with Lee County Schools for 5.5 years. He moved here from Millville, NJ. He is in the Millville Sports Hall of Fame. He was the Millville HS team physician for 28 years.



Future Programs

Mark Petrites our Program Host for January will introduce **Jim Nathan** who will speak about the Lee Memorial Health Systems next week.

Through the Ages Car Show (Fundraising opportunity)

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 wine and beer. We will be good at this, since we are experts. Volunteers are needed for shifts, 5 to 9 PM on Friday and 11 to 2 PM and 2 to 5 PM on Saturday. Contact Ray Faubion at 444-2886 or rfaubion@otc1.com.

Water Project

The raffle at the Holiday Party raised \$810. You missed a great opportunity to give \$20 to get 5 chances and a free drink, thanks to **Don Manley's** generosity. **Sandy Scoggins** demonstrated the water filtration system at our last meeting.



Paul Van Valkenburg got water from the Imperial River, it was filtered through the system and President, **Fred Partin**, our resident water expert sampled the water. This is an ongoing project. The first phase will provide 11,000 Mayan villagers in Guatemala with clean water. Our goal is to provide 1 million people with clean water. Join the effort.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$500

John Spear as proxy for **Ben Nelson** drew the Joker. Ben won \$844. Of the 53 cards in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$500. We contributed \$72 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.



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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Rotary, My Rotary

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

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

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Peter Zahner - January 3
Ron Anderson - January 4

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Bob Pagel Passes Pen to.....



I succeeded **Ken Weyl** as Editor of **The Spoke** on January 31, 2007. Prior to that I was issue editor starting on October 18, 2006. Ken was not quite ready to turn over the job to me and

I was thankful that he wasn't. There was a lot to learn about being the editor. I am thankful that Ken and **Ira Hawk** were there to offer guidance. We entered a new era when **Mark McCaw** offered to publish and print the **Spoke** in color, which we did for the first time on April 14, 2007. When Rotarians complement me on what a great job that I have done as editor I must admit that I owe much of that praise to what Mark did for us. Mark could not publish in the format that we were using. Fortunately a Rotary Regular, **Scott Gerrish**, who has a lot of experience with desktop publishing was able to offer his guidance. Being the editor has been the most rewarding volunteer work that I have ever done. It is a bit addictive, but it is time to give another Rotarian the opportunity. Business and other volunteer activities such as council and endowment committee at church are taking more of my time. Thanks for letting me serve you. Bob Pagel

Greg Holtz, **Spoke** Editor

Greg Holtz, the Club's newest Rotarian, is a native Clevelander and devoted Indians fan. He is a graduate of Xavier University, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and the



Cleveland State University Levin College of Urban Affairs. Greg currently serves as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of U.S. Bank's Private Client Group in Naples. He is a member of the Order of Alhambra, a volunteer at the WGCU Radio Reading Service, and recently completed his tenure as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Catholic Charities Corporation for the Diocese of Cleveland. Greg, a past President of the Garfield Heights, Ohio Rotary Club, was sponsored by Dick Frederickson.

We are most fortunate to have an experienced Rotarian step into serving the club as editor of **The Spoke**. He believes in Rotary's "Service Above Self" motto. We will help him learn about the club, its activities and our members. Greg, don't hesitate to ask for my help and that of Ken, Ira and Scott.

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Last Meeting

President-elect **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Bryan Dowd** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Paul Lotz** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in *Rotary, My Rotary*.

Thanks Bob!

A special "thank-you" is in order for out-going Spoke editor **Bob Pagel**. Your rookie editor has quickly learned of the importance of The Spoke as a Club resource. Thanks to Bob for his devotion and hard work in insuring that this publication has been prepared, published, and distributed on a weekly basis. It is a privilege to succeed him and a happy thought to know he will continue to serve from time to time as our visiting Editor Emeritus. Thanks again Bob!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Visiting Rotarians

Al Conners, Aurora, Ohio; **Tor Ostensen**, Fort Myers, Sunrise.

Guests

Diana Hatton, Guest of Jose Lopez and **Kevin Fobbihs**, Guest of Ray Faubion

Last Week's Program

Marianne W. Rodgers, Director of the School of Nursing at Florida Gulf Coast University (pictured below) offered an overview of the nursing profession both in Florida and on a national basis.

Director Rodgers offered insight into the Florida Nursing Workforce Shortage, suggesting that if most nurses retire by age 60, Florida can expect to lose more than 40% of its currently licensed RN populations over the next decade.



Strategies are being developed to curb said nursing decline. They include improving the image of nursing, creating a work environment supportive of the practice of nursing,

and recruiting qualified applicants who represent the diverse population of Florida.

Director Rodgers also discussed attempts being made to recruit men into the nursing profession. These efforts have resulted in the number of men in nursing rising from 5% to 9% with men accounting for approximately 13% of students enrolled in nursing education programs.

The presentation concluded with remarks about Retention and Graduate Residencies and the University Health System Consortium.

A lively question and answer session followed. Thanks Director Rodgers for an excellent and thought-provoking presentation.

2007 Christmas Tree Sale— A Rousing Success

Ron Anderson offered a report on the 2007 Christmas Tree Sale. 754 trees were sold resulting in sales of approximately \$65,000. Although results were still preliminary, it appears the 2007 Sale will garner almost \$20,000 for the Foundation. Ron offered thanks to all Rotarians who helped or participated in any way. The Club offered Ron well-deserved thanks with a rousing standing ovation for his efforts and a job well done.



Bonita Springs Auto Show— This Weekend

Looking for a way to have fun, check out both classic and current autos, and help raise funds for the Foundation? This weekend's Bonita Springs Auto Show fits the bill. Held at Riverside Park, we are looking for a hardy and fun-loving group of Rotarians to help sell beer and wine Friday evening from 5 to 9 pm and Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm. Contact **Ray Faubion** at 444-2886 or rfaubion@otc1.com

Wheelchair Program Update

Currently 106 wheelchairs have been sold. You can still purchase a wheelchair for \$37.50. Contact **Nancy Ross** for more information on this worthwhile program.

Entrepreneur's Law Day

Entrepreneur's Law Day is Saturday, January 26 at FGCU's Student Union Building (building #17 with the large clock).

Our January Speakers

Mark Petrites our Program Host for January, announced the following speakers for the month of January:

Today: Jim Nathan, President Lee Memorial Healthcare System, *"The Future of the Lee County Health System."*

January 16: Zannos G. Grekos, MD, Chief Medical Officer *"Regenocyte: Stem Cell Breakthroughs for treating Cardiac and Peripheral Vascular Disease"*



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Thanks Mark for a great series of programs!

Editor's Corner

Welcome to the Editor's Corner! Check out the "Corner" each week for interesting Rotary facts, information highlighting Southwest Florida and, from time to time, the Editor's insight on important topics such as major league baseball. You can always contact the Editor regarding this column or any aspect of The Spoke at the following e-mail TheSpoke@embarqmail.com. This week's question:

In celebration of Rotary Awareness Month...***Since 1947, what is the approximate amount The Rotary Foundation has awarded in humanitarian and educational grants? Answer next week.***

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Last week, a jubilant **Bob Pagel** drew the Four of Hearts. Of the 52 cards in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker which wins \$500. We contributed \$50 to the Rotary Foundation this past week.

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Diane Lepola - January 9
 Don Manley - January 12



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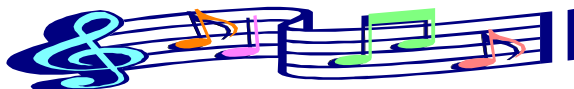
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America, the Beautiful

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!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
 Whose stern impassion'd 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!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved,
 And mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness,
 And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream
 That sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam,
 Undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
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Last Week

President Fred Partin presided. **Ira Hawk** delivered the invocation. **Diane Lepola** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dick Frederickson** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed us in *America the Beautiful*. Charles Mansfield, Roman Heroszewski, and Bryan Dowd received their blue badges—congratulations.

Thanks Bob and Ron!

Ron Anderson and Bob Pagel were recipients of Wheelchairs donated in their honor and in recognition of their tireless work with the Christmas Tree project and The Spoke. Gentlemen—a most hearty thank you..

Visiting Rotarians

We were proud and pleased to welcome Gary Israel, our District 6960 District Governor.

Joys and Concerns

Gary Israel, our District Governor, informed us of a Gift of Life Child in Cape Coral who was undergoing surgery and asked for prayers and good wishes.

We also enjoyed a spirited discussion regarding the BCS championship game, a joy to some and concern to others. As the discussion did not directly impact the Cleveland Indians, the Editor was able to remain calm and happy.

Last Week's Program—Healthcare's "Perfect Storm"

Jim Nathan, President of the Lee Memorial Health System (pictured alongside Program Host **Mark Petrites**) offered an engaging presentation "Healthcare, Southwest Florida and the Perfect Storm." Mr. Nathan provided an overview of current challenges facing the healthcare system and argued that the nation was unwilling to effect necessary reforms.



In his presentation Mr. Nathan cited a number of disturbing facts that argue for change within the healthcare system, among them being an aging population, an increasing reliance on government funding, increasing consumer demand for accountability and a lack of political will for reform. We also learned of disturbing health issues such as problems within the Medicare program and national obesity trends.

Mr. Nathan argued for the need to engage in dialogue evaluating the philosophies of universal health care versus survival of the fittest. He also suggested that minor fine tuning was not enough and the urgency of bringing special interests groups to the table so we create an American system of healthcare.

He concluded his presentation with an overview of long term trends within our local health care system and efforts being made at creating a true community owned health care system—Community Health Visioning 2017.

Thanks Mr. Nathan for an excellent presentation.

An Inspiring Profile of Community Service

Steve McIntosh introduced Lauren O'Dey, Liz, Godley, and Gina Walker (pictured below). Lauren, Liz and Gina are student leaders at Estero High School and members of Interact.

We learned that the Estero High School Student Council has undertaken a project aimed at sending 47 pediatric oncology patients and their families to Disney World.

Approximately \$30,000 needs to be raised to provide patients and their families transportation and accommodations. Steve presented a \$1000 contribution on behalf our Club toward this project. Thanks Lauren, Liz and Gina for visiting and informing us of your worthwhile efforts and community service.



Ready For Some Football?

Sue Masters, our Social Chair, reports that the Elk's Club has invited us to join them for a SuperFun, "SuperBowl 2008 Tail Gate Party" on February 3. The \$15 per person

charge entitles you to an all-you-can-eat buffet, game squares—and a cash bar. The Elks Lodge is located in Estero on Coconut Road just west of US 41. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Sue at sue-masters@juno.com or 949-2419 by January 27. (You will be billed in your quarterly statement). All are welcome.

Music at FGCU

Steve McIntosh advised us of "The Night Shall be Filled with Music," on January 28 an evening showcasing the musical talents of FGCU students. Call the Art League at 239-495-8989 for more information.

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Note Card Project

Sandy Scoggins offered a report on the Note Card Project. As of last week, we still had 20 boxes of note cards available for sale. They are \$25.00 a box and benefit the Water Project in Guatemala (Each box helps provide clean water to 20 people). Checks should be made payable to the Foundation—see Sandy for additional information.

Editor's Corner

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Answer—1.1 billion dollars (A fact to be proud of.)

***A thought borrowed from Disney:
Dreams Are Like Snowflakes—No Two Are Alike.***

Have a great week Rotarians.

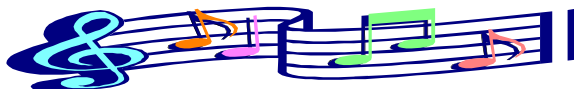


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Bob Rosier-January 19
Marjorie Rubacky-January 19
Doug Pratt-January 20

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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:

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It's a small world after all,

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It's a small, small world.

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Joys or Concerns

Nancy Ross asked us to remember in our prayers her friend who is undergoing a mastectomy. **Ira Hawk** told us of his visit with one of our former members, **Roger Belanger**, who now lives in Arcadia, Florida. Roger had been honored by our club in the past with the "Service Above Self" and "Rotarian of the Year" awards.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians included **Femi Olopade**, Lagos, Nigeria, **Kjell Hagemark**, from Charloteland, Trondheim, Norway, **Al Conners**, Aurora, OH, **Frank Nappo**, Estero and **Bob Andreasen**, Clemson, SC. In attendance were **Kevin Robbins**, guest of **Ray Faubion**, Cross Country Running Coach and Athletic Director, Estero High School, **Jeff Sommer**, and Paul Harris Fellow, **Deanna Reed**, guest of her husband, Rotarian, **Bill Reed**.

Last Week's Program

Mark Petrites, Program Host for January introduced **Zannos G. Grekos, MD** of Regenocyte.

If you didn't attend last Wednesday's meeting you *must* visit

www.regenocyte.com.

Be ready to travel where the medical profession has not traveled before.

Many who saw the presentation were, I am sure, saying to themselves, "Am I hearing and seeing what I am hearing and seeing?" Dr. Zannos is far in the lead in work with adult stem cell treatments. We learned that the U S is lagging dramatically in application of this new treatment. No, it is not George W. Bush blocking the effort. The FDA approval process takes many years to approve new procedures. If you want the treatments that were described, plan to travel to Santiago, Dominican Republic. We saw evidence of regeneration of blood vessels using adult stem cells harvested from the person receiving the treatment. As the Regenocyte pamphlet states, the Regenocyte Therapeutic Procedure turns adult stem cells into medicine. They are improving and prolonging the quality of life for people diagnosed with: heart attack, chest pain, poor circulation, leg pain and heart failure.



Art Festival 2008 - At Coconut Point

Frank Nappo of the Estero Rotary Club told us about the event they sponsor February 8, 9 and 10 starting with the "Meet the Artist" Cocktail Party at Rapallo. Let's help the Estero Club. Call Denise at 948-5508 or Henry at 272-4712.

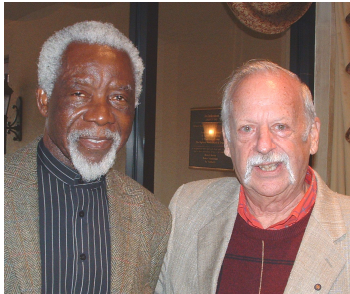
Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation

President **Fred Partin** presented a \$35,000 check from our club to **Dave Shellenbarger** chair of the foundation. The funds will be used for our many worthwhile projects.



Happy Birthday, John West!

Helping **John West** celebrate his birthday was his special guest, Rotarian and Chief of the Yoruba Tribe of Nigeria, **Femi Olopade**. John told us how he received a \$150 check from his cousin as a birthday gift. John has given that check plus an additional amount of money to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. John would like to start a project with the Abeokuta Rotary Club in Nigeria. We will be hearing more.



Bon Voyage, Sandy and Linda!

Sandy Scoggins and **Linda Ritzert** are headed to San Jose, Costa Rica to the Uniendo Conference to learn more about potential Rotary projects for our club in Central America.

Super Bowl Tailgate Party

See **Sue Masters** to learn all about this event. Be sure to let your social secretaries know that the Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 3 and Sue is expecting you. Let's have some fun.

Future Programs

January 30 - **Mark Petrites**, Program Host for January will introduce **Dr. Steven West**, Cardiologist, who will speak on "Health Care Reform."

Steve McIntosh, Program Host for February will introduce the following speakers:

February 6 - **Carl McAloose**, Athletic Director, FGCU

February 13 - **George Clover**, Principal, Estero High School.

February 20 - **Materie Wyman**, President, Estero High School Interact Club.

February 27 - **Dr. William Bradshaw**, President, FGCU.

Wheelchair Project

President **Fred Partin** reported that Bonita Springs Rotarians have donated 115 wheelchairs.

Through the Ages Car Show

Thanks to the Rotarians who helped our club through their efforts at this event. They raised \$750.

Rotary is Good!

Though it was an effort to communicate in English, **Daniela**, who is a native of Chile and a clerk at Publix stated, "Rotary is good!" She had spotted the Rotary emblem on my jacket. Throughout the world Rotarians are spreading goodwill. Yes, Daniela, Rotary is indeed good!

Rotary Shirts

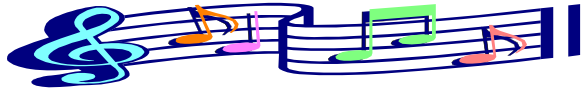
Contact **Nancy Ross** to purchase Bonita Springs Rotary shirts. They are a bargain at \$27.90.

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

The Yankee Doodle Boy

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

Celebrate Bonita 5 K Run

Bonita Springs Rotary's effort led by **Bobbi Bird** at Celebrate Bonita has a new event being run by **Ron Anderson** with the help of **Jeff Sommer**, the Cross Country Coach and Athletic Director at Estero High School. It is a 5 K run. It is time to help Bobbi and Ron in preparing for this major fund raiser. **The Bellamy Brothers** and **Little Texas** will headline the event. Hours have been expanded in order for Bonita Springs Rotary to dispense more beer and make more than the \$14,000 we made last year.

Rotary District 6960 Assembly

President **Fred Partin** told us that the assembly will take place at the Port Charlotte Cultural Center on April 19. Our board has agreed to pay the registration for 6 of our members.

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Hank Schelling– January 29

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January 30, 2008

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Gary Colecchio** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Nancy Wyckoff** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us in ***The Yankee Doodle Boy***.

Francis Dixon and Gerry Myers received well deserved recognition as Paul Harris Fellows.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visting Rotarians

Al Conners, Aurora, OH
Kjell Hagemark, Norway
Bob Feider, Sheboygan, WI
Dan Barrett, Bloomington, MN
Wilson Wheeler, Ft Myers, South
Bob Andreasen, Clemson, SC
John Iacone, Ft Myers

Guests

Susan O Neil (Guest of Mike Grover)
Mary Feider (Guest of Bob Feider)
Kevin Robbins (Guest of Ray Fabion)
Ugo Assi, (Guest of Roger Brunswick)

Editor's Corner

Rotary Fun Fact... During the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky's 58th benefit auction. you can join a "club" commemorating an item that was bought and sold 72 times during the 1952 auction. Can you guess what this "item" was? Answer next week.

From the Spoke Sports Department—early line—Giants by 7 1/2.

Last Week's Program

Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida...A Community Resource

We heard from Dr. John Iaconne, MD, Executive Director (pictured below) of the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The Hospital, which



opened its doors in 1994 serves all children in Southwest Florida.

The Hospital is a unique, regional resource. Opening with 67 beds, the hospital now provides 106 with additional resources on the way.

The Hospital distinguishes itself in other ways. For example, the Hospital staffs 50 pediatric sub specialists, a music therapist (only one of two in the entire State of Florida), and 6 child life therapists.

The Hospital has also been designated a regional intensive care unit and cancer care center (the designated Children's Oncology Group Center for Southwest Florida).

Dr. Iaconne emphasized the importance philanthropy plays in continuing the Hospital's mission and the attempts made at creating a "home" environment for the children as patients. In other words emphasis is placed on the "gentle touch" aspect of medicine.

A lively question and answered followed Dr. Iaconne's excellent presentation.

A Profile in Courage and Inspiration

We were privileged to meet Sue O'Neil (pictured below). She shared a profoundly sad chapter of her life as we learned that her husband died of pancreatic cancer over a year ago. In response and as a tribute to his life, Sue created Luv Your



Hat to honor his memory and save precious lives in the future. Net proceeds from the sale of Sue's hats will be donated to Lustgarten, a private foundation for pancreatic cancer research. Kudos to our esteemed Sergeant at Arms for his leadership in buying a few hats for wear by our members. If you would like more information on this program visit Sue's website at www.luvyourhat.com.

Let's Welcome Our Youngest Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to Lucia Ross (left) and Caitlyn Masters (right) earning the honor of our Club's Youngest Paul Harris Fellows. Lucia is the 2 year old granddaughter of Nancy Ross and become a Fellow at the age of 6 months. Caitlyn is 16 months old and the granddaughter of Sue Masters. She become a Fellow at 4 months old. Congratulations all—a great, story.



A Rotarian Profile...Francis Dixon



Frances Dixon became a member of the Bonita Springs Rotary Club in 1994. She has served as the club's World Community Service Chair for four years

and as a World Community Service Chair for District 6960. She is a multiple Paul Harris fellow, (having been recognized again this past week) a sustaining member, and a Rotary alumna. She has been awarded the District Rotary Foundation Service Award. She has hosted Rotarians from some 20 clubs to a remote northwest region of Guatemala to oversee Rotary/Adopt-a-Village projects.

A veteran traveler, Frances worked her way around the world from the time she left school. Twenty years ago, her lifelong wanderlust focused on Guatemala during the last decade of that country's civil war. She witnessed the profound suffering of the Mayan Indian people and their desperate attempts to survive in the midst of those 36-years of genocidal warfare.

As a result of her experiences, Frances founded Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala in 1991, an international non-profit organization, dedicated to empowering the indigenous people in their quest for improved education, health, and economic conditions. Since then, she has served as a full time volunteer and has been responsible for initiating and managing over 60 major infrastructure projects for the Mayan people. Many of these projects, which directly support the peace process of post-war Guatemala, have been in partnership with Rotary.

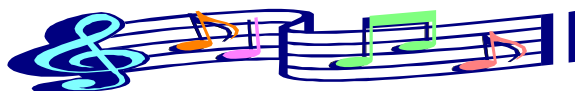
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.

And we'll all feel gay,
When Johnny comes marching home.

Happy Birthday

Hank Schelling, January 29

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February 6, 2008

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Steve McIntosh** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Mark McCaw** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us in *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*.

Kevin Robbins was inducted as a new member of our Club.

Joys or Concerns

We were pleased to learn from Don Manley that his son Hector would be starting in his varsity basketball game at Seacrest High School.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians

Steve Agius, Bonita Noon
Jerry Carvey, Rochester, MI
Dan Barnett, Bloomington, MN
Merle Kearns, Port Clinton, Ohio
Tom Briers, Ft. Myers Downtown
Ed Turley, Whitehall-Beyley
Gary Gehan, Merrimak, NH

Guests

Hass Mehbod (Guest of John Barnett)
Kyle Partin (Guest of Fred Partin)

Editor's Corner

Rotary Fun Fact...During the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky's 58th benefit auction. you can join the "Goat Club" founded in honor of a goat that was bought and sold 72 times during the Club's second auction in 1952. Cash donations of up to \$100 qualify donors for the Goat Club.

Last Week's Program

Healthcare Reform



Cardiologist Dr. Steven West, President-Elect of the Florida Medical Association, addressed us on the topic of and issues surrounding Healthcare Reform. Dr. West discussed the need for insurance reform (and the imperative that people be empowered to go beyond their employer's insurance) and various consumer-driven health care strategies.

Foundation Benefits "Super Kids"

We were all proud to witness our Foundation grant presentation of \$5,000 benefiting the Super Kids Program, an after school mentoring program. Ellen Nichols Program Director accepted the grant award, explaining the Funds would be used for the middle and high school program. Foundation Trustees Doug Pratt and Dave Shellenbarger joined President Fred Partin and Director Nichols in celebrating the presentation.



Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards



We were pleased and honored to welcome and congratulate Teresa Malone, Scott Cook, Eric M. Heusing, and Lauren O'Dea as winners of the Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards. Teresa, winner of a Staff Member Award, goes above and beyond in preparing nutritious meals for faculty and students. Scott, Assistant Principal, winner of the Teacher Award is noted for being "there" when students and faculty need him. Eric, winner of the Academic Award, is highly ranked in his class and takes on a rigorous academic course load. Lauren, winner of the Service Award is Captain of the swim team and Senior Class Representative. Congratulations all for your commitment to service and excellence.

Estero Rotary Club Art Festival this Weekend

Steve Agius, Area 3 Assistant Governor visited this past week and reminded us of the Estero Rotary Club's Art Festival this weekend. Friday, February 8 is a special "the meet the artist" cocktail reception (\$50 per person) with the show itself being held Saturday February 9 and Sunday February 10 at Coconut Point.

Assistance is appreciated all three days—see President Fred Partin if you are able to help.

Our Newest Rotarian...Kevin Robbins

We welcomed Kevin Robbins as our newest Rotarian. Ray Faubion introduced Kevin and we learned that Kevin, his wife Laura and children Justin and Casey moved to Southwest Florida almost twelve years ago. Kevin has worked in the mortgage and real estate business for almost 14 years and

currently serves as a mortgage planner for a private lending group associated with CTX Mortgage. We also learned that Kevin has a variety of interests having been a DJ and race car driver. Kevin, we look forward to hearing about those interests and offer a hearty welcome to our Club.



Membership Update

Jim Dati, our Membership Chair, offered an update and vision for membership development within our Club. Jim asked each of us to focus on the concepts of Rotary recruitment and membership.

Thanks Jim for your fine presentation and also thanks to Jim and Steve for suggesting ways we can incorporate the word "effectuate" into our everyday conversation.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500

An ecstatic Sandy Scoggins drew the Three of Clubs to win \$5. Of the 48 cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$500. We contributed \$90 to the Rotary Foundation this past week. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



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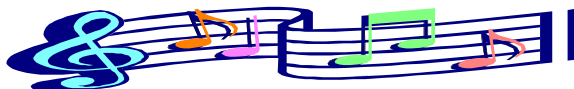
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God Bless America

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.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday	Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
Wednesday	Naples Gulf Shore 730 am Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm
Thursday	Ft. Myers Beach/The Sandy Butler 17650 San Carlos Blvd. 7:30 am Naples North Collier Athletic Club 7:30 am Bonita Springs-Community Congregational Church (Noon)
Friday	Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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February 13, 2008

This Week's Program

George Clover, Principal of Estero High School will be the speaker. EHS serves students in South Lee County and ranks in the top 1/3 of Lee County high schools based on FCAT scores. George invites students to come to EHS .."Where Students Come to Learn and Leave to Succeed."

Last Week: The Regulars' Meeting

President-for-a-day **Harold Eames**, Hampton, NH, clanged the 7th annual Rotary Regular Day meeting to order. **Keith Merrill**, Bellefontaine, OH, delivered the invocation. **Dave Hanley**, Waukesha, WI, led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jim Friedgen**, Derry Village, NH, led the singing of God Bless America. **Don Johnson**, Thompson, Manitoba, led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

Shots for Tots

Dave Edwards reported that 31 families were served at the February Shots for Tots session. **Dave** and **Betty Edwards**, **Hank** and **Vicki Schelling**, **Scott** and **Amalia Gerish** (rr), and **Ira Hawk** helped out.

Guatemala Water Project

Sandy Scoggins has only 10 boxes of note cards (\$25/box) left to sell. When sold, the effort will have raised \$1,000 for the Guatemala Water Project.



Sergeant-at-Arms

Dave Zaun, Terre Haute, IN, a picture of satorial splendor, was the Sergeant-at-Arms for the day. Dave questioned **George Cohan** about his "stealth" marriage

over the summer and assessed a \$5 fine. George topped him by donating \$20. Dave's next victim was **Jim Dati** who has quietly become engaged and has been using hot pink color envelopes for his personal mail. Before introducing guests and visitors, Dave extracted \$3 fines from the few remaining New England Patriot fans.

The Rotary Regular Program

The Rotary Regular program was started in 2001 by then President **Bill Oehler**. The objective was to encourage Rotarians from northern clubs, who are seasonal residents, to become part of the club's service and social activities. Now there are 30 Regulars who commonly participate with time and money. **Roger Brunswick** is the "keeper" of the Regulars.

Last Week: Carl McAloose



Steve McIntosh introduced **Carl McAloose**, Director of Athletics at FGCU. Carl was named to his current post by President William Merwin in 2000. He has been responsible for building the athletic program at FGCU from the

ground floor including leading the design and development of nearly \$25 in new facilities.

FGCU moved to a full-fledged member of NCAA Divison II just four years after the program began. FGCU started its athletic program with men's and women's golf and tennis in the fall of 2000. Men's and women's basketball and

cross country teams, as well as baseball and softball were added for 2002-03 and volleyball became the 11th sport in the fall of 2004. Women's swimming, men's soccer and women's soccer began play in Fall 2007. The teams have already accumulated 1,000 varsity wins.

The Eagles stepped up to Division I in Fall 2007 and joined the Atlantic Sun Conference. Carl says, "This conference is a great fit for us athletically and academically".

FGCU student-athletes have achieved above a 3.1 GPA in each of the past 14 semesters, and numerous athletes have won national academic awards.

The FGCU Math Program and Elementary Reading Program have been popular with Southwest Florida youngsters, touching the lives of over 10,000 elementary school children in the last five years. During the 2006-07 season FGCU student-athletes participated in over 10,000 hours of community service.

When asked about football, Carl says "It's going to come...but not soon." The difficulties are the high initial cost of start up, including a stadium, the high annual operating costs, and the need to provide additional equivalent women's programs to meet the requirements of Title IX.

Rotarian in the Spotlight

Bill Reed is a Paul Harris Fellow plus 12.

He joined the club in 2004 after several years as a Rotary Regular. Bill is a founder and Past President of the Concord Rotary Club of Elkhart County, IN. After graduation from Riley High School, South



Bend, IN, Bill attended Purdue University with 12,500 former WWII GI's. Then he joined the Navy to see the world, but ended up assigned to a repair ship which was "welded to the dock."

Bill started on the path to becoming "First Mirror King" in 1970 as a sales representative; then started his own company, Ramco Engineering, manufacturing bus, fire truck, and motor home side view mirrors in 1975. His first great stride in improving mirrors was to replace the traditional plate glass with "first surface chrome glass". This allowed a convex section to be installed increasing the effective area of the mirror by 25% with the same sized head. Next, he was the first in the U.S. to offer an electric remote bus mirror, eliminating the need for each different driver to "jerk" the mirror around for focus. After this, he became known as the premier innovator in automotive mirrors and, in 1991, was nominated as Entrepreneur of the Year in Manufacturing.

Bill and **Deanna** have been married for 45 years. They have a daughter and two grandchildren. They are extremely proud of their daughter Dee who has now taken over Ramco Engineering. In the past three years she has gained three patents. The latest is for the mounting of a TV camera in the mirror behind the convex glass. The company now has a 60,000 sq. ft. building and more than 50 employees.

Bill says, "When I see a bus, fire truck or motor home on the road, I take pride in the miracle of a business that was born from one idea. This is the opportunity we have in America where anyone can have a dream and succeed. I am so lucky to have a daughter who continues my dream."

Next Week: The Interact Club

Malerie Wyman, President of the Estero High School Interact Club will head up next week's program. Interact is a community based service club partnering with the Bonita Springs Rotary.

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Harold Eames (rr)
picked his own number but couldn't pick a winning card.

**Three tickets for \$2
Five for \$3
Twenty Five for \$10**



Upcoming Events

February 27th – **Wilson Bradshaw**, President of FGCU, will be the speaker.

April 5th – Celebrate Bonita and Rotary 5K run. **Bobbi Bird** needs help dispensing beer. See **Ron Anderson** for details of the 5K race.

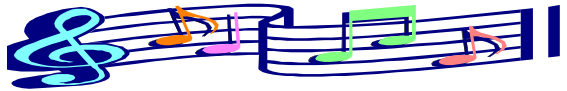
April 19th – District Assembly at Port Charlotte Cultural Center. Register at www.rotary6960.org.

May 26-31 – District Conference on a Royal Caribbean Cruise. Contact Steve Briggs at mail@vipworldtravel.com for information

June 15-18th – RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA. Information at www.rotary.org.

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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!!!

Happy Birthday!

Bobbi Bird - February 14
George Cohan III - February 15

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February 20, 2008

Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Carl Bals** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the **Interact Officers** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us in ***You're A Grand Old Flag***.

Your editor was proud to receive his blue badge.

Joys and Concerns

Jim Renfro was pleased to share the joy of his grandchildren's visit.

Our Sergeant at Arms offered very complimentary comments regarding the care and concern Ohio drivers exhibit on the Southwest Florida roadways during season. All Buckeyes, emeritus and present, appreciated his kind words. We received an encouraging update on Steve Kaskie and were also happy to hear that Klaus Helf will be rejoining us at our meetings.

Ray Fabion updated us on Mark McCaw's condition. It was good to hear that he should be back at work soon.

Editor's Corner

Thanks to the Rotary Regulars for conducting a great and enjoyable meeting. Job well done. Special thanks to Scott Gerrish for a superb Spoke.

From Rotary International News—Google gives Rotary 3.5 million to fight polio. The gift is a challenge grant from the Google Foundation. The grant and matching funds will support polio immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Last Week's Program

Interact



We were happy to hear from **Malerie Wyman**, **Gina Walker**, **Liz Godley** and **Adam Vanharn**, officers and leaders of Interact at Estero High School. Each student offered a brief vignette on themselves and their Interact activities.

Malerie is President of Interact. She outlined the goals and objectives of Interact which include group achievement and service.

Gina is the Group's Vice President. **Gina** emphasized Interact's mission of local service projects, such as Taste of Bonita, which benefit the community.

Adam is Interact's Treasurer. He gave us an update of his activities at the organization's national meeting.

Liz is an Interact member Student Council President. She told us that her great grandfather was a Rotarian with perfect attendance and inspired us with an overview of the Disney trip the group sponsors for pediatric patients and their families. Thanks for a great presentation.

Road Warriors—Get Ready for Our 5K Run

Ron Anderson reported on the 5K run that will be held as part of Celebrate Bonita. We will need help to promote and staff this worthwhile event.

A flyer advertising the event is being printed and hopefully available at this week's meeting. If you know of a place willing to maintain flyers please take some next week.

About 40 Rotary volunteers will be needed to monitor the race route.

March 15—Let's Race For The Cure

President Fred Partin reported Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be held Saturday, March 15 at Coconut Point in Estero. 31 Rotarians are needed to help with traffic control and set up on race day. A sign-up sheet was circulated last Wednesday. If you can help see our President.

Mark Your Calendar Meeting Location Change March 5

Our President reminded us of a one-time meeting location change, Wednesday March 5. That morning we will meet at the Elks Cub on Coconut Road. Please mark your calendars.

Birthday Pageantry

Our meeting last week featured extraordinary song and entertainment as we celebrated the birthdays of Bobbi Bird and George Cohan. Bobbi requested that the Rotary Regulars (pictured below) serenade her with "Happy Birth-



day" The Regulars did so grandly.

George Cohan then asked Rotarians who predate his membership in the Club (pictured below), namely November, 1983 to sing to him. They did

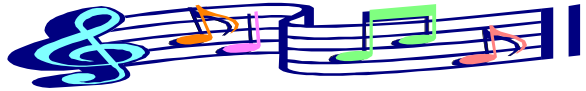


so, offering their unique version of "Happy Birthday." Thanks to all for adding a lively touch to our meeting.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$500



A pleased Ken King drew the 2 of Clubs to win \$5. Of the remaining cards in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 and the Joker, which wins \$500. We contributed \$78 to the Rotary Foundation this past week. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2 10 for \$5 and 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.
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.

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Happy Birthday

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

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President **Fred Partin** presided. **Ira Hawk** delivered the invocation. **Paul Van Valkenburg** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Kevin Robbins** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us in ***God Bless America***.

Volunteers are still needed for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday March 15. If you have not already done so, please see our President.

President Fred Partin provided a report and update regarding the recent Board of Directors meeting. Attendance for the month of January was a very solid 82% and our membership stands at 92 members.

In addition, our Reverse Raffle tickets will be distributed this morning. Each Rotarian will be expected to sell three tickets. The Reverse Raffle is one of our major fundraisers and our help and participation is needed.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians

Frank Hughes, Sandusky, Ohio
Eugene Stack, North Chicago, Illinois
Steve Potter, Dublin-Worthington, Ohio
Bob Andreasen, Clemson, SC
Maurice Ann Sullivan, Wilmette, IL
Dan Barre, II, Bloomington-Noon
Merle Kearns, Port Clinton, Ohio

Guests

Ugo A. Assi (Guest of Roger Brunswick)

Last Week's Program

Estero High School Update

George Clover, Principal of Estero High School offered an overview and update of activities going on at the School.

Mr. Clover, the third principal of Estero High School, is in his fourth year of service.



Some highlights of a very interesting and informative talk:

Business participation remains necessary to support certain school activities such as theatre productions, band activities and year-book. Mr. Clover acknowledged the help and support local businesses

have provided in those areas.

Mr. Clover discussed the overall impact the economy has had on school generally and enrollment specifically. He pointed out that when he assumed responsibility as principal of Estero High School, enrollment was as 2150 students. Current enrollment levels are at 1500 students and he expects enrollment next year to be about 1250 students. This decline in enrollment impacts staffing and the ability to offer electives.

We heard very thoughtful analysis of the process and impact of Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and its grading system.

Thanks Mr. Clover for a very insightful presentation.

Your Help Is Needed **Celebrate Bonita** **And** **5K Inaugural Run**

Bobbie Bird delivered a spirited update on Celebrate Bonita which will be held on Saturday, April 5. This year will be needing 40 Rotarians to oversee the 5 K Inaugural Run and the Beer Truck. A sign-up sheet was circulated during last week's meeting. If you have not already volunteered, please do so this morning.

Ron Anderson also asked that we circulate the flyers promoting the 5K Run throughout the community. In addition, sponsorship opportunities are available. See Ron or Paul Van Valkenburg if you are interested.

Report from the Foundation

Dave Shellenbarger provided a report on activities within the Foundation. From the outset he indicated that some of us may be receiving communication from the national office. That correspondence most probably represents a receipt for contributions made. Dave offered to review any such materials. In addition Dave reported that dialogue has been initiated considering the feasibility of coordinating the efforts of several local Club Foundations to facilitate work with larger projects. Tom Burgess is reviewing procedures necessary to apply for District Simplified Grants which provide for "matching funds" for local projects being supported by the Foundation.

Meeting Location Change **March 5**

If you haven't already done so please note our meeting location change on next week, March 5. We will convene at the Elks Club on Coconut Road that morning.

Birthday Trio



What could be better than celebrating your birthday with your fellow Rotarians? That's what an obviously pleased Harold Eames (rr), Roger Brunswick, and Steve McIntosh seem to be thinking shortly after being serenaded with Happy Birthday!

Rotary Youth Exchange Update

As many of you are aware, our District is sending a young person to Finland (as part of the long-term Rotary Youth Exchange Program). We are in need of someone who speaks Finnish to assist teaching the language and culture. If anyone in our Club speaks Finnish or knows someone who does please email potscratch516@aol.com.

Editor's Corner

Thanks to Roger Brunswick as he expertly and compassionately fulfilled the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms last week.

From the Spoke Sports Department—current AP men's college basketball rankings for teams of local interest:

Xavier Musketeers #10
Florida Gators-unranked
Florida State Seminoles-unranked

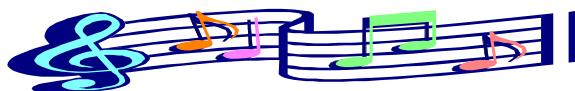
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This Week's Big Prize: \$678

An enthusiastic Peter Zahner drew the Queen of Hearts to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck



for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$678. We contributed \$78 to the Rotary Foundation this past week. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



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Be Proud That You're In Rotary

All day long things go best
If you use the 4 Way Test
And be proud that you're in Rotary.
Helping those who have less
Only then can we progress
And be proud that you're in Rotary.
All around the globe
We'll travel every road,
Helping all those who are in need.
So for health and wealth
Service above self,
And be proud that you're in Rotary.

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Volunteers are still needed for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday March 15. If you have not already done so, please see our President.

Sandy Scoggins offered a comprehensive report regarding her 10 day visit to Guatemala in support of the Water Project. Sandy met with six Rotary Clubs and presented our President with two banners commemorating her visit. Congratulations Sandy for your commitment and dedication to this important project.

Roger Brunswick once again, expertly and compassionately fulfilled the duties of Sergeant at Arms.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians

Frank Hafner, Sandusky, Ohio
Lou Charabee, Dublin, Ohio AM
Dan Barnett, Bloomington, MN
Tom Sutcliffe, Chaska, MN
Steve Potten, Dublin-Worthington, Ohio
Jim Mortenson, Bloomington, MN
Jim Rini, Portsmouth, NH
Bob Andreasen, Clemson, SC
Wilson Wheeler, Fort Myers, South

Guests

Bob Belin (Guest of Dick Frederickson)
John Kaiser (Guest of Jim Rini)

Last Week's Program

Dr. Wilson Bradshaw

.Steve McIntonsh concluded our February speaker series focusing on public education by introducing Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, President of Florida Gulf Coast University.



Dr. Bradshaw offered insight into the growth and development of Florida Gulf Coast University as it becomes a comprehensive public University.

He commented on the strong support people from this region offer the University.

Some highlights—we learned that this Fall enrollment will approximate 10,000 students (65% of FGCU students come this region). The University will offer its first doctoral program in Physical Therapy and seek to grow its School of Engineering.

Dr. Bradshaw also reflected on the impact funding challenges have on the operation of the University. For example, freezing enrollment does not serve FGCU or this region as it disproportionately impacts university access for students within our region.. He asked us to advocate on behalf of the University.

Foundation Grant Award

Dave Shellenbarger provided a report on activities and mission of our Foundation. Our grant making focuses on and assisting with and providing local community support. Toward that end we were proud to witness the grant award of \$5,000 to Susan Acuna, Executive Director of the Liter-



ary Council of Bonita Springs. The grant was earmarked for new program support at the Literary Council.

Director Acuna proceeded to offer an overview of the activities at the Literary Council. 1549 students were served last, a double digit increase over the prior year. These students were served by dedicated community volunteers. Our grant monies will support the Moms and Tots program (a program where preschoolers and their moth-



ers are taught English), through the purchases of books, supplies and materials. The program helps preschoolers start school with a working knowledge of English. We were also invited to the Council's annual breakfast. Details can be found elsewhere on these pages.

Estero High School Service Awards



Stephanie Kissinger introduced Allison Foley, Lindsay Mancuso, Wendy Henderson and Sue Powell as winners of Estero High School Service Awards. Pictured above are three of the service award winners,. Congratulations for your dedication and good work.

Lee Memorial Hospital Tour

Mark Lewis has arranged a tour of Lee Memorial Children's Hospital; for Friday March 7 starting at 11:00 a.m. The tour will take an hour. Those interested in attending should call Mark at (239) 992-1327 or email him at markl@acendantwealth.com. Mark is also willing to set up a car pool depending on the number of responses.

Literacy Council of Bonita Springs

2008 Fundraising Breakfast

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

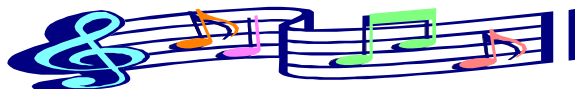
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This Week's Big Prize: \$764.



An enthusiastic Paul Lotz drew the King of Clubs to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$764. We contributed \$91 to the Rotary Foundation.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, Row, Row Your Boat (Round)

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream;
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

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Next Week's Speaker

John Gucciardo, Projects Coordinator
City of Bonita Springs

Happy Birthday

Roger Kemper (rr), March 7
Frank Ogden, March 10
Charles Knecht, March 11

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We still have a few Rotary Shirts for sale. The Spoke Florida Lifestyle and Fashion Department confirms that these shirts, appropriate for day and evening wear, epitomize and are emblematic of the classic Southwest Florida lifestyle. See Nancy Ross if you are interested in acquiring one—price \$27.90.

Dave Edwards offered an update on the Shots for Tots Program. Nineteen families were served under Program.

Those who have volunteered to work the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure are asked to meet with our President after today's meeting to receive a training update and your race T-shirt.

Best wishes to our President-elect Ray Faubion as he travels to Orlando to attend his PET—President-Elect Training.

Joys and Concerns

We were glad to learn that Don Manley's son Hector was one of the winners of the Triumph Award for the Holocaust Museum.

We learned of the death of Roman Horoszewski's father and offer our condolences.

Jim Renfro reported that one of his friends and a Rotary regular had broken his hip and asked that we remember him.

Last Week's Program

Issues in City Government—"DRGR"

Gary Price kicked off our month-long consideration of city government by introducing Barbara Barnes-Buchanan, Assistant City Manager of the City of Bonita Springs. Barbara was joined by Dan DeLisi of



DeLisi and Fitzgerald.

Barbara and Dan offered a presentation focusing on "DRGR" which stands for Density Reduction Ground-water Resource. The DRGR study has been underway for a bout 4 1/2 years. Barbara focused much of her discussion on land use issues related to DRGR.

The process gives rise to many complicated water management issues and has required the co-ordination of multiple state and local agencies.

Dan DeLisi offered a summary of the draft land use studies in place as issues relating to DRGR are reviewed and considered.



Our Foundation Board—An Overview

Editor's Note: Thanks to Dave Shellenbarger, Trustee of our Foundation, for providing this helpful overview of the workings of our Foundation.

Our Club's Foundation acts as the charitable giving arm of the Club, considering all grant requests received from community agencies to support their activities and projects. In the 2006/7 fiscal year the Foundation made over \$80,000 in grants; to date in this fiscal year, grants are in excess of \$40,000. Thorough evaluation of organizations requesting grants is necessary to assure that Club grants achieve the maximum results and bring credit to our Club.

Priority for nomination to the Foundation Board is given to past Club presidents, and then to long term Club members. The purpose of this nominating process is to use the accumulated experience of our members to make the best and wisest decisions on the use of Club monies as we pursue community service. Board terms are for three years, and members can serve two consecutive terms.

Overview Continued

The Club transfers excess monies to the Foundation on a quarterly basis, moving profits from fund raising activities to Foundation management. Gifts to the Foundation are also received from Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

The Foundation has an established investment plan that invests 60% in stocks and 40% in bonds and fixed income investments. The treasurer is responsible to hold enough cash in the checking account to fund grant approvals.

The Foundation maintains an annual giving budget that is circulated to the Club board regularly. Foundation board meetings are held the third Monday of the month, and are open to any Club member who would like to attend.

Save The Date



Officer Installation and Club 30th Anniversary Gala

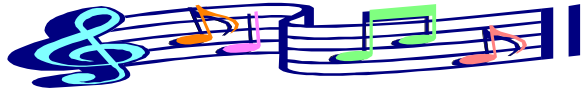
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This Week's Big Prize: \$825.



A pleased Ben Nelson drew the Seven of Clubs to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's draw-

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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,
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Lisa Roberson, Deputy City Clerk Finance
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March 19, 2008

This Week's Program

Lisa Griggs Roberson, CPA, Finance Director City of Bonita Springs will be the speaker. She is responsible for accounting for the city's revenues and expenditures of \$37 million for the current fiscal year.

Last Week: Meeting

President **Fred Partin** tolled the meeting to order at 7:30. **Doug Pratt** offered the invocation; **Harold Eames** (rr) led the Pledge of Allegiance; and visiting Past President **Bob Hagy** led us in the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Steve Krchniak** with assistance from **Frank Keck** (rr) conducted a rousing singing of "**Sing, Everyone, Sing**".

Dave Hanley (rr) was serenaded for his 81st birthday by a large group of former cigarette smokers. Sergeant-at-Arms **George Cohan** asked the lifelong non-smokers to "Help us at the end when we run out of breath."

Reverse Raffle

George Cohan announced that the annual Reverse Raffle will be held Sunday, April 20th 5 PM at the Palmira Country Club. The grand prize is \$15,000 with \$2,500 of other prizes. Tickets are \$100. Make checks out to "Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs". Only 400 tickets will be sold. The last number to be drawn is the winner. This is a combination money raiser and social event with gourmet, "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Members are expected to sell or buy 3 tickets. Please contact George for additional tickets.

George and a coalition of willing Rotarians chipped in to buy a \$150 raffle ticket from Bob Hagy now of the Canton, GA club. The beneficiary of the ticket will be our club.

5K run and Celebrate Bonita

Bobbi Bird needs a few more volunteers for early in the day shifts for both the Rotary 5K run and for beer service at Celebrate Bonita Saturday, April 5th

Last Week: John Gucciardo



Gary Price introduced **John Gucciardo**, Special Project Coordinator for the City of Bonita Springs. Prior to joining the City of Bonita Springs, John was Deputy City Manager of Fort Myers Beach. He has nine years experience in government and previously had a law practice.

John's subject was the city's use of volunteers and volunteer committees which "Bring incredible energy and expertise to the table". In his talk he intentionally skipped over the Local Planning Agency and the Zoning Board as he feels these activities are well reported

in the local press and on the community TV channel.

John then described the following volunteer committees:

- Street Lights Committee
- Art in Public Places Committee
- Historic Preservation Board
- Tree Advisory Board
- Communications Advisory Board
- Special Events Committee
- Veterans' Committee
- Neighborhood Streets Tree Program

And two informal groups:

- Paint Your Heart Out Organization
- Anti-Litter Campaign

John said, "These volunteers bring us energy and expertise that we couldn't afford to pay for."

He then went on to describe the city's "Partnering for Results" program that provides some assistance to charitable organizations. In the past, there would be typically 10-12 applications for assistance. This year applications have been received from 26 organization for \$540,000. In this time of downturn in the local economy, the efforts of the Rotary Club will be even more important in providing help to the local organizations.

Rotary Regular in the Spotlight

Dave Zaun has been a member of the Downtown Terre Haute Rotary Club since 1997 and a Rotary Regular since 2002.



Dave was born, raised, and graduated from high school in Hammond, IN. After

high school, he graduated from Indiana University with BS and MBA degrees in finance and accounting. While at IU, Dave was active in the IU Student Foundation which sponsors campus events that foster enthusiasm and leadership, raises money for working students, and works to forge a bond between students and the University, resulting in a strong alumni body.

Dave's first job was with Arthur Andersen & Company and then he began a 31 year career with Eli Lilly and Company rising to become Controller for Worldwide Biochemical Operations. After retiring from Lilly, he started a second career becoming Associate Vice President for University Relations at Indiana State University.

Since retiring again, Dave and Joan, his wife of 44 years, have become Florida residents. They have two children and five grandchildren all living in Indiana.

Here, Dave is active in Habitat for Humanity and volunteers as a "nail pounder" every Saturday as well as being a member of the Bonita Bay Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee. He enjoys boating, bocce, golfing, fishing, reading and traveling.

We enjoy seeing Dave, as the Rotary Regular Sergeant-at-Arms for a day, trying to best **George Cohan** and we are fortunate to have him as a Rotary Regular.

Next Week: City Attorney

Audrey Vance, City Attorney of Bonita Springs, will be next week's speaker. Ms. Vance is a Florida native, practicing law in Lee County since 1988. In June of 2000, the Bonita Springs City Council chose Ms. Vance to serve as their interim City Attorney, offering her the regular City Attorney position in October of that year. Since that time, Ms. Vance has been responsible for all aspects of the legal needs of the City of Bonita Springs.

\$FIFTY \$ 887 FIFTY \$

Marjorie Rubacky had the winning number but couldn't pick a winning card.



**Three tickets for \$2
Five for \$3
Twenty Five for \$10**

Upcoming Events

April 5th – Celebrate Bonita and Rotary 5K run.

April 19th – District Assembly at Port Charlotte Cultural Center. Register at www.rotary6960.org.

April 20th- Annual Reverse Raffle. Palmira C.C. 5 PM

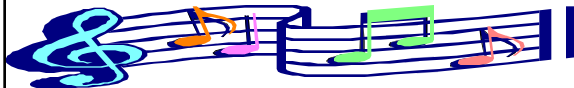
May 26-31 – District Conference on a Royal Caribbean Cruise. Contact Steve Briggs at mail@vipworldtravel.com for information

June 15-18th – RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA. Information at www.rotary.org.

June 28th, Officer Installation and 30th Anniversary Gala. Spanish Wells CC.

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When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

When Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure it's like a morn in spring.
In the lilt of Irish laughter,
You can hear the angels sing.
When Irish eyes are happy,
All the world seems bright and gay.
And when Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure they steal your heart away.

Happy Birthday!

**Bob Lorenz—March 19
Ozzy Tello—March 19**

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President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Jim Renfro** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Nancy Wyckoff** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.

We were saddened to learn that Bob Mantle had resigned from our Club due to out of town relocation.

Congratulations to Nancy Ross on the arrival of her new grandson Colin Michael Ross born March 9 in Chicago.

Our Sergeant-at Arms George Cohan reminded us of our Reverse Raffle which will be held Sunday April 20 at Palmira Golf Club. Each Rotarian is responsible for three tickets. Your help and support is appreciated. See George for additional information.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following visiting Rotarians and guests:

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Sutcliffe, Chaska, MN
Frank Hafner, Sandusky, Ohio
Wilson Wheeler, Ft. Myers, South
District Governor Gary Israel, Estero
Audrey Vance, Bonita Springs, Noon
Jim Dow, Brooklyn Park, MN
Asst.Gov.Steve Agius, Bonita Springs, N
Dirk Leighton, Rockfod, IL
George Spear, Quincy, IL
Jim Dickey, Columbus, OH

Guests

Kathie Shellenbarger (Dave Shellenbarger)
Rebcar Salai, Cadillac, Michigan
Ugo Assi (Roger Brunswick)

The Guatemala Water Project

Truly Making a Difference

Editor's Note: Sandy Scoggins will be offering us an update regarding the Guatemala Water Project during the Announcements portion of this morning's meeting. In anticipation of her report, Sandy was kind enough to forward the following picture, providing us insight into the importance



of this Project. Thank you Sandy.

Pictured above are water filters being distributed to people in San Jorge de la Laguna. The distribution occurred during Sandy's recent visit to Guatemala. This project was implemented in partnership with the Florence Oregon and Guatemala Sur Rotary Clubs.

Each project provides clean water for about 10,000 people.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Ceremony

Last week we witnessed the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Ceremony congratulating new and existing Paul Harris Fellows. District Governor Gary Israel and Assistant Governor Steve Agius welcomed new Paul Harris Fellows Roger Brunswick, Greg Holtz, Roman Horoszewski, Kenny King, Fred Mansfield, Ben Nelson, Reverend Doug Pratt, Earl Pritchard (rr) and Sandy



Scoggins.

In addition, existing Paul Harris Fellows were honored and recognized: Jim O'Leary (PHF+1); Diane Lepola and John Warfield (PHF+2); and Frances Dixon (PHF+3)



Dave Shellenbarger and his wife Kathie also received well-deserved recognition as Major Donors. Thanks for your commitment and generosity

Komen Race for the Cure



Fred Partin, Steve Agius and Kevin Robbins (pictured above) were a part of a large contingent of Rotarians who volunteered their time and effort in set-up and course management during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Thanks to all who participated.

Last Week's Program Report from Our City Attorney

Audrey Vance, City Attorney for Bonita Springs, addressed last week. Ms. Vance offered an interesting presentation focusing on her responsibilities as City Attorney. A Rotarian, she is Certified in City, County and Local Government Law. She offered insights into the varied responsibilities her practice requires. A lively question and answer period focusing on local issues followed.

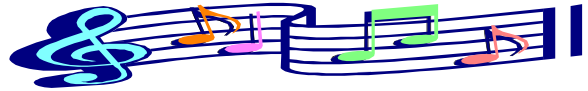


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This Week's Big Prize: \$887.



A pleased Bill Strasburg (rr) drew the Ten of Clubs to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$887.

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Easter Parade

*In your Easter Bonnet,
 With all the frills upon it,
 You'll be the grandest lady
 In the Easter Parade.
 I'll be all in clover
 And when they look you over,
 I'll be the proudest fellow
 In the Easter Parade.
 On the avenue, Fifth Avenue,
 The photographer will snap us,
 And you'll find that you're I the rotogravure.
 Oh, I could write a sonnet
 About your Easter Bonnet
 And of the girl I'm taking
 To the Easter Parade.*

Happy Birthday

Jason Dolle, March 31

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April 2, 2008

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President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Bob Pagel** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jose Lopez** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of the Easter Parade.

Bobbi Byrd offered a report on Celebrate Bonita which will be held April 5. Volunteers are still needed, especially on Saturday night. Please see Bobbi if you can help.

Bruce Bridewell, a former member of our Club and now a member of the Estero Club delivered a report on the Group Study Exchange. Bruce is a Team Leader and will be spending a month in France. Group Study Exchange provides great opportunities for professional enrichment and dialogue. There will be a blog at the District website which can be accessed for updates on Bruce's Team.

A few more Club shirts are available at \$27.90 each. See Nancy Ross for additional information

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following visiting Rotarians and guests:

Visiting Rotarians

Bruce Shimkat, Fort Dodge Iowa
Bruce Bridewell, Estero
Norma Bridewell, Fort Myers
Jim Dow, Brooklyn Park, MN
George Spear, Quincy, IL

Guests

Frank Hafner
Dick Leighton

Last Week's Program

Lisa Roberson
Deputy City Clerk-Finance
City of Bonita Springs

We concluded a very interesting month focusing on city government (thanks, Gary) with a presentation by Lisa Roberson, Deputy City Clerk-Finance for the City of Bonita Springs.



Lisa is a CPA who specializes in local government finance from an external and internal audit perspective.

Her presentation focused on revenues by source, areas that have experienced reduction and issues relating to property taxation.

Lisa's presentation.

The budgeting process anticipated about a 10% reduction in revenue. Most of this can be attributed to the reduction in development impact fees.

Lisa considered the impact our economic slowdown has had on city finances and reviewed strategies aimed at expenditure control during these challenging times.

The presentation also offered useful information regarding the allocation of our property taxes.

A helpful question and answer period followed.

Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards



We were pleased to honor the following winners of Estero High School Excellence in Education Award winners.

Alasdair Waterhouse, Service Award. Alasdair intends to attend the Florida Institute of Technology.

Maria Alooytes, Academic Award. Maria intends to attend Edison College and study accounting.

Carolyn Beck, Staff Member Award. Carolyn has 16 years of service with Lee County educational institutions.

Melissa Guido, Teacher Award. Melissa has taught English in Lee County schools for ten years.

A Special Invitation *Kentucky Derby—Florida Style* May 3, 4:45 p.m.



Rotarians and Rotary Regulars are invited to Jim and Jody Horein's home at 27821 Riverwalk (in Bonita Bay). \$20 pp for entry to the "VIP and Paddock." RSVP to Jim at 495-4684 or Topskipper@aol.com

Water Project Update

Sandy Scoggins offered a report on all of our Water Projects.

Our first project has focused on the Solola and Izabal areas of Guatemala. This project was implemented in partnership with the Florence, Oregon and Guatemala Sur Rotary Clubs.

Sandy also provided an update regarding the submission of a matching grant application for a concurrent project with the Coban Rotary Club in Guatemala. Bonita Springs is the lead international club for the \$50,000 grant.

Each project provides clean water for about 10,000 people.

Congratulations and thanks to Sandy for her leadership in this important project.

Editor's Corner

From the Spoke Sports Department 2008 Major League Baseball Predictions

AL East Tampa Bay
AL Central Cleveland
AL West Oakland
Wild Card Detroit
AL Champion Cleveland

NL East Florida
NL Central St. Louis
NL West Los Angeles
Wild Card Atlanta
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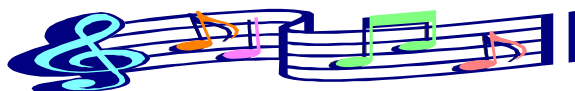
World Series Champion Cleveland



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$1034.



Your humble (and stunned) Editor drew the Queen of Diamonds to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$1034. We contributed \$76 to the Foundation. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

April Showers

*When April showers may come your way,
 They bring the flowers that bloom in May.
 But when it's raining, have no regrets,
 Because it isn't raining rain you know,
 It's raining violets.
 And when you see clouds upon the hills,
 You will soon see crowds of daffodils.
 So keep on looking for a bluebird
 And listening for his song,
 Whenever April showers come along.*

Happy Birthday

Roman Horoszewski, April 4
Jim O'Leary, April 4

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 Susan Bridges, Executive Director
 Art League of Bonita Springs

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April 9, 2008

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We also received an update on our International Exchange Program.

This morning marks our last meeting at Highland Woods. Beginning with next week's meeting, April 16, we will convene at Spring Run Country Club in the Brooks.

Our Sergeant at Arms George Cohan provided a report on our Reverse Raffle which will be held April.20. Each Rotarian is responsible for the purchase of three tickets. If you have not already returned your purchased tickets to George, please do so as soon as possible, See George if you need additional tickets.

Welcome To Our Newest Member Ugo Assi



We were pleased to welcome Ugo Assi as the newest member of our Club. Ugo was born and raised in Milan Italy. He and his wife reside in Bonita Bay. Ugo was sponsored by Roger Brunswick. Welcome Ugo!

Last Week's Program

Adrian Febles

Assistant Editor

Bonita Springs Bureau-News-Press



We heard a very interesting presentation from Adrian Febles, Assistant Editor of the Bonita Springs Bureau of the News Press. Mr. Febles brings a wealth of experience to his current position having worked for the Washington Post and free lanced for the Baltimore Sun.

The theme of Mr. Febles' overall presentation was the changing face of journalism. He considered the changes technology has brought to the preparation and delivery of news to the public.

Mr. Febles described the overall process involved in selecting topics for inclusion in the newspaper and the methodology involved in its preparation from start to finish.

We also learned ways that we can assist in the delivery of news and the overall impact the internet has had on the ability to communicate and express ideas.



5K Inaugural Run—A Real “Fun Run”

Almost 200 runners helped make history as participants in our Inaugural 5k Run this past Saturday—a special way to begin the Celebrate Bonita festivities.

Kicking off at 7:30 am sharp, runners were treated to a great race day experience.



The course was flat, interesting, and built for speed—encouraging runners to go for their “PR.”



The course management, (and the course proctors—many of whom were members of our Club) and post-

race festivities were also world class. Congratulations to Ron Anderson and his committee for a great job.

Special` thanks also go out to Bobbi Byrd for her leadership and the volunteer time of many of our members during the Celebrate Bonita festivities.



Ken Weyl A Great Rotarian



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ken Weyl, a longtime member of our Club.

Ken was Editor of this publication for over five years. A trial lawyer by profession, Ken served his Country as a member of the Navy aboard the USS Iowa.

Your Editor never had the privilege of meeting Ken. But reading the tributes many members of this Club offered Ken during the week, the words “gentleman,” “grace,” “good humor,” and “commitment to service” were continually used to describe him. Those are words of greatness, making it abundantly clear that Ken will be deeply missed.

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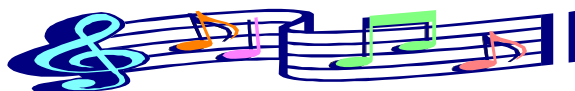
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This Week's Big Prize: \$1107.

A pleased Dan Barnett drew the 7 of



Hearts. to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$1107. We contributed \$78 to the Foundation. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



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 stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;

His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps

They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;

His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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Rapallo Art District

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April 16, 2008

Last Meeting

President-elect **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Rex Sims** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bill Oehler** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of the Battle Hymn of the Republic

We appropriately recognized the efforts and hard work of Ron Anderson, Bobbi Bird and all Rotarians and Rotary Regulars who made the 5K Run and Celebrate Bonita a success.

Tom Burgess offered a report on our Foundation's grant making activities. The Café of Life has applied to the Foundation for a grant to facilitate the purchase of four freezers which enhances their ability to serve the our community. Tom was pleased to report that grant had been approved

Our Sergeant at Arms George Cohan updated us on our Reverse Raffle which will be held this Sunday. Each Rotarian is responsible for the purchase of three tickets. If you have not already returned your ticket stubs to George, please do so as soon as possible

Last Week's Program

Susan Bridges
Executive Director
Art League of Bonita Springs

We heard a very interesting presentation from Susan Bridges, Executive Director of the Art League of Bonita Springs since 1999.



Susan's presentation, made the Art League's Mission Statement of striving to "enrich the culture of our diverse community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education and appreciation" come alive for us by offering an overview of the many interesting and creative activities going on at the Art League.

The Art League, celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, was originally known for outreach programs visiting local schools. The Art League assisted schools in making art a part of their educational curriculum.

The Art League has also been innovative in the development of new programs. For example, programs like After School Express allows between 140 and 250 local school children actual time on campus.

Susan also highlighted many other classes and enrichment opportunities offered by the Art League.



Guatemala Water Project

Editor's Note" It is often said that pictures are "worth a thousand words." With that in mind, special thanks to Sandy Scoggins for forwarding these pictures



highlighting the work and effect of the Guatemala Water Project.

The pictures presented in this week's Spoke depict the initial distribution of water filters to families in the Coban area of Guatemala.

As Sandy noted in her recent report to the Club, as funding request from our Club for a similar project in Coban has been submitted for approval to Rotary International.



Thanks again Sandy for these photos and your hard work and leadership in this very important project.



Congratulations Ben!



Sue Masters was kind enough to forward this picture of fellow Rotarian and Mayor-elect Ben Nelson serving tea to an obviously delighted constituent at the

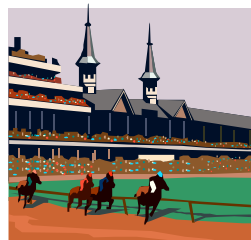
recent Bonita springs Historical Society Fund Raising Tea. Congratulations Ben from all of us as you assume this important leadership position for the citizens of Bonita Springs.

Calling All Musicians

The newly formed Bonita springs Concert Band is looking for musicians. If you are interested in more information, see Sue Masters.



A Special Invitation
Kentucky Derby—Florida Style
May 3, 4:45 p.m.



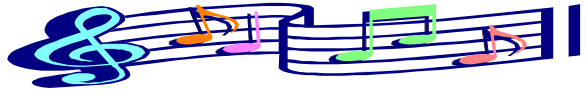
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\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$1107.



Last week a pleased Don Manley won \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$1107. We contributed \$78 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



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,
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Happy Birthday

Bill Caputo, April 19

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President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Earl Pritchard (rr)** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Marjorie Rubacky** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of Home on the Range.

Last week marked the first meeting at our new home, Spring Run Country Club. Our President encouraged input and feedback regarding our new surroundings. See any Board member with your comments or concerns.

Jim Horein offered an update on the Kentucky Derby Party. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to Jim. Details regarding the party can be found elsewhere on these pages.

Welcome to our Newest Rotarian Dennis A. Landfried



We were pleased to welcome Dennis A. Landfried as the newest member of our Club. Dennis is a Senior Vice President at FineMark National Bank and Trust. He was sponsored by Bob Rosier. Welcome Dennis!

Last Week's Program

Jim Wallace

The Rapallo Performing Arts Theatre



We heard from Jim Wallace, CEO of Touchstone Development. Jim's presentation "Great Places Don't Happen By Chance," focused on the Rapallo Art District generally and the Performing Arts Theatre as one of its key components.

Jim emphasized that the vision for the Art District is that of creating a sense of community and connectivity for the citizens of Bonita Springs, Estero, and San Carlos. He described the Art District as "an enduring, walkable, integrated mixed use development organized around...a gathering place."

We also received an update on the proposed Rapallo Performing Arts Theatre. The discussion draft of the Theatre's Project Case Statement suggests that **"The Rapallo Theatre will offer all area residents the chance to enjoy world-class living performances right in our community."**

Jim provided an artist's rendition of the Theatre which will be 23,800 square feet with 506 seats.

Thanks Jim for a great presentation.



Reverse Raffle— A Rousing Success



George Cohan and his Committee (pictured above) deserve our gratitude and a rousing “job well done” for orchestrating a superb Reverse Raffle this past Sunday.



The 12th Annual Cocktail Party and Hors D'oeuvre Extravaganza held this past

Sunday at Palmira Golf Club was superb in every way as a packed house enjoyed great food, drink and the excitement of a well-run Reverse Raffle.



Thanks once again to George and his Committee for an outstanding job.



We all had a great time.

Making A Difference *The Guatemala Water Project*



Thanks to Sandy Scoggins for forwarding some “before” photographs from the Coban area

where our matching grant resources will be applied, assisting residents obtain clean drinking water.

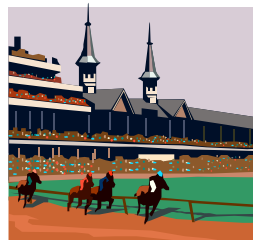
As the pictures illustrate, presently many Coban residents draw drinking water directly from their river. Our project will help modify this practice, enabling people to live healthier lives.



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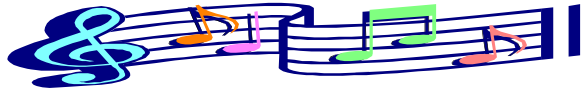
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This Week's Big Prize: \$1117.



Last week a pleased Bob Rosier drew the Three of Hearts and won \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker, which wins \$1117. We contributed

\$74 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

I've Been Working on the Railroad

*I've been workin' on the railroad
 All the live-long day.*

*I've been workin' on the railroad
 Just to pass the time away.*

*Can't you hear the whistle blowin'
 Rise up so early in the morn.
 Can't you hear the captain shouting,
 Dinah, blow your horn!*

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

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

*Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o,
 Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o,
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April 30, 2008

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Jim Horein offered an update on the Kentucky Derby Party. If you have not already done so, **TODAY IS THE RSVP DEADLINE**. Details regarding the party can be found elsewhere on these pages.

Mark Petrites reported on the Blood Mobile visit which will take place May 21. A sign up sheet was circulated last week—see Mark for additional details.

Marjorie Rubacky briefed us on the efforts being made at developing next year's Program Series. If you did not respond to the surveys which were circulated at last week's meeting, please respond to the e-mail that was recently forwarded to all Club members. Your response will greatly assist the committee in developing a solid and interesting 2008-2009 program.

In addition, Marjorie asked that we consider volunteering as a monthly chair. If anyone is interested, please see Marjorie for additional details.

Last Meeting (continued)

Marjorie also acknowledged the hard work of this year's program chairs. Congratulations and thanks are in order for **Roger Brunswick, Stephanie Kissinger, Jose Lopez, Nancy Wyckoff, Don Manley, Martha Erickson, Mark Petrites, Steve McIntosh, Gary Price, Mark Lewis, John Mathes and Tom Burgess**. Special thanks also go out to **Ozzy Tello** for his great assistance.

Hearty congratulations are in order for **Jason Dolle**, winner of the Reverse Raffle Grand Prize. Jason announced that he made a gift of \$1,000 to the Water Project. Jason, thank you for your generosity.

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Guatemala Update (continued)

A Report from Area 3 Assistant Governor Steve Agius

We were honored to have our Assistant Governor Steve Agius in attendance last Wednesday.

Steve told us that at the recent District Assembly he was able to report that the three Area 3 Rotary Clubs committed to 360 Wheelchairs in support of that project.

In addition, he reminded us that the April edition of *Bonita Living* contains a four page article about the Rotary Clubs in Area 3 with emphasis on our Guatemala Water Project.

He also informed us that a GSE team would be visiting our area from District 7020. They visited the Estero Club this past Tuesday.

A Guatemala Update

John West reports that he had the opportunity to meet with Francis Dixon after our meeting two weeks ago. She arrived after a long trip from Miami and has since left for Guatemala for several months to take care of her projects in Northwest portion of that county.

John tells us that the location of Frances' projects are so far removed that it takes her two and a half days from Guatemala City to reach them.



Her immediate goals are the installation of solar power at a residential high school which would enable students to take advantage of enhanced learning capabilities. She is being helped by volunteers from various other Rotary Clubs.

Anyone interested in learning more can contact her at: Guatvillage@aol.com

Last Week's Program Cyndi Doragh Rotary District 6960 Youth Exchange



Cyndi Doragh, fellow Rotarian and Rotary District 6960 Youth Exchange Chair offered a very interesting and helpful update on the Youth Exchange Program.

During her presentation, Cyndi highlighted five students from five different countries who will be living in Southwest Florida next year. The students, who hail from Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Japan, and Taiwan, carry with them the unique responsibility of learning about our country and also serving as ambassadors of their own.

We also learned that four of five students have host families. The student from Germany does not yet have a host family. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Cyndi.



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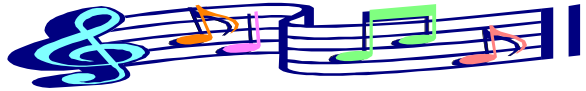
This Week's Big Prize: \$1345.



Last week, once again, a pleased Don Manley drew the Eight of Clubs and won \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 4 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker which wins \$1345. We con-

tributed \$72 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Dixie

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

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

Then I wish I was in Dixie
Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie Land, I'll take my stand
To live and die in Dixie,
Away, Away, Away down south
in Dixie,
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Please make sure that you display your Rotary car decal as you enter Spring Run. This expedites security processing at the front gate. If you do not have a Rotary decal, please see Kenny King.

The Spoke Fashion and Florida Lifestyle Department enthusiastically recommends the acquisition of one of the Club's new caps. These caps, worn alone or with the Club's golf shirt, make an important and classic fashion statement. At \$10.00 they are an absolute bargain—see Nancy Ross for details.

Our President announced that the process of electing new Foundation Board of Directors has begun. A Nominating Committee consisting of Dick Frederickson as Chair, Jose Lopez and Steve Krchniak has been appointed.

If you are interested in serving please see one of the Nominating Committee members. The Committee will proffer its recommendations the last meeting of this month for Club consideration and election.

Last Week's Program

Jeff Lytle

Editorial Page Editor, Naples Daily News

Mark Lewis introduced us to Jeff Lytle, Editorial Page Editor for the Naples Daily News, as we continued our month long exploration of the Arts and Media.



Jeff joined the Naples Daily News in 1979 and has served as editorial page editor and Sunday Perspective section editor since December, 1988.

His presentation offered interesting insights into the editorial process and long term perspectives for the print and electronic media.

He offered thought-provoking insights into local and regional issues, highlighting key public policy concerns and the prospects and challenges inherent in economic and regional growth.

Jeff also hosts "One on One with Jeff Lytle" on WEVU-TV and "Open Mic" with the Collier County Public Schools TV.

Thanks Jeff for a great presentation.



Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards

Stephanie Kissinger introduced us to and announced the winners of the Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards.

The winners, pictured below, are as follows:



Andy Owen, is the winner of the Teacher Award. He is an active working artist and an avid salt water fisherman.

Robert Atmore is the winner of the Staff Member Award. He is the School's "security specialist." In his spare time he enjoys golf, music, history and science.

Aimee Corbin won the Academic Award. She intends to study at the University of Florida, majoring in Zoology.

Kelsey Thompson is the winner of the Service Award. She intends to study at Palm Beach Atlantic University majoring in Musical Theatre with a minor in Student Ministries.

Allister Waterhouse, also pictured, was profiled in a previous edition of the Spoke.

Kentucky Derby—Florida Style: A Great Time!



Special Thanks to Jim and Jody Horein for hosting our Kentucky Derby—

Florida Style party this past Saturday evening. All of us in attendance appreciated your warm hospitality.

The Derby Party was simply great fun. Attendees thoroughly enjoyed a variety of activities from predicting winners, enjoying the ample food and drink and cheering and rooting during the Derby itself. "My Old Kentucky Home" was sung in rousing fashion.



The Party also had a great sense of prestige and purpose as we were honored by the attendance of several members of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Thanks again, Jim and Jody!

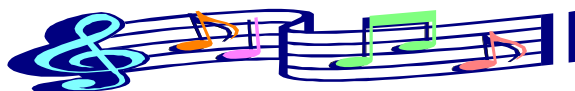


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Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you.

Let me hear you whisper how you love me true.

Keep the lovelight burning in your eyes so blue.

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Jim Horein provided a “wrap-up” of the Kentucky Derby-Florida Style Party. Thanks again Jim and Jody for your hospitality.

“**Skip**” **Mulch** from AmeriPro Inspection Corporation visited last week. Skip’s Company offers home inspections as part of the My Safe Florida Home program. If you didn’t have an opportunity to chat with Skip last week, you can contact his company at info@windcertification.com.

Our President presented **Kevin Robbins** with his blue badge. Congratulations Kevin.

We were all very glad to see **Steve Kaskie** at last week’s meeting and welcomed him and his heartfelt report and comments.

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Stephen B. Russell

State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit

We heard a presentation from Stephen B. Russell, State Attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit. Steve has been a prosecutor with the State Attorney’s Office for over 30 years.



As the materials Steve left with us suggest “the primary function of the State Attorney’s Office is that of reviewing criminal investigations and complaints submitted by law enforcement agencies and others, file formal charges supported by the law and evidence, and then present and prove these cases in our courts.”

His presentation offered practical insight and commentary into workings of his office, challenges presented by today’s budgetary realities and the overall goal of his office—that of utilizing the court system to effect justice.

He also offered useful and informative comments on policy considerations that impact plea bargaining and case management.

Mark Your Calendars: Blood Drive Set For May 21



Mark Petrites joined Laura Rosen and Karen L. Monzone of the Community Blood Center for a picture

after last week's meeting. Laura and Karen briefed us on the Blood Drive which will be held May 21.

The Community Blood Center is the agency selected to collect blood donated during this drive. All blood collected by Community Blood Center will stay in the local community.

If you haven't already signed up please do so and participate in this important project..

Estero High School Scholarships Awarded

Last week our Club awarded five scholarships to Estero High School graduating seniors.

Recipients of the scholarships shown standing with **Steve McIntosh** were **Lauren O'Dea, Elizabeth Godley, David Gruninger and Vanessa Kirk.**



Scholarship selection was based student leadership, academic achievement and community service.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Honors Our Club



President Fred Partin proudly displays the Certificate of Appreciation received from the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Our Club had over 20 volunteers whose time and commitment helped make the event a huge success. Thanks for your participation.

May Program Lineup



This Morning: Fellow Rotarian Ben Nelson, Mayor, City of Bonita Springs

May 21: Dr. Aswani Volety, Head Researcher FGCU Marine Research Center

May 28: Frank Ogden, DVM, Fly Fishing

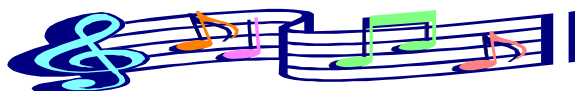
Thanks John Mathes for a great lineup.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$1351.



Last week an ecstatic Mark Lewis drew the Ten of Diamonds to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 3 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker which wins \$1345. We contributed \$58 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

The Army Song—The Army Goes Rolling Along

First to fight for the right, and to build the Nation's might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting 'til the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.
Then it's hi, hi, hey! The Army's on its way
Count off the cadence loud and strong
(two, three, four, hut, two three!)
For wher-e'er we go, You will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Anchors Aweigh

Anchors aweigh, my boys, anchors aweigh,
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day!
Though our last night on shore, drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

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Buddy Cliff, May 14

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May 21, 2008

Last Meeting

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Our President reminded us that the Blood Drive is set for this morning.

The Community Blood Center is the agency selected to collect blood donated during this morning's Drive. All blood collected by Community Blood Center will stay in the local community. If you haven't already signed up please consider participating in this morning's important project.

Roger Brunswick, with a lively assist by **Steve Kaskie**, fulfilled Sergeant-at-Arms duties compassionately and with great vigor.

Our President reminded us of the process involved in electing new Foundation Board of Directors.. A Nominating Committee consisting of **Dick Frederickson** as Chair, **Jose Lopez** and **Steve Krchniak** has been appointed.

If you are interested in serving please see one of the Nominating Committee members. The Committee will proffer its recommendations the last meeting of this month for Club consideration and election.

Last Week's Program

Ben Nelson

Mayor, City of Bonita Springs



We enjoyed a distinct and singular treat last week as fellow Rotarian and newly elected Mayor of the City of Bonita Springs, **Ben Nelson** addressed us.

Ben, pictured above with May program chairman **John Mathes**, brings a wealth of public service to his present position, having served on Council for eight years..

His presentation was marked by great enthusiasm and excitement over the future of Bonita Springs. Providing an interesting overview as to projects that would garner his administration's attention and focus., he commented on DRGR, Downtown Redevelopment and unique characteristics that make Bonita Springs a great city. He offered insight into the formation of what he termed "a free enterprise area" as a catalyst and strategy for growth and economic development in the downtown area.

Ben participated in a lively question and answer session to round out a great presentation.

I Like Me... *In Support of Public Education*



Editor's Note: Last week we heard a report on the *I Like Me* reading program. Reproduced here in its entirety is the press release describing the program. Thanks Steve McIntosh for your leadership and devotion to this important program.

On May 2, the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs in a partnership with Spring Creek Elementary School conducted its seventh annual *I Like Me* book reading and distribution.

Over the past eight years, the Rotary Club has donated a total of over 1,200 hardback books to the kindergartner classes at the school. Each book is personalized with the name of the recipient, and a story about his/her best friends, teacher, and favorite things to do, while relating the importance of telling the truth, listening to others, being good citizens, staying in school and remaining drug free.

As part of the event, several members of the Estero High School Interact Club, Rotary's high school-level community service organization, volunteered their time to read to the kindergartners. Jayne Klinker, teacher and reading specialist at Estero High School, is also the sponsor of Interact Club, and says "We had nine of our Interact Club members read to the kindergartners as they got their books. It is one of our year's favorite projects and it leaves a lasting impression on our students."

I Like Me...continued

In a celebration of reading, Karen Leonardi, Spring Creek Elementary principal, filled the auditorium stage with children from all seven grades who brought their *I Like Me* books, given to them as kindergartners. "We can't thank the members of the Bonita Rotary enough for their generosity", said Leonardi.

According to Jennifer Price, kindergarten teacher and school coordinator for the book program, "This is a very special moment for these children."

"You should see the kindergartners' eyes light up when they hear their names read as part of a book", says Dr. Steve McIntosh, the Rotarian who is responsible for coordinating the program. "I am very proud of Rotary's commitment to public education."



Upcoming Program Lineup

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May 28: Frank Ogden, DVM, Fly Fishing



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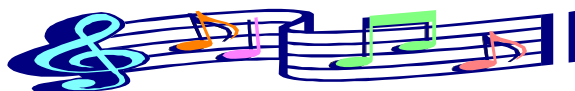
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This Week's Big Prize: \$1420.



Last week an ecstatic Sue Masters drew the Nine of Clubs to win \$5.

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Marine Corps Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli,
 We will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.

First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean.

We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines.

U. S. Air Force

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
 Climbing high into the sun;
 Here they come, zooming to meet our thunder,
 At 'em boys, give 'em the gun!
 Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
 Off with one terrible roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame
 For nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

Coast Guard Song

We're always ready for the call,
 We place our trust in Thee
 Through surf and storm and howling gale,
 High shall our purpose be.
 "Semper Paratus is our guide.
 Our fame, or glory too,
 To fight to save or fight to die.
 Aye!Coast Guard, we are for you!

Happy Birthday

John Tyson, May 21
David Zaun (rr), May 24

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May 28, 2008

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Our President welcomed **Gary Israel**, District 6960 Governor, as a guest.

Once again, **Roger Brunswick**, with a lively assist by **Steve Kaskie**, fulfilled Sergeant-at-Arms duties compassionately and with great vigor.

We were saddened to learn of **Diane Lepola's** resignation from our Club. Diane will be devoting time and attention to new community activities and we wish her the very best.

Our President announced that April's attendance figure was 82%. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Program Lineup



This Morning: Frank Ogden, DVM "Fly Fishing"

June 4: Ed Carlson, Director, Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

June 11: Dennis Gilkey, President, Sustainable Development Consulting Co.

June 18: Doug Pratt, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.

Last Week's Program Dr. Aswani K. Volety Florida Gulf Coast University



Dr. Aswani Volety, Professor of Marine Science and the Chair of the Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University, offered a very interesting presentation on Marine Science. Dr. Volety pictured above right, with Peter Lefferts, Director of Planned Giving at FGCU, provided an interesting overview of community based restoration of Oyster Reefs in Southwest Florida.

We learned that oysters perform important ecological functions in estuaries, as they are highly efficient at filtering water and providing food for bottom feeders. As such, oyster reefs provide essential refuge and habitat by promoting an efficient ecosystem. Dr. Volety described how FGCU staff and community volunteers help with the restoration of oyster reefs.

Dr. Volety is the lead investigator for a National Award winning project "Oyster Reef Restoration in Southwest Florida" that received the 2006 Coastal America Partnership Award.

Foundation Update *A Year of Accomplishment and Success*



Dave Shellenbarger, outgoing Chairman of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, pictured with **Sandy Scoggins**, incoming Chairman and **Gary Israel**, District 6960 Governor, delivered an informative update regarding our Foundation's activities during the past year.

Dave provided a Foundation Contribution Report at last week's meeting which underscores the Foundation commitment not only to local projects but Rotary's international scope and mission.

We learned of the significance of the District Simplified Grant program in helping fulfill the Foundation's mission. In addition, Dave reported that three benefactors had made gifts to the Foundation during the past year. He encouraged those of us who were so inclined to consult with our professional advisors so as to consider the feasibility of incorporating the Foundation into our estate plans.

Dave also reported 17 members during the past year received Paul Harris recognition and that number represented 10 new Paul Harris Fellows.

Congratulations to Dave and all of the Foundation Trustees for an extraordinary year.

Water Project Update Matching Grant Application Approved

Sandy Scoggins announced that the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International approved a Matching Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000 to help provide 1,022 Q-Beta water filters to families living in Coban and surrounding villages of Alta Verapaz, Guatemala.

Under the terms and conditions of the Matching Grant Agreement issued by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International,

our Club will be charged with the responsibility of coordinating the project internationally. The Rotary Club of Coban will be charged with the responsibility of coordinating the project locally.



Delivery of these water filters will truly make a difference and help abate some of the conditions described in these pictures.

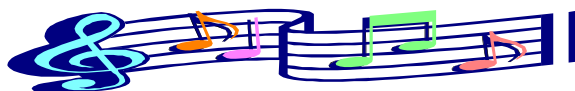
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By The Light of the Silvery Moon

By the light, of the silvery moon,
 I want to spoon,
 To my honey I'll croon love's tune.
 Honey moon, keep a-shinin' in June.
 Your silv'ry beams will bring love's
 dreams,
 We'll be cuddlin' soon,
 By the silvery moon.

Happy Birthday

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Last Meeting

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Our President reminded us of the **2008-2009 Rotary Awards, 30 Year Anniversary and Installation Banquet** which will be held Saturday, June 28 at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club. Invitations have been mailed. Please make sure to return your RSVP card by Friday June 20.

We proceeded to elect our Foundation Board members for the upcoming year. An election report prepared by **Nancy Ross**, can be founded elsewhere on these pages.

Our Sergeant-at-Arms., **George M. Cohan III** returned and performed his duties with great aplomb.



Upcoming Program Lineup

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Last Week's Program Frank Ogden, DVM "Fly Fishing"

We were pleased and proud to hear **Frank Ogden**, a Charter Member of our Club, deliver a very interesting



presentation on "Fly Fishing."

Frank expertly presented the historical, metaphysical, and sport aspects of fly fishing..

In presenting his talk, Frank described the meaning of its title, noting that the title "refers to the entomology of the sport when fishing for trout. The primary food source for trout is insects. And these insects live sub aquatic in the rivers until they emerge from the rivers to mate (sex) in the air and fall on the water and die (death) and we fly fish for the trout by imitating these dying insects with flies (fly fishing)."

Frank began his presentation with a brief history of fly fishing which has its roots back 2000 years to the Macedonians.

We learned that fly fishing essentially involves the use of any combination of feathers and furs presented



Fly Fishing-continued



in such a way as to fool a fish.

Frank brought an interesting exhibit which demonstrated the diversity of fish that are available through the use of a fly rod. He also reflected on the sport as providing a lifetime of challenge and enjoyment. Thanks Frank for a great presentation.

New Foundation Board Elected

Editor's Note: The following is a report offered by our Club Secretary Nancy Ross

Fellow Rotarians:

Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
May 28, 2008
Spring Run Country Club

The nominating committee nominated the following individuals for the Foundation Board

3 year term	Fred Partin Tom Burgess
1 year term	Guy Quinn

President Partin asked the club for any further nominations. There were none.

Steve Krchniak moved, with a second by **George Cohan**, that the nominations be closed.

The Club members present voted to approve **Fred Partin** and **Tom Burgess** to a 3-year term and **Guy Quinn** to a 1-year term on the Foundation Board.
Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ross
Club Secretary

Estero High School Awards of Excellence



Steve McIntosh introduced to the final panel of Estero High School Award winners for the current school year.

Chris Sneddon won the Faculty Member of the Month Award. A member of the faculty for seven years, Chris coaches football and soccer.

Sally Waterhouse was honored with the Staff Member of the Month Award. Sally works in the Guidance Department. Prior to joining the Guidance Department Sally was known for her volunteer work with the Band Booster program.

Vanessa Kirk, a member of our Interact Club, was the winner of the Academic Student of the Month Award. Vanessa serves as Senior Class Secretary. Vanessa will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University .

Not pictured is Samantha O'Garro who won the Service Student of the Month Award.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$1520.



Last week a pleased **Charles Mansfield** drew the Queen of Spades to win \$5.

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We contributed \$106 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



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!!!

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Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Hank Hochstetler** delivered the invocation. **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Peter Zahner** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Ira Hawk delivered a report on the Shots for Tots Program and acknowledged **Bob Pagel's** assistance. Twenty-six families were served. Congratulations for your hard work and effort with respect to this important program.

Our President presented **Dennis Landfield** with his blue badge.

We were saddened to learn that **Nancy Wyckoff** was resigning from our Club. Nancy will be joining the Naples Club so we hope to see her at future events.



John West reported on his trip to Hong Kong and specifically his visit to the Metropolitan Hong Kong Rotary Club. The meeting was conducted primarily in the Cantonese language.

John also related his experience visiting another Rotary Club where he was their guest speaker and noted that the Rotarians he met made him feel most welcome. Thanks John for an interesting report.

Last Week's Program Ed Carlson, Director Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary



Ed Carlson, Director of Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, visited us last week and offered great insight into the Sanctuary itself and environmental issues and challenges facing Southwest Florida.

A graduate of the University of South Florida in Tampa, Ed has almost a 25 year history with the Sanctuary, beginning his association there as a teen where he helped build its first boardwalk in the 1960s.

Ed is deeply involved in the direction of the Audubon conservation efforts where we learned a bit of its history and of the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary itself, the nesting home to the largest colony of endangered wood storks in North America.

We were treated to a wonderful pictorial presentation which emphasized Ed's wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the wildlife that inhabits the Sanctuary and the continuing challenge to preserve same.

Ed offered an very insightful comparison of land preservations and waster conservation efforts going on Dade, Collier, and Lee Counties.. He made special reference to **DRGR** which in his opinion has the potential for agricultural and other types of development. He also emphasized and explained how the Swamp acts our water supply.

District 6960 Conference Report

Our incoming President Ray Faubion offered us an interesting report on the District 6960 Conference which he attended with many of our fellow Club members aboard the *Enchantment of the Seas*. The conference included the ceremonial passing of the District Governor gavel as well as presentations on a number of programs including the "Gift of Life" and Rotary's world-wide fight to end polio.

Ray also made special reference to the Memorial Service conducted to honor and remember Rotarians who had passed away during the past year. **Gerry Myers** headed that effort and Ray recognized Gerry's hard work in that regard.

Finally Ray was pleased to announce our Club received an honorable mention for **Jim Dati's** work on membership as part of the District Governor's "Strategic Planning" competition. Jim, pictured with Ray, received a vintage bottle of wine for his hard work. Congratulations and thanks Jim.



Water Project Update

Thanks to **Sandy Scoggins** for providing **The Spoke** an update on the various Water Projects.

Our second project was submitted in March and approved for matching grant funds through the Rotary Foundation.

A third project is being lead by the Lakewood Ranch and Coban Clubs. A matching grant application will be submitted in July.



Our Club is taking the lead in a fourth project which is about 25% funded at this time. It is anticipated that a matching grant application will be filed in the Fall.

Mark Your Calendar *Our 30 Year Anniversary and* *Installation Banquet*

Please make your plans now on attending Southwest Florida's marquee and premier social event, our **30 Year Anniversary and Installation Banquet**, Saturday June 28 at Spanish Wells Country Club.



This magical evening will begin with cocktails at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Club memorabilia will be available for viewing throughout the evening. A program honoring and commemorating our Club's 30 year history, installation of our new officers and a Paul Harris awards ceremony will commence at 8 pm.

The Mark Vee Band will provide great music for dancing and entertainment.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Phil Artmann by mail, telephone (239-949-5609) or e-mail Philip.Artmann@ms.com by June 20.

See you there!

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June 18: Doug Pratt, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.

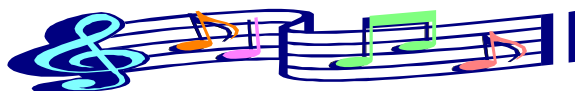
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You're A Grand Old Flag

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!!!

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June 18, 2008

Last Meeting

Last Week's Program, continued

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Harv Humphrey** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Roger Brunswick** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

We welcomed Rotarians **Steve Agius**, Area 3 Assistant Governor-District 6960 and **Harold Eames** (rr) to our meeting. **Bob Rosier** introduced us to his wife Kathy and daughter Alicia.

Last Week's Program

Dennis Gilkey, Gilkey Organization
Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida



Dennis E. Gilkey addressed us last week. Dennis, pictured with June Program Chair **Tom Burgess**, is the CEO and Managing Principal of the Gilkey Organization.

Prior to forming the Gilkey Organization,

Dennis served for 23 years in senior capacities for the Bonita Bay Group, acting as its president and CEO for nine years.

Dennis described the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida whose mission is that of working to better understand Florida's natural resources and how we can save them through energy and water conservation, health, transportation, disaster preparedness, best practices and higher densities.

He outlined some of the Century Commission recommendations namely that of convening a statewide water summit, completing critical lands and water identification (CLIP), designing sustainable communities and buildings, creating a sustainable Florida within one generation and monitoring progress on alternative energy and greenhouse gas reduction.

Dennis analyzed those recommendations within the context and challenges of anticipated Florida population growth offering "concurrency," affordable housing and "sustainability" as possible strategies to meet these challenges.

A lively question and answer period followed.



District 6960 Conference Aboard the Enchantment of the Seas



As our President-elect **Ray Faubion** noted last week, the District 6960 Conference "Rotary

Shares The Seas of Enchantment" was held May 26-31st, 2008.

As Conference sessions progressed, the *Enchantment of the Seas* visited Key West, Cozumel, and Belize.



Belize was the sight of a special Service Project with the Rotary Club of Belize City as well as festivities with children from the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Center, Gift of Life Children and The Wheelchair Foundation.

Thanks to **Sue Masters** for forwarding pictures commemorating a very special week.



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The Mark Vee Band will provide great music for dancing and entertainment.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP **TODAY** to Phil Artmann by mail, telephone (239-949-5609) or e-mail Philip.Artmann@ms.com.

See you there!

Upcoming Program Lineup



This Morning: Doug Pratt, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

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This Week's Big Prize: \$1626.



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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.

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June 25, 2008

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Nancy Ross introduced us to Mark and April Royan. April is a regional training manager with Sonic Innovations and a prospective speaker for one of our future meetings.

Congratulations to **Ugo Assi** on receiving your permanent blue badge.

Rotary Group Study Exchange

Mike Liggins addressed us and offered a report on his experience with the Rotary Group Study Exchange in the Caribbean. Mike described his time with the Group Study Exchange as both “amazing” and “enlightening.”

Mike, an environmental engineer with Bonita Springs Utilities, described how his training and vocation made participation in the Group Study Exchange a particularly meaningful experience. Thanks Mike for a good report. We look forward to seeing those photos during your August presentation.



Last Week's Program



Rev. Dr. Doug Pratt “Religion in America”

We were pleased to hear from fellow Rotarian and Club member **Rev. Dr. Doug Pratt** this past week who offered a very interesting presentation on his vocation and themes in Religion as America enters the 21st century.

Doug is a native of Western Pennsylvania and a graduate of Allegheny College, the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and the Fuller Theological Seminary. He has been an ordained minister for thirty years. His ministry has taken him to Kansas and Pennsylvania before moving to Bonita Springs almost four years ago. He currently serves as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at the First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs.

During his presentation Doug suggested how pleased he and his wife Jeanne were to be part of Bonita Springs and Southwest

Doug Pratt, continued

Florida. He informed us that First Presbyterian was one of the largest Protestant congregations in Southwest Florida. He shared his congregation's mission of "servant leadership" as it serves the community and offered as examples the congregation's concert and speaker series, pre-school and music school.

Doug spoke eloquently about his calling and his passion for leading local congregations. He suggested that one of the greatest strengths of every community is strong worshipping congregations.



It was helpful and interesting to hear Doug's views on Religion in America in 2008. Doug focused on very thought-provoking themes among them being the worldwide resurgence of religion. He reflected on the impact such resurgence might have on the political and business leadership of countries such as China.

Doug also offered an overview of the state of organized religion in the United States. A lively question and answer period followed. Thanks Doug.

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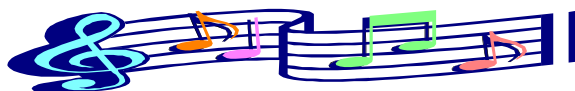
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In The Good Old Summertime

In the good old summertime,
 In the good old summertime,
 Strolling thru' a 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 tootsie wootsie
 In the good, old summertime.

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Club Service Award Presentations

President **Fred Partin**, along with Board members **Guy Quinn** and **Nancy Ross** presented Club Service Awards to a number of Rotarians at last week's meeting. Congratulations and thanks go out to **Ron Anderson**, **Bobbi Bird**, **Roger Brunswick**, **Tom Burgess**, **George M. Cohan III**, **Jim Dati**, **Dave Edwards**, **Ray Faubion**, **Dick Fredrickson**,



Richard Garner, **Ira Hawk**, **Greg Holtz**, **Kenny King**, **Stephanie Kissinger**, **Steve Krchniak**, **Diane Lepola**, **Bob Lorenz**, **Sue Masters**, **Don Manley**, **John Mathes**, **Frank Mazzeo**, **Mark McCaw**, **Steve McIntosh**, **Frank Ogden**, **Jim O'Leary**, **Mark Petrites**, **Doug Pratt**, **Guy Quinn**, **Jim Renfro**, **Nancy Ross**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, **Sandy Scoggins**, **Dave Shellenbarger**, **Ozzie Tello**, and **Gil Urick**.

Last Week's Program "State of the Club Address" President Fred Partin

Amid multiple standing ovations, Fred Partin delivered a "State of the Club" address this past Wednesday as he conducted his final meeting as President of our Club.



Fred concentrated on several key areas namely membership, attendance, Club Foundation, Club Service, Social Events, Vocational Service, Community Service, and Intentional Service, and Fund Raising. Club achievements in each of those key areas is summarized below.

Membership

We currently have 88 members. This past year ten new Paul Harris Fellows were inducted and seven members received multiple Paul Harris recognition.

Attendance

Club attendance averaged 10 to 12 per cent higher each month. Our average attendance through May met the Club goal of 80% for the year.

Club Foundation

Our Club Foundation during the past year distributed \$74,544 to local and international charities. A complete listing of grant recipients was posted during Wednesday's meeting.

Club Service

President Fred touched on several club service achievements, offering a number of highlights. Both a membership strategic plan and Board Policy for distributing funds to the Foundation were developed during the year. Joint Club meetings for the French GSE in October and the District Governor in November were developed.

Social Events

2007-2008 was a year of great social events. Our President made mention of the Installation Banquet, Night at the Ball Park, Beach Party, Holiday Party, Super Bowl Party and the Kentucky Derby Party as illustrative of our Club's full and robust social calendar.

Vocational/Community Service

Our Club excelled in the areas of Vocational and Community Service. Dictionary Day, Student Teacher Recognition, Interact, College Scholarships, the "I Like Me Program", Shots for Tots, Kids with Cancer Radiothon, Susan Komen Race for the Cure, Relay for Life and



the Blood Mobile program provided tangible evidence of this Club's commitment to its community.

International Service

Our President reported activities that underscored our Club's commitment to International Service. He made mention of the inaugural water project, resulting in 1,124 water filters being distributed in Guatemala. In addition, the Wheel Chair project saw 111 wheel chairs purchased. Finally, our Club was selected as a Caribbean GSE member.

Fund Raising

Finally President Fred made mention of the highly successful fund raising events the Club sponsored during the year, among them being the 50/50 program, Christmas Tree, Through the Ages Car Show, Reverse Raffle, Celebrate Bonita and the Rotary 5K Run.

Thanks Fred for your outstanding Club leadership this past year.

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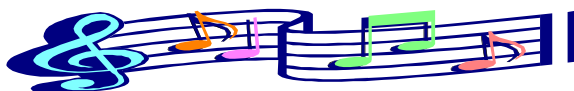
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National Anthem

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?

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Ira Hawk delivered a report on the Shots for Tots Program. Thirty-one families were served this past week and **Ira** pointed out that in its history of over 13 years, the Program has provided 12,303 immunizations to children of our community. Congratulations on making a difference.

President Ray maintained the tradition of presenting the 2007-2008 banner to Immediate Past President **Fred Partin**. Our banner for 2008-2009 carries the theme "Make Dreams Real." This morning's Spoke cover proudly displays that theme as it will throughout the year.

Congratulations Sandy and Ron



At last week's Awards and Anniversary Banquet, **Sandy Scoggins** received the "Service Above Self Award" and **Ron Anderson** was honored as "Rotarian of the Year."

Congratulations to Sandy and Ron as they epitomize the spirit of Rotary. Thanks for your leadership and hard work.

A Magical Evening... 2007-2008 Awards and 30th Year Anniversary Banquet



This past Saturday, June 28, our Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary and 2007-2008 Awards and Installation Banquet at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club. It

was an evening of elegance, memories, and tradition as we fondly recalled our proud past, turning our attention to a future that is bright and full of expectation.

President **Fred Partin** opened the Program by asking **Doug Pratt** to lead the Invocation, **Nancy Ross** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Dati** the Four Way Test. As the program continued, Past President **Paul Helbing** (1984-1985) offered some heartfelt observations and reflections on our Club's 30 year history.



We were happy and proud to witness the ceremonial distribution of funds from our Club to our Foundation to assist it in its charitable works in our Community.

In one of the most poignant moments of the evening, incoming Area 3 Governor Gerry Myers offered special Paul Harris recognition to the **Weyl** family in honor and memory of **Ken Weyl**.

Ken's son Charles accepted the award on behalf of the **Weyl** family.

We turned our attention to the Recognition and Awards portion of the program. As noted elsewhere on these pages, **Sandy Scoggins** received the "Service Above Self" Award and **Ron Anderson** was honored as "Rotarian of the Year." The recognition and awards were richly deserved.

Area 3 District Governor District 6960 **Steve Agius** then proceeded to install the new slate of Officers and Directors for the upcoming year. He delivered the oath of



office to **Ray Faubion** as President and the remaining 2008-2008 Club Officers and Directors whose names can found on the first page of this week's Spoke. Congratulations to all as you assume your new duties.



President Ray then proceeded to offer his observations and vision for the upcoming year. Thanks Ray for your leadership and hard work in making the Installation and Awards Banquet such a special event.



The evening concluded to the sounds of the Marc Vee Band offering Rotarians and their guests

wonderful moments on the dance floor.

As the photos attest, a great time was had by all.



Last Week's Program Kathy Curatolo, CEO Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida

Last week we heard a very interesting presentation from Kathy Curatolo, Chief Executive Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida describes its work "as elementary as putting a friend in a child's life, and as essential as putting hope in a child's future."

Kathy explained the Agency's history of success as it has provided community-based mentoring since 1974. 500 children in Collier and Lee Counties have been served as of December, 2007.

We learned about the concept of being a Big Brother or a Big Sister and the idea of being a friend, bringing magic into the life of a child.



Giving great credence to the whole idea of being a "Big" were the testimonials we heard from individuals who benefited from the Big Brother Big Sister experience.

Kathy ended her talk by inviting any Rotarian interested in becoming a "Big" to contact her Agency.

Thanks Kathy for an inspiring presentation.

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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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July 16, 2008

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We were happy to witness **Guy Quinn** receiving his Treasurer's Pin. Congratulations **Guy**.

We were glad to see **Harold Eames** (rr) in attendance.

From our GSE District 6960 Chairman

Don Thomas, District 6960 Chairman reminds us that it is time to get started on the Group Study Exchange for our District. This year our exchange will be with District 3040 in India. The Exchange will run from approximately January 7, 2009 to February 6, 2009. If you are interested in being a Team Leader or Team Member contact Don at sgtarms@aol.com

Last Week's Program

Jennylyn Mitchell Director of Employee Campaign United Way

Last week we began a month long consideration of the non-profit sector with a presentation from the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties and the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs, one of the Agencies supported by United Way.



Jennylyn Mitchell, Director of Employee Campaign, began the presentation with an overview of the work of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. Jennylyn has been with United for 6 1/2 years and we learned that United Way is much more than a fundraiser and fund distributor. It encourages collaboration attempting to bring the community together to focus on issues and creating solutions that improve lives.

United Way partners with 70 agencies in the Southwest Florida community. 90% of dollars raised go to program support.

Jennylyn provided several testimonials describing her personal and United way's commitment in assisting children, families and other critical needs in Southwest Florida.



Last year United Way raised 7.6 million dollars. United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties was the only United Way last year not only to meet but surpass its goal.

This year's goal is 8 million dollars.

Jennylyn stressed the important work performed by the United Way Partner Agencies. She introduced Jim Brennan of the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs as an example of that collaboration and important work.

Jim Brennan
Literacy Council of Bonita Springs



Jim provided an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs, one of the partner agencies for the United Way.

As a tutor, Jim teaches classes in the afternoon and the evening and sees the true positive impact on the lives of people the Literacy Council touches as they learn the English language.

2008 marks the 20th anniversary of the Literacy Council. The Council serves almost 1750 students.

565 active tutors teach those students. 281 mothers and their children participate in the Moms and Tots program designed to teach English to the mothers and introduce English to the preschool students. Last August, the Council had its first graduation with 20 students participating in the ceremony.

Jim also updated us on the June 12 ground-breaking for a new building. Once completed, the Literacy Council will have an almost 11,000 square foot building operational by the end of the 2009. The building will have 13 classrooms, a United Way resource center, auditorium, state of the art computer center and library.

Thanks Jim for the update and the exciting news.

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Last week a delighted **John West** drew the Nine of Diamonds to win \$5.

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Happy Birthday

Ken King, July 18

Bill Reed, July 20

Rex Sims, July 19

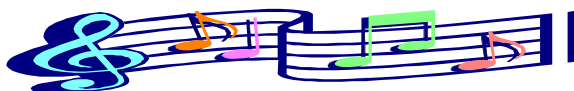
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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

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

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We were sad to hear that **Ozzy Tello** will be leaving us at the end of the month, relocating to Clovis, New Mexico. Best wishes Ozzy to you and your family. You will be missed.

In a rare confluence of events, our Sergeant at Arms, Associate Sergeant at Arms and Valet to our Sergeant of Arms were all absent last week. We noted their absence by each contributing a dollar to the Foundation.

Thanks to **Steve McIntosh** for noting the birthdays of our Rotarians last week.

Last Week's Program

Melissa Pfeffer

American Cancer Society



This past Wednesday we heard from Melissa Pfeffer, Community Representative of the American Cancer Society, Collier Unit.

Melissa offered some personal reflections and a broad based overview of the work performed by the American Cancer Society.

The Society's materials describe itself "as the nation's community-based volunteer health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health concern."

Wednesday's presentation provided sobering information underscoring the important work the Society performs as we learned that annually an estimated 6673 people in our area and more than 100,000 people across Florida are diagnosed with cancer.

Melissa provided some helpful examples of

of the work performed by the Cancer Society in our region.

For example, the Cancer Society serves as an Advocate, seeking to secure funding to build Florida's cancer research infrastructure. In addition, the Cancer Society acts as a resource, through its Road to Recovery Program, providing transportation to and from treatment for cancer patients.

Melissa made reference to the "I Can Cope" and "Man to Man" programs. I Can Cope provides educational classes providing assistance in coping with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.



Man to Man provides educational and programmatic support for men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their families.

Melissa then conducted a lively question and answer period which saw several Rotarians win some great prizes,

A helpful question and answer period followed. Thanks Melissa for a great presentation.

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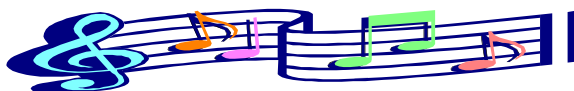
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Old Folks At Home

Way down upon the Suwannee River
 Far, far away,
 There's where my heart is turning ever,
 There's where the old folks stay.
 All up and down the whole creation,
 Sadly I roam,
 Still longing for that old plantation,
 And for the old folks at home.

Chorus:

All the world is sad and dreary,
 Everywhere I roam,
 O, brothers, how my heart grows weary,
 Far from the old folks at home.

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July 30, 2008

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In yet another rare confluence of events, **President Ray** advised that he had no announcements for us.

We welcomed the following guests at last week's meeting: Harold Eames (rr), Jim Friedgen, Keith Merrill and Andrew Belisle.

Rotary Basics

Special thanks to our President-elect **Nancy Ross** for alerting us to the article "Rotary Basics" in this month's *The Rotarian*. It truly is a wonderful primer on all things Rotary. While the article offers great insight and information the Spoke found this quote particularly meaningful:

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

If you haven't already done so, it's a great read. Thanks Nancy.

Last Week's Program Margaret R. "Margie" Cypher District 6960 Governor



This past Wednesday we were honored to hear from Margaret R. "Margie" Cypher District 6960 Governor. Margie, pic-

tured with President Ray Faubion and Area 3 Assistant Governor Gerry Myers brings a richness of experience to her new office.

While living in Pennsylvania she was an organizer and secretary of the McKees Rocks Chamber of Commerce also serving as a lay leader with the Lutheran Church and a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

Margie has continued her extraordinary tradition of service by participating in the Big Brother/Big Sister Reading Program, the Gulf Coast Humane Society and the Defensive Driving Program of AARP.

She is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Placida Florida where she is a Paul Harris Major Donor as well as a Charter Member of the Paul Harris Society.

Margie offered a very comprehensive overview of



Rotary. There were several major themes which comprised her talk.

She emphasized the message of Rotary International President “D.K.” Lee, reminded us of the goals of Rotary International and District 6960 and suggested ways in which we can work together to achieve programmatic goals and objectives.

Finally, Margie “dared us to dream” so we can make dreams real.

Margie spoke eloquently about the fact that everyone is inspired to become a Rotarian. She spoke of the influences that lead one to Rotary membership—Rotary’s visibility in our communities and throughout the world, contact with a Rotarian who recognizes your potential ultimately leading to an invitation to join. Margie emphasized the fact that each of us has a special story to tell which ultimately leads to our Rotary membership.

Our District Governor challenged us to recall when we actually *became* a Rotarian. She emphasized the importance of knowing Rotary, its programs and budget.

Thanks Margie for your generosity of time, talent, and leadership. We look forward to a great year.

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Welcome Back

President Ray welcomed back **Carl Bals** to our meeting last week. **Carl**, it was good to see you.

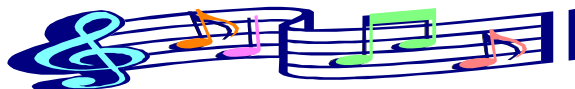


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\$1925.

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!
School Days, School Days

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

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

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We pleased to welcome **Gary Israel**, Past District Governor. President Ray reported that Gary's Estero Club is sponsoring a fundraiser. All help is appreciated. Please contact Ray or Gary for more information.

Last meeting also carried with it a tinge of sadness as we bid farewell to **Ozzy Tello**. Thanks for your generosity of time and talent, Ozzy. We will all miss you.

President Ray informed us of the imminent arrival of the German Exchange Student who will staying with Ray and Jeanne for about three months. If other families are willing to host please so advise Ray.

Membership



Our President-Elect **Nancy Ross** offered a membership update. She referred us to the "Rotary Basics" article and suggested we use that as a way of educating and attracting new members to our Club.

Last Week's Program President Ray Faubion "Rotary Reflections...Conventions Past and Present"

Last week's program was particularly interesting and poignant as we had the unique and enjoyable opportunity to reflect on the meaning and impact of our International Conventions, past and present. The presentations and discussion that followed gave all of us greater insight into our great organization and what it means to be a Rotarian.

President Ray led off with a report on the highlights of the 2008 Rotary International Convention held June 15-18 in Los Angeles. It was clear from the enthusiasm of Ray's presentation that he found attendance at the Convention to be both helpful and inspirational.



Rex Sims then followed with reflections on his convention attendance more than thirty years ago. He shared several humorous convention reflections, the most striking of which was his accounting of how he graced the convention dais during an address given by then

Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

What followed was a marvelously spontaneous discussion where several Rotarians shared their observations as to their convention experience and the meaning of Rotary. Past District Governor **Gary Israel** made the point that attendance at Conventions underscored the international scope and mission of Rotary.



Editor's Note: Thanks to President Ray for forwarding the following information on the Friendship Exchange Program.

Friendship Exchange District 3360 Northern Thailand and 3960 SW Florida:
They came to Florida, April 10 to 20, 2008
We go to Thailand October 31 to November 16, 2008

Melba Talbot is the chair for our district and has asked me to help her. Her email is melba.talbot@lpl.com and her phone number is 941-366-2515 or 941-544-5981. My contact info: Roscoe Turner RFE team leader. Roscoes Thai Projects@comcast.net (underlines between words) phone 941-497-1788.

The 2008 Friendship Exchange is with the northern most district of Thailand. The Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai provinces. We will have a day and a half visit in Bangkok on our way through.

Ten people from Thailand were here **April 23 -May 4, 2008**. They were a great group of Rotarians and we had fun hosting them. Most of them spoke enough English to get by and everyone had a good time. They were hosted by members of 5 different clubs in the Sarasota and Venice area. They presented their program.

Our exchange is set for November 2 to November 14 for us to go there. (I will explain the dates as there is a difference in when we leave the USA and arrive back and the actual Exchange on Thai soil.) We will be there for one of the biggest and most beautiful holidays of the year. Loy Kratong.

We have 7 people committed with tickets in hand, now -- Aug 1.
 We need 3 or 4 more.

The Plan

Depart USA on October 30
 Arrive Bangkok October 31 about midnight.
 Go to hotel
 Saturday Sightsee about Bangkok
 Dinner Show
 Hotel
 Sunday More sight seeing
 Afternoon short flight or Van ride to the first stop on the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

Please contact Roscoe Turner if you desire additional information.



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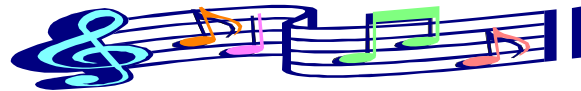
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Roll Out The Barrel (excerpted version)

Then they hear a rumble on the floor It's the big surprise

they're waiting for

And all the couples form a ring

For miles around you hear them sing:

Chorus:

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, tararrel, sing out a song of good cheer

Now's the time to roll the barrel, for the gang's all here!

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August 13, 2008

Last Meeting

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We pleased to welcome Rotarian **Jim Friedgen** of Perry, New Hampshire. We were also happy to meet Susan Schmidtt, a guest of **Linda Ritzert**.

Ed Schick offered a report on Shots for Tots. Over 50 families and 150 children were served this past week. Thanks for making a real difference.

President Ray informed us of the imminent arrival of his German Exchange student. Hopefully he will make an appearance at this morning's meeting.

Finally, our valet to the Sergeants at Arms, **Roger Brunswick**, discharged his duties brilliantly this morning. Rotarians are urged to wear their pins when Roger is at the helm.

Last Week's Program

Tammy Mugavero
General Manager, Bonita Bay Fitness



Last week we heard a very helpful presentation from Tammy Mugavero, General Manager of the Bonita Bay Fitness Center. Tammy brings a wealth of experience to her position.

Prior to joining Bonita Bay Tammy worked for Lee Memorial Health System where she ran the Sports Medicine Program. She is a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Arizona where she earned her graduate degree. She is an Athletic Trainer Certified and Licensed as well as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. She was also named of the ten best trainers in Southwest Florida by Gulfshore Life Magazine.

Tammy began her presentation with an overview of our quest to live healthier and longer lives. For example, last year Americans spent 30 million dollars on dieting aids and commercial weight loss

Programs.

Tammy pointed out the dangers of failing to adopt a regular fitness program. She encouraged to us to set specific and realistic goals as we embark upon our own fitness program. Tammy emphasized the importance of scheduling time to work on meeting your goals.

We were introduced to the concept of “real age” as opposed to “calendar age.” The focus should be on “real age” as that is a measure of one’s health status. (Tammy referred us to the RealAge Test which provides medically valid metrics comparing biological versus calendar age.)

Tammy discussed the implication and importance of resting heart rate, resting blood pressure rate, weight measure (particularly around the waist), muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

We considered the interrelation between real age and exercise when Tammy described those concepts within a “retirement planning” framework. Stated another way, the goal and point of an exercise regimen now is to allow us to live longer and better so we can continue to do the things we want to do well into our seventies and eighties.

Tammy emphasized the importance of walking and strength training.

She suggested that walking is a great way of working physical activity into a regular routine. It does not require expensive equipment and can be done almost anywhere. Research has shown that walking alone gets you 40% of all health benefits of exercise.



walking program.

Finally, we considered the concept of Strength Training. We were learned the importance of adding strength training to a

Strength training helps keep bones healthy and strong and can reduce the risk of injuries associated with osteoporosis by up to 80%. In addition, without resistance exercises, the body replaces 5% of your muscle every 10 years with fat. Strength training just 30 minutes a week can prevent this totally.

Finally, Tammy offered some exercise regimen examples and answered questions.

Rotary Foundation Workshop

Pesident Ray reminded us that a Rotary Foundation workshop will take place Saturday August 23 at the Port Charlotte Cultural Center. See Ray if you are interested in attending.

Upcoming Program Lineup



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August 20: Chiara Assi, Naples Daily News, “Health and Wellness Through Healthy Food”

August 27: Mike Liggins, “GSE/Caribbean”

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$2022.



Last week a delighted **Ben Nelson** drew the King of Spades to win \$5.

Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 3 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker which wins \$2022.

We contributed \$45 to the Foundation.

As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday

Gary Murphy, August 12
Nancy Ross, August 12
Mark Lewis, August 15
Mark Petrites, August 18

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

R - O - T - A - R - Y

R - O - T - A - R - Y, that spells Rotary.
 R - O - T - A - R - Y is known on land
 and sea.

From North to South, from East to West
 One profits most who serves the best.
 R - O - T - A - R - Y, that spells Rotary.

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We pleased to welcome Rotarian **Jim Friedgen** of Perry, New Hampshire.

President Ray informed us of a new meeting venue. Effective September 3 we will meet at the Bonita Bay Club. Please use the North side of the building for parking.



President Ray introduced us to Philipp Weiner, (pictured left) the German Exchange student staying with him and Jeanne. **President Ray** shared a light-hearted story regarding Philipp's views on Chinese food.

As Philipp told us a little about himself all of us truly understood the



the international scope and focus of Rotary.

We were honored to witness the traditional exchange of

banners between Phillip and President Ray. Phillip also received some mementos of his visit to our country and club.

Welcome Philipp. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Last Week's Program

Dr. Alfred Cormier

"Health and Wellness Through Preventative Medicine"



Dr. Alfred Cormier addressed us last Wednesday. His presentation focused on "the Importance of the Immune System." With specialties in Chinese Herbal Therapy, Acupuncture, prolotherapy, mesotherapy and laser therapy. Dr. Cormier considered various issues in the areas of adaptive immunity.

Dr. Cormier moved to Naples in 2000 when he began his private practice. He spoke about the intricacies of the immune system from both a western and eastern perspective. (We have both an innate immunity and an acquired immunity.)

Dr. Cormier described immunity from a Chinese point of view, emphasizing the importance of the kidney as the foundation of immunity and physical energy. As a result of its importance, the kidney needs to be strengthened through the use of herbal supplement, exercise, and diet.

He also helped us understand various theories regarding toxicity and techniques used to rid the body of those harmful substances.

A lively question and answer period followed. Thanks Dr. Cormier for an interesting presentation.

GSE: Your Help Is Needed

Don Thomas,, DGN and District GSE Chairman has asked all of us for help. As we all know we need to have our District GSE team in place by September to give them time to prepare for their trip to India.

As such, we need both teas leader and team member applications. Applications can be

found on the District website under GSE Committee and blog. If anyone has any questions, please contact Don at sgtarms6960@aol.com.

Birthday Festivities



Pageantry and festivity filled the air as we celebrated the birthdays of Nancy Ross and

Gary Murphy. Rotarians were treated to special birthday caps and horns to celebrate those special days. Thanks for adding a fun “touch” to Wednesday.

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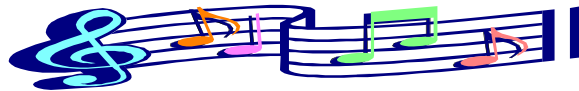
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Give My Regards to Broadway

Give my regards to Broadway,
 Remember me to Herald Square,
 Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street.
 That I will soon be there;
 Whisper 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 e'er long.

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August 27, 2008

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Jason Dolle is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Dictionary Day project. On Saturday September 6, Rotarians are needed to meet at the Lee County School Board Building (NW corner of Colonial Blvd. and Metro Parkway) to help place labels in the dictionaries. On Friday October 6 volunteers are needed to distribute Dictionaries to the schools. Please contact Jason if you are able to help—jdolle@RBDstudios.com or 465-4934.

President Ray announced that we will be joining the Estero and Bonita Noon Rotary Clubs on Saturday September 13 to help package meals to be sent to a school in Bogota, Columbia (Los Corales). The project should last about two hours. Please bring your family and friends to help with this worthwhile project.

Update: Meal Cost Increase

At our last meeting, **President Ray** advised us that effective September 3, we will begin meeting at the Bonita Bay Club. This change has necessitated a modification in the pricing structure for our meals.

Effective September 3, our meal charges for both Rotary Regulars and those enjoying the Waiver of Attendance/Rule of 85 status will increase to \$18 per breakfast. Guest meal fees will increase to \$20.

General members will see their meals fees increase on their next quarterly statement. The "meal" portion will be \$216. per quarter.

Finally **President Ray** observed that we have had a policy in place for the past few years which allowed members who attended other Club meetings as a make-up to apply for an \$8 credit against their meal cost for the missing meeting. Effective immediately, this option is being removed from Club policies.

President Ray welcomes the questions or comments of our members. He may be reached at rfaubion@otcl.com.

Last Week's Program

Chiara Assi

"Health and Wellness Through Healthy Food"



Chiara Assi, food writer for the Naples Daily News offered a very interesting presenta-

tion entitled "Health and Wellness Through Healthy Food. Daughter of fellow Rotarian Ugo Assi, Chiara both defined and offered suggestions aimed at "healthy eating."

She maintained that healthy eating was not the opposite of eating well or dieting. She suggested that its main components, namely lowering fat intake, avoiding food that is bad for you and eating products that are good for your system will make us feel healthier and younger in weeks.

Chiara proceeded to outline steps we could all follow to achieve healthy eating. First, she suggested that we look for ingredients that are healthy, fresh, and in season.

Second, she suggested that we cook foods using techniques that preserve the nutritional values of each food. Moderation and variety are key factors.



Chiara's presentation introduced us to a food buying discipline. She urged that we do our homework and pick a recipe. As we gather and buy

our ingredients she suggested that we buy organic and locally grown products, including eggs and dairy. A rule of thumb was that of looking at the PLU number on produce—4 digits means it is not organic, 5 digits beginning with a 9 means that it is.

Finally, we were provided some suggestions as to what "to buy" and what "not to buy." Chiara urged us to buy fresh vegetables, beans, lean cuts of meat, wild caught fish, whole grain bakery products and olive oil. She suggested we stay away from sodas, diet sodas and sugar-added drinks and juices, foods high in hydrogenated fats, foods that contain a high number of saturated animal fats, and processed foods.

Thanks Chiara for a great presentation. To check out some easy, fresh and healthy recipes we were referred to www.coastalbeat.com/blogs/kikas_kitchen.



Upcoming Program Lineup

This Morning: Mike Liggins, Group Study Exchange—Caribbean"

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

Congratulations Bill!



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Happy Wanderer

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,
Valderi, Valdera,
Beneath God's clear blue sky!

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September 3, 2008

Today's Program

Mark Lewis will introduce **Steve Agius** of the Bonita Springs Noon Club who will speak about Rotary Gift of Life Florida.

Last Meeting

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Gerry Myers** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Paul Van Valkenburg** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed our chorus in singing *Happy Wanderer*. We learned that this is not a German drinking song. It didn't matter that it was 7:30 AM and most of us had not been drinking yet, but we sounded great anyway.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

District Governor Nominee, **Don Thomas**, Cape Coral Gold Coast, Group Study Exchange Leader to the Caribbean, **Bob Clendenin**, Charlotte Harbor, **Tom Briers**, Fort Myers Downtown. Tom told us that their Wine Tasting Fund Raiser brought in \$250,000. Wow!!! **Sue Masters** introduced her favorite visiting Rotarian from Estero Rotary, **Dick Masters**.

Quote of the Day

When **Fred Partin** greeted him, after not seeing him all summer, with, "Good to see you." **Don Manley** replied, "It is better to be seen than be viewed."

Last Week's Program



Immediate Past President, **Fred Partin**, introduced Group Study Exchange to the Caribbean Team Member, **Mike Liggins**. Mike, who works for Bonita Springs Utilities and is in charge of utilities installation, had been nominated to the team by Fred. He is a graduate of U C F and is a Professional Engineer. Mike

delivered an informative and interesting presentation on the exchange. The team from Rotary Districts 6960 and 7020 visited Northern Anguilla, Saint Maarten, and Saint Bart's winding up at the Rotary District Conference in Nassau, Bahamas.

Mike had the opportunity to study utilities in the area and discovered the islands are not without potable water, but have a long way to go in handling their waste. Mike saw raw sewage running in the gutters of the streets, since the holding tanks were inadequate and were leaking and the inadequately treated sewage is dumped into the sea.

Other members of the GSE team visited with industries and like occupations. There was a teacher, a police officer and a person from the hospitality industry. We learned that Group Study Exchanges are valuable to world understanding.

Bobbi Bird's Fast Facts

A Boeing 747 wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers first flight.

Most dust particles in your house are dead skin.

Only 1 person in 2,000,000,000 will live to 116.

Tropical Storm Fay Victims

The Salvation Army needs help. If you can volunteer at the Estero Community Center off of Corkscrew from 4:30 to 7:30 PM please call Chris Volpone at 239-278-1551. Clothing items, blankets, towels and non-perishable food items are needed as well. The Salvation Army and St. Leo's Catholic Church in Bonita Springs are collecting items. If dropping materials at St. Leo's you'll want to go to their Educational Building, the southern most building on their campus.

Dictionary Day

Jason Dolle is leading this project and needs volunteers. First, you are needed on Saturday, September 6 at 9 AM to help label the dictionaries at the Lee County School Board Building at the northwest corner of Colonial Boulevard and Metro Parkway (behind McDonald's) in Fort Myers. You will also be needed for a couple of hours on Friday, October 3 to distribute the dictionaries. Times and locations to be determined. Rotarians who have participated in the past say this is an extremely rewarding "feel good" experience. Contact Jason at jdolle@rbdstudios.com.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Sue Masters reported that there are 67 Rotary Youth Exchange Students in District 6960. They represent 29 countries.

Ray and Jeanne Faubion are hosting **Philipp Weiner**, Rotary Exchange Student from Germany. Would you like to host Philipp for a few months? If not for a few months, you can still host him for a weekend or for an outing to see our beautiful SW Florida and beyond and other parts of Florida or the USA. You might take him on vacation with you. Got an extra ticket to the Phil? Ask Philipp to join you. This is an excellent opportunity to be hospitable. It might make it easier for him to respond positively when we ask him to help unload Christmas trees.

Jim Friedgen Joins Us



It seems that Jim, a Rotary Regular from Derry Village, NH has been a member of our club for some time. When have we not seen him

working on one of our projects? Jim owns an industrial chemical manufacturer's representative business and was proposed for membership by our President-elect, **Nancy Ross**. We are fortunate to have you join our club, Jim.

Water Project

Sandy Scoggins and her team are working to involve other Rotary clubs within District 6960 and beyond. We are offering to do all the work and recognize contributions from other clubs making those clubs our partners and giving them recognition for participating in an international project. If you are a Rotary Regular and would like to involve your club or know of a club that would like to participate, please get in touch with Sandy, sunsandy@comcast.net. This ongoing project to date has provided vital clean drinking water to about 60,000 Mayans in Guatemala.

Upcoming Programs



9/10/08 April Royan, Regional Training Manager of Sonic Innovations.

9/17/08 Joe Schwartzel, General Manager of WINK TV will speak on the Economic Outlook of Southwest Florida.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$500.



Bob Pagel selected the 8 of hearts, the first of 53 cards in a new deck to win \$5. Remember, there are 4 aces, each worth \$100, and the Joker, which wins \$500 this week. Last week the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation

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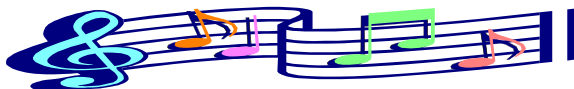
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I've Been Working On The Railroad

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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September 10, 2008

Last Meeting

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Jason Dolle is looking for assistance with the Dictionary Day project on October 3. Sign-up sheets are being circulated. Thanks in advance for your help.

Ira Hawk offered a Shots for Tots Report. 27 families received assistance this past week.

Ron Anderson provided a preliminary update on this year's Christmas Tree Project. We will be headquartered once again at Sunshine Plaza. This year's Committee is currently being formed. See Ron if you would like to help.

And finally...multiple congratulations to **Jim Dati**. Not only did he offer superb choral and directorial assistance during this morning's songfest, Jim was recently married and designated a "2008 Super Lawyer" in the August 2008 edition of the *Adverse Witness*, the publication of the Collier County Bar Association. Congratulations Jim!

Last Week's Program

"Gift of Life"

Steve Agius

This past week we heard a very elegant and inspiring presentation from Steve Agius, past Assistant Governor for our District. Steve's presentation focused on the Gift of Life Program.



Originally founded in 1975, now more than thirty years later, Gift of Life, with the support of Rotarians worldwide pairs doctors, hospitals and children with life-threatening heart conditions to give these children a second chance at life.

Steve described how Gift of Life works. Children are identified with cardiac-related or similar health problems in their country. Most often, these children are flown to the United States where a volunteer team of medical professionals perform the life saving surgery. Hospitals where the surgeries are



performed accept a single \$5,000 donation. Gift of Life has now attained a worldwide following where some surgeries are performed in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

To date, Gift of Life has saved the lives of more than 9000

children.

Steve offered heartfelt and sincere comments on how Gift of Life helps one transition from being a member of a Rotary Club to becoming a Rotarian. The Gift of Life website places Steve's comments in true focus when it notes "this project is a classic example how Rotary can promote peace and understanding between nations through international community service."

The presentation ended with moving testimonials from other Rotarians who participated in Gift of Life. Jack



Blake reminisced about the positive impact Gift of Life brought to his former Club.

Dictionary Project

This past Saturday morning Rotarians and their families gathered to place labels on dictionaries in anticipation of the presentation on October 4. **Martha Erickson, Jason Dolle, Bob Lorenz, Bill Oehler, Sandy Scoggins, Emanuela Assi, Ugo Assi, Rom Anderson, Jim O'Leary and Molly O'Leary** all offered



their generosity of time and talent. Thanks also to **Bill Oehler** for providing the picture.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Sixty-seven students from twenty-nine countries (pictured below) visited the Lake Yale Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida August 22-24 for the Rotary Youth Exchange Orientation Weekend.



Taking a break from the weekend activities are **Laura Van Gelder, Belgium, Cyndi Doragh District 6960 RYE Chair, Bianca Santos, Brazil, Shinobu Baba, Japan, Sue Masters YEO for Bonita Springs Rotary Club, Philipp Weiner, Germany and Jung "Vivian" Chang Taiwan.** Thanks Sue Masters for forwarding these pictures.



Thanks Bob!

A hearty thank-you goes out to **Bob Pagel** for preparing last week's Spoke. Thanks Bob for your hard work.

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Last week a delighted **Ed Houck** won \$5.

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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 stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

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Jason Dolle is looking for assistance with the Dictionary Day project on October 3. Sign-up sheets are being circulated. Thanks in advance for your help.

We welcomed Susan Schmidt, guest of **Linda Ritzert** and Rick Gutierrez, guest of **Roger Brunswick**.

Rick Gutierrez, guest of **Roger Brunswick** and a prospective member of our Club, is the Executive Director of the Bonita Springs YMCA Branch. He advised us of the YMCA Fall Family Festival which will be held Saturday, November 15. The purpose of this event is to bring together the Bonita Springs/Estero Community.

The event will run from 10 am to 5 pm at the YMCA, located at 27200 Kent Road, just one-mile east of Imperial Parkway off East Terry. The event will feature games for kids and adults, raffles, a health and wellness walk, area vendors, food and more. Mark your calendars.

Last Week's Program "Hearing Solutions" April Royan, M.A., CCC-A



Last Wednesday, Mark Lewis, speaker chair for the month of September introduced April Royan, M.A., CCC-A who addressed us on the topic of "Hearing Solutions."

April, of Sonic Innovations, began her presentation by suggesting that almost 31 million Americans have some sort of hearing loss. 80% of adults with hearing loss can be helped if the problem is diagnosed.

The discussion considered how we hear, evaluated hearing loss and considered the types and styles of hearing aids. We learned that hearing aids range from completely-in-the-canal to those that are In-the-Canal, In-the-Ear, Behind-the Ear, and Open-Behind the Ear.



April stressed that the appropriate hearing aid solution depended on an assessment by a hearing care professional.

A lively question and answer period followed. Thanks April for a great presentation.

Calling All Musicians

Sue Masters reminded us that the Bonita Springs Concert Band is being formed and is need of musicians. If you are interested, please see Sue for details. Additionally, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 23, 2:00 p.m. at Riverside Park. The Concert Band will offer its inaugural performance. More to follow.

Editor's Note: As a follow-up to last week's Gift of Life presentation by Steve Agius, The Spoke thought it helpful to make reference to two articles which offer helpful insight into the international and humanitarian scope of this program.

"Celebrating life 100 times over"

That's the headline in a story found in this week's RI International Update as RI District 6560's (Indiana, USA) Gift of Life Program provided resources allowing Josiah Ntoko of Senegal to become the 100th child to receive a heart operation.

The article describes medical care provided to

children in Iraq and Jordan and the international collaboration which was necessary to make such medical care a reality. For more information see the complete article in this week's RI International Update.

"Our Hearts Are in..."

From Robbie Donno, GOLI Chair
GOLI News, Issue 5, July 2008

"We call our proposal, "Our Hearts Are in..."

Each year the Board of Directors of Gift of Life International will be selecting one country for us to help. We will conduct a diagnostic screening mission to identify children in need of open heart surgery. Once the children are identified, we will coordinate having them sent to hospitals, one child to each of our participating councils.

...

By making this proposal to President Lee, we hope to introduce an effective program that will help Rotary International attract new members throughout the world. We all would agree that the most pressing problem in any country is not simply the incidence of congenital heart defects. But through the "Our Hearts are In" program we will be able to draw attention to the needs of one country.

As Rotary Clubs and Districts from all over the world begin to answer the call to help this country clean up its water, immunize its children and feed the hungry, people will begin to see the greatness of Rotary. They will finally be exposed to the power of our "army of volunteers" They will see first hand how Rotarians from all walks of life respond to the calls for help from all over the world on a daily basis."

A great example of being *Rotarian*

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Shine On, Harvest Moon

Oh, shine on, 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
Shine on, shine on, harvest moon
For me and my gal.

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Jason Dolle is looking for assistance with the Dictionary Day project on October 3. We will be distributing dictionaries at Bonita Springs, Rayma L. Page and San Carlos Park Elementary Schools. 5 to 7 Rotarians are needed at each location. Sign-up sheets are being circulated. Thanks in advance for your help.

We welcomed Susan Schmitt, guest of **Linda Ritzert** and Rick Gutierrez, guest of **Roger Brunswick**. It was good to see Rotary Regular Harold Eames in attendance as well.

President Ray and Secretary Jim reminded us of the Save Our Sox Rally to be held Tuesday, September 23 at 11:30 am at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers. With all of the media attention focusing on the possibility of the Red Sox leaving their spring training site of the past 15 years the Fort Myers Rotary Club decided to hold a rally to demonstrate community support for the Red Sox. All were encouraged to attend.

Last Week's Program

Joe Schwartzel "Southwest Florida Economic Update"

Last week our speaker chairman for the month of September Mark Lewis introduced Joe Schwartzel.

Joe spoke to our Club about two years ago. At that point he had just finished service as a Director of the South Florida Region of the Federal Reserve Bank.



Currently Joe is responsible for running two local television stations and more than a dozen local radio stations. Those media outlets are involved in helping over 1200 local business advertise.

With those credentials Joe was well equipped to offer some observations on the Southwest Florida economic climate.

Joe began his talk by providing an overview of the broadcast industry in Southwest Florida in which he has been involved for the past 35 years. He has ownership interest in local channels 5 and 6 as well as several local radio stations. He and his business partners bring almost 60 years of broadcast

experience to the market.

His partner family—the Mickey McBride Family—was very instrumental in bringing a broadcast infrastructure to Southwest Florida. Mickey McBride bought WINK AM in 1946 for \$100,000; placed WINK TV on the air in 1954 and WINK FM in 1964.

In addition, the McBride family has ties to the Cleveland area. Joe offered several interesting vignettes regarding that family, including their relationship to the Cleveland Browns.

Joe reflected on the creative, technical and public service aspects of the broadcasting industry. He noted that his business is more competitive than ever.

His transition from an analysis of the broadcast business to the state of the Southwest Florida economy began with a consideration of advertising revenue that drives growth and profit in his business. When the economy slows, as it has now, there is great pressure on margins in his business.

As an example of the state of the current market, Joe indicated that the radio market was down 17.7% year to date and television down 11.2%. An even more telling economic indicator were auto accounts, some down more than 40% year over year with 3,830 less units sold this year than last.



Joe also touched on the economic challenges facing the real estate, financial and service sectors of the local economy.

Rotary Leadership Institute

October 11, 2008

Calling all Rotarians to the Rotary Leadership Institute which will be held October 11, 2008.

The Institute helps train members who may someday be in a leadership role from Committee Chair to Club President.



The Institute consists of three separate segments and the

Club pays for up to four members to attend.

The October RLI will be in Clewiston. If you are interested in attending or have any questions contact Jerry Zwiers at 941-468-1178 or Don Thomas at 239-772-1842.

See you on October 11.

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Happy Birthday

Fred Partin, September 24

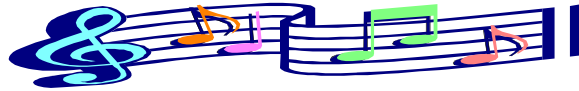
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

Let all good Rotarians stand up and sing
Vive le Rotary!
With service and love let this song loudly ring.
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!

An honest day's work is a duty we claim,
Vive le Rotary
And truth in our business will honor our name.
Vive le Rotary!

(Chorus)

A friend with a smile is the person we need.
Vive le Rotary!
Who truly believes in our Rotary creed.
Vive le Rotary!

(Chorus)

Be quick to give service, we must not be shy.
Vive le Rotary!
Let's join all our voices and give a great cry.
Vive le Rotary!
(Chorus)

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We welcomed Cissy Prentiss, guest of **Stephanie Kissinger** and Rick Gutierrez, guest of **Roger Brunswick**. It was good to see visiting Rotarians Harold Eames, Steve Agius, Gary Israel and Raimundo Molina in attendance.

Ralph Van Valkenburg reported on the Save Our Sox Rally which was held this past Tuesday at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers. Ralph provided us a summary of the proceedings and an overview of the economic impact the Red Sox have on the Fort Myers community. He encouraged us to go to SaveOurSox.com and sign the petition.

Jason Dolle provided an update on Dictionary Day and indicated that he would be contacting volunteers with distribution day logistics.

And finally...**President Ray** reported on our GSE student Philip. He spent a great day with the Masters family and is off this week to Cape Canaveral. Let President Ray know if you would like to host Philip for a day.

Last Week's Program

Ben Nelson

"Bonita Springs Update"



Last week Mayor and fellow Rotarian Ben Nelson was an impromptu and welcome addition to our September speaker series as he provided a Bonita Springs update.

Ben offered very thoughtful and interesting insights regarding the need to balance the needs and desires of citizens with the overall development of good public policy. He offered several examples of the need to look at things differently to move the City forward and keep it competitive within the marketplace.

He focused on the challenges inherent in

transforming theoretical initiatives and programs into reality. He suggested that as a community it was important and imperative to put preconceived notions and fears aside. This type of forward thinking, or communal vision, he suggested was particularly important with issues facing downtown development.

Ben also addressed the “hot topic” of taxes. The City went back to the roll back rate (where the City generally raises the exact amount of money as the prior year) so as a general proposition overall taxes were not raised. Mayor Ben was quick to point out that there were exceptions to this proposition and he offered several interesting examples.

A question and answer period followed. Thanks Mayor for your hard work and leadership.

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They’re Back...The Birthday Chorus

Last week, in celebration of immediate Past President Fred Partin’s birthday, “The Birthday Chorus” made a rare appearance, serenading Fred and all Rotarians. We look forward to a repeat performance soon.



A Special Presentation

Past District and Assistant Governors Gary Israel and Steve Agius were in attendance to assist with a special presentation. Sue Masters explained that Frances Dixon had inquired whether it would be possible to obtain a wheel chair for someone she knows in Guatemala. Frances’ inquiry became a reality this past Wednesday as Sue accepted the wheel chair donation on behalf of Frances. Gary explained that our District contributed over \$55,000 to the Wheelchair Foundation. This presentation was particularly meaningful as Steve informed us that the young child who will be receiving this wheelchair is presently transported on wooden boards. Her quality of life will be immeasurably improved due to the generosity of Rotarians within this District.



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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 Indians
If they don't win it's a shame;
For it's one! two! three strikes
you're out!
At the old ball game.

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Hockey Anyone? **President Ray** advised us of a Rotary Night with the Everblades at Germain Arena, November 15.

President Ray reported that invoices were going out this week. If you haven't already done so please consider auto-pay.

Rotary Foundation Approves Grant to YMCA



Last meeting **President Ray** announced that the Rotary Foundation had approved a \$5,000 grant to the YMCA in support of its work in our community. Accepting the grant of was Rick Gutierrez of the YMCA pictured with **President Ray** and **Richard Garner**, Trustee of The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs.

Last Week's Program

Joseph W. Frazier "Bureau of Emergency Services"



Last week we heard from Joseph W. Frazier, Homeland Security Coordinator and representative of the Bureau of Emergency Management.

Joe provided an interesting overview of the community coordination necessary to meet the challenges of a variety of emergencies. He also briefed us on the good work of BES and one of its missions of providing the public information to assist it in becoming as disaster resistant as possible.

We also learned of the many professional disaster response partners in Southwest Florida. Thanks Joe.

Dictionary Day 2008



This past Friday was Dictionary Day as Rotarians visited Bonita Springs, Rayma L. Page and San Carlos Park Elementary Schools to distribute dictionaries to third grade students in those respective schools.

Your Editor was proud to be part of the San Carlos Park distribution team and was touched by the genuine appreciation the students and faculty demonstrated not only for the dictionaries but the “service above self” component of this project.



Thanks to Mark McCaw and Gwen and Harold Eames for their great work at San Carlos Park.

The Spoke will happily publish pictures taken at other locations in a future issue. Thanks also to **Jason Dolle** for his leadership and all who participated in this important project.



RYE Exchange Students Visit Kennedy Space Center



On September 28, 2008 the Rotary Club of Suntree hosted nine of Florida’s “inbound” Rotary Youth Exchange students to enjoy the “Free Brevard” day at Kennedy Space Center. The students got an up close and personal look of the United States Space program. Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a program that sends “outbound” youth ages 15-18 to live with local families. **President Ray** informs us that our RYE student Phillip is second from the right.

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Congratulations John!



Happy Birthday



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.

None to Report this Week

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Editor's Corner

In last week's edition, the Spoke incorrectly referred to our RYE student Phillip as a participant in the GSE program. Thanks for bringing that oversight to the Editor's attention.

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October 15, 2008

Today's Speaker

Today Rotary welcomes **Chief Warrant Office Gene Gibson**, of the Fort Myers Coast Guard station, as our speaker. His program is a part of a series planned by program chair **Kenny King** to acquaint us with the organizations and programs in Southwest Florida that help protect us, and offer volunteer opportunities.

As many Rotarians know, our fellow club member, **John Tyson** is District Captain of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Last Week

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Bob Lorenz** gave the invocation, **Marj Rubacky**, home from New Jersey, led the Pledge to the Flag, **Roger Brunswick** the 4-Way Test, and **Steve Krchniak** our spirited singing of "Sidewalks of New York."

Steve Kaskie welcomed visiting Rotarians **Steve Hiatt**, Martinsville, IN; **Sheila Seacat**, Bonita Noon Club; **Keith Merrill**, Bellefontaine, OH; **Harold Eames**, Hampton, NH; and **Frank Keck**, Champaign, IL. Other guests were **Jonathan Forbes**, **Susan Schmitt**, and **Rick Gutierrez**.

Great News From Don Manley

He happily reported that adopted son, Hector, a freshman at the University of Tampa, has made the college golf team.

This is great news to all who know their son and his heartwarming story. The Manleys rescued Hector when he was just 10 years old after the earthquake in El Salvador where he lost both of his legs. Since that time they have provided him with medical care and two sets of prosthetic limbs for a growing young man. Now almost 19, he is living a active, useful life.

Modern Day Slavery Discussed

"Twenty-seven million people are living in slavery around the world today!"

That was the startling revelation last week by **Lowell and Sally Senitz**. They lead the non-profit ministry, Safe Houses International, dedicated to intervention in human trafficking.

Mr. and Mrs. Senitz, were



introduced by **Marj Rubacky**. They have spent much of their lives doing missionary work in Germany, Eastern Europe and Africa, and have served on the Board of Directors of Christ Commission for Romania, Inc. for 18 years

Trafficking Victims

Seventy percent of these slavery victims, they said, are women and children.

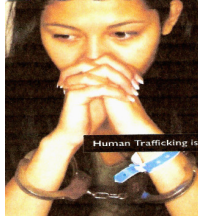
Approximately 600,000 to 800,000 are trafficked annually across international borders, and between 14,500 and 17,500 into the U.S.

After drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today, and it is the fastest growing. They said it is a \$35 billion industry, world-wide, and in some countries, governments are involved.



How Victims Are Trafficked

Many are exploited for purposes of commercial sex, including prostitution, pornography and live sex shows. Others are victims of labor exploitation including domestic servitude, sweatshop factories and agriculture.



Safe Houses Making a Difference

The speakers recently returned from a trip into the Sudan, Romania and the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya to intervene in sex-servitudes slavery of children and women. They told of the establishment of a compound in the Sudan where 450 children are being protected, and of "safe houses" in Kenya and Romania where staff and volunteers are working to shield women and children from those who would exploit them.

With a home in Southwest Florida where they are involved in the real estate investment business, they have utilized their summer vacations to take supplies to orphans and build ministries to build "safe houses" dedicated to slavery intervention.

More information about their work is available at intlsafehouses@aol.com.

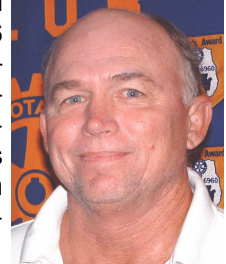
Dictionary Day At Bonita Elementary

Happy Third Graders show off their own new dictionaries provided by Rotary. Representing our club were Rotarians **Ben Nelson, Jose Lopez, Ron Anderson** and future member **Rick Gutierrez**, who took this photo. Thanks to **Jason Dolle**, who coordinated our total dictionary effort



Ben Nelson Honored

"His Honor" Rotarian **Ben Nelson** has been honored as the 2008 Bonita Springs **Citizen of the Year**. The award given annually since 1976 by the Chamber of Commerce recognizes community service. Ben was selected by past recipients and area newspapers from a list of community-submitted nominees.



A Bonita resident for almost 50 years, he has been played a key role in city government since its incorporation. A member of council for eight years, he was elected mayor in April

Ben joins a number of other members of this club who have received this honor. Among them: **Hank Hochstetler, Don Thomson, John Spear, Rick Barber** and recent members **Skip and Diane Lepola**.

Shots for Tots Continues

Children from 33 families were served Tuesday evening October 7 in a very busy Rotary Shots for Tots session, **Ira Hawk** reported. Other Rotary volunteers were **Dave and Betty Edwards**.

Begun in January, 1995, the program has administered more than 12,000 immunizations to some 6,000 children. It is a joint effort with the Lee County Health Department, First Presbyterian Church and this Rotary Club.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$500.

Ron Anderson, drawing for **Gil Urick** last week from a brand new deck, pulled the King of Spades. Gil gets only \$5, but unlimited opportunities remain: Four Aces worth \$100 each, and the Joker which wins the pot!



As always, \$1 buys a ticket, three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10. And the big winner is the RI Foundation, which gets one-half!

Future Programs

October Program Chair, Kenny King has Scheduled the following speakers:

October 22 — **Bob Berlam**, Commander, Civil Air Patrol, Naples. The Naples unit is a composite squad of the Florida Wing of the CAP, which is a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.

October 29 — **Jeff Mitchell**, Managing Partner of The Compass Group. Compass is a North Naples property management company which serves 35 gated communities. Jeff will talk about disaster preparedness.

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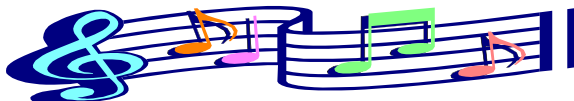
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This Land Is Your Land

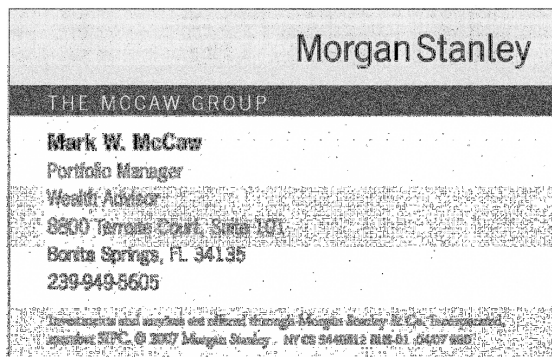
This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California to the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest
To the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

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

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John Spear reported on the upcoming reception honoring Nancy Keefer. The event takes place Thursday, October 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Many of our fellow Club members are on the Host Committee for this event so let's offer our support of this worthwhile event. Contact Geraldine at 239-992-2943 for information.

It was good to see Rotary Regulars, **R. Mansour**, **Frank Keck**, **Keith Merrill**, **Steve Hiatt** and **Harold Eames** in attendance. We also welcomed Debra Quade, guest of **Roger Brunswick**, Holly Bacon, guest of **Bobbi Bird**, Jonathan Forbes guest of **Guy Quinn** and Susan Schmitt guest of **Linda Ritzert**.

President **Ray** announced that **Bobbi Bird** has agreed to fill a vacancy on our Board. Thanks Bobbi for your leadership.

Marjorie Rubacky and **Bobbi Bird** presented President **Ray** banners from their Northern Clubs in New Jersey and Maine. Thanks Marjorie and Bobbi.

Last Week's Program "USCG Fort Myers Beach"



Last week we heard from Chief Warrant Officer Gene Gibson, Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard Station in Fort Myers Beach. Chief

Warrant Officer Gibson has held a number of assignments both onshore and at sea. He was assigned as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach a little over a year ago.

The presentation centered on the overall goals and missions of the Coast Guard.

Since 1790 over 1 million people have been saved from natural disasters and perils at sea through the efforts of the Coast Guard. Chief Warrant Officer Gibson offered several examples of how, as the Coast Guard enters its third century of service that its mission and technology have changed dramatically to meet the needs of our Country during these perilous times. The fight against terrorism and the interdiction of illegal drugs occupies a significant portion of the Coast Guard's current time and energy.

We also learned, during this informative presentation of the workings of the local Coast Guard Station at Fort Myers Beach.

Dictionary Day 2008

As promised, the Spoke is pleased to publish a few more pictorial memories of this year's Dictionary Day. **President Ray** thanked **Jason Dolle** for his work on this project and circulated some thank you notes from the students.



Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards

A school year tradition returned this past week as Stephanie Kissinger introduced current winners of the Estero High School Excellence in Education Awards.



Rich Dombrowski was the winner of the Teacher Award and currently serves as head football coach. He holds a Masters of Science Degree in Teaching from Iona Collage and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Florida Atlantic University.

The Staff Member Award went to Kathy Willems. Kathy has provided great service in the school cafeteria for over 20 years and has enjoyed meeting students and staff during that period of time.

The Service Award went to Ashley Thigpen. Ashley is pursuing a double major in journalism and creative writing and hopes to attend USF or UCF in the Fall. She participates in the School Yearbook, Newspaper, Art Club and Interact

Congratulations to all.

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This Week's Big Prize:\$500



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Editor's Corner

Special thanks go out to **Ira Hawk** and **Bob Pagel**, editors emeriti of the Spoke. Ira did a great job with last week's Spoke and Bob handled the photography for this morning's issue. Gentlemen, thank you for your generosity of time and talent.

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He's Got The Whole in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands (4x)
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands (3x)
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands(3x)
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands(3x)
He's got you and me Brother in His hands(3x)
He's got everybody here in His Hands. (3x)

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It was good to see Rotarians Larry Harris, Naples North and Nancy Wyckoff, Rotary of Club of Naples in attendance. We also welcomed a number of guests, Dick, Tim, Kristen and Caitlyn Masters, Gene Ledlie, Rick Markale, Diane Foster and Jonathan Forbes.

Sue Masters advised us that informational meetings about Rotary Youth Exchange opportunities abroad for high school students are currently being held. All are invited to visit www.ryeflorida.org to learn more about the program, download application forms and register to attend an informational meeting in November.

Last Week's Program "Civil Air Patrol"



We were honored to have **Ken King** introduce Civil Air Patrol Senior Squadron Commander Bob Berlam to us last week. Bob's career of service is very impressive. He holds a Doctorate in Education and has held a number of leadership positions in the Civil Air Patrol.

Commander Berlan offered us an overview of the history and current work of the Civil Air Patrol. The Civil Air Patrol was established in 1941 and during World War II flew coastal patrols, finding and in some cases sinking German submarines. (The CAP website reports that Air Patrol planes flew a half-million hours during the war.) .

Today, the CAP has expanded its role, working in search and rescue missions, disaster relief services and engaging in counterdrug reconnaissance missions. Commander Berlan offered insight into the ways the CAP has changed and evolved since 9/11.

Rotary Wheelchair Presentation



Last week we were all privileged to witness a very special ceremony as Frances Dixon (pictured right with Sue Masters) was presented with a wheelchair for a Guatemalan child in need.

What was special about the presentation was that the wheelchair was presented on behalf of Rotary by Caitlyn Ashley Masters, a Paul Harris Fellow at 10 weeks.



Fellow Rotarian and President of Adopt-A-Village Frances Dixon accepted the wheelchair and emphasized the importance of the gift. Frances noted that "to bring a wheelchair is a freedom for these children."

Frances also described the Children Helping Children Program, a wonderful way of raising funds for those in need. Congratulations Caitlyn for being one of the youngest members of that program.

It was great to see the entire Masters Family in attendance for this very special occasion. All Paul Harris Fellows, they are an inspiration. Thanks for your generosity and commitment.



It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale

Ron Anderson reported that plans are well underway for the 2008 Christmas Tree Sale.



Our tent once again will set up at Sunshine Plaza on Friday November 21 and Saturday November 22.

Although we are ordering, in deference to the economy, fewer trees this year, the first trees are scheduled to arrive on Friday November 28 with sales commencing Saturday, November 29.

We also learned that this year the Christmas Tree sale will be coordinated and combined with a ***Holidayfest Celebration***, Saturday, December from 12:00—4:00 p.m. Sponsored in coordination with the City of Bonita Springs, ***Holidayfest*** will include a live radio broadcast, children's events and activities, food, drink and other surprises that Santa is currently planning. This event will take the place of our annual Christmas Party so Rotarians are urged to mark their calendars now and plan to enjoy an afternoon of holiday fun with their families.

Jim O'Leary prepared and sent a broadcast e-mail this week which all Club members should have received. The e-mail invites all of us to sign up for three shifts during the Christmas Tree Sale. If you have not already done so please sign up today. Everyone's help is needed to make this holiday tradition a huge success.

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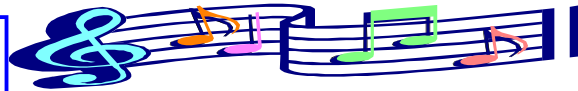
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When The Saints Go Marching In

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,
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President Ray offered several dates for inclusion into our calendars. First, "Taste of Bonita," a project of the Noon Club, will be held on November 16.

We also learned that the 2009 District Conference will be held May 7-May 9 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

Finally, **President Ray** announced that given the upcoming Holiday Season, we will not meet November 26, December 24, and December 31. The Spoke will not publish on those dates, allowing its editorial, sports, fashion, and creative departments an opportunity to enjoy Holiday family time.

We welcomed Rotarian Tom Briers from the Fort Myers Club and guests Jay Berube (Sue Masters) and Jonathan Forbes (Guy Quinn)

Our valet to the Sergeant at Arms **Roger Brunswick** performed his duties brilliantly this morning adding credence to the belief brevity is indeed the soul of wit.

Last Week's Program "The Compass Group"

Last week we heard a presentation from Jeff Mitchell, President of the Compass Group. Jeff brings a wealth of management experience to his position at Compass. He began his career at Xerox moving to Siemens AG

and Thompson Corporation within the Thompson Learning Division where he managed a division responsible for e-learning training. He also has served as a strategy advisor and investor in several property management companies.

Compass Group is a property management service as it works with Boards to offer financial, project maintenance and advanced technology management solutions. During his presentation Jeff highlighted asset management, property maintenance, project management and software solutions as areas in which communities and their Boards should offer appropriate and thoughtful focus.

He suggested and challenged homeowners within communities to become involved by attending meetings as well as reviewing and understanding financial information.

Jeff also offered property management recommendations, among them the need for more stringent statutes and the need to seek expert advice.



A Special GSE Introduction

President Ray called upon Sue Masters to introduce Jay Berube, the GSE team member our Club and Foundation Board will be sponsoring. Jay is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts.



Jay has a background in hospitality management and has since started his own real company, JB Associates. He is an Elk and is active with the Big Brother Big Sister Program.



Describing his true purpose as “contributing back to the community,” Jay offered his insight and appreciation for the GSE program. Congratulations Jay. We look forward hearing about your GSE experience and time in India at a future meeting.

Editor's Corner

Each week we proudly recite the Four Way Test as part of our meeting festivities. Rotary Basic had an interesting, historical description of the Four Way test which the Spoke thought would be helpful and instructive to share:

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Although we are ordering, in deference to the economy, fewer trees this year, the first trees are scheduled to arrive on Friday November 28 with sales commencing Saturday, November 29.

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When you're smiling,
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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.
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November 12, 2008

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President **Ray** reminded us of the 30th anniversary of our Club and a very special birthday cake was presented to commemorate that event. We all sang Happy Birthday to our Club and ourselves.



Our President-elect **Nancy Ross** provided a membership update and a report on our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee members are **Greg Holtz**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, **Dick Hamlin**, and **Dennis Landfried**. Any Rotarians interested in being considered for membership on our Board should see Nancy or any Nominating Committee member.

We were pleased to retire **Jim Friedgen's** red badge. Congratulations Jim.

We welcomed **Ed Houck** and **Lanny Sheker**, guests of **Ed Houck**, **Jonathan Forbes**, guest of **Guy Quinn** and **Susan Schmitt**, guest of **Linda Ritzert**.

Roger Brunswick introduced **Rick Gutierrez** as our newest member. Rick is currently the Executive Director of the YMCA of Bonita Springs and involved in Big Brothers. Big Sisters. Welcome Rick.



Sandy Scoggins offered an update on the Guatemalan Water Project. We are providing funds to help install water filters in homes within Guatemala. Sandy reported that we currently have been involved in the submission of several funding grants for this project. One of them has been approved allowing for the delivery of 1000 filters to Rotary in Guatemala. Sandy also reported on a pending application made in conjunction with a local Guatemala Rotary Club and UNICEF.

Sandy reported that our Water Committee, composed of **Paul Van Valkenburg**, **Roger Brunswick**, **Linda Ritzert**, and **Bob Pagel** have been actively working with other Rotary Clubs, offering presentations and generally educating them on the merits of this worthwhile project.

During one of the presentations Sandy received a \$100 bill toward that water project which she proudly displayed during her presentation. The \$100 contribution will help about 80 Guatemalans.

Last Week's Program "Business Ethics"

Last week we heard a presentation on Business Ethics delivered by Dr. Charles Fornaciari, Professor of Management at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

Dr. Fornaciari holds the Uncommon Friends Chair in Ethics at the Lutgert College. A review of the FGCU Eminent Chairs and Professorships web page reports "The Uncommon Friends Foundation and friends established this chair to develop and lead the presentation of a program which will focus on the issues involved in dealing with the moral dilemmas which business and other professionals increasingly face in making decisions today. The substance of the program is based in part on the personal values and ethical standards which Jim and Ellie Newton and their five Uncommon Friends who frequented Southwest Florida demonstrated in their business and professional lives."

The presentation Dr. Fornaciari delivered was true to that standard. His comments focused on "how to do ethics right" considering several practical examples that can be found in the workplace. He suggested that almost everything we do within an organizational context or a personal context is an ethics decision. The act of making a decision is an ethics act.

We also considered issues relating to choosing between two rights.



It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale

Paul Van Valkenburg advised that those of us who signed up as cashiers during the 2008 Christmas Tree Sale will have an "in service" on November 18. Cashiers will receive training that morning so please plan on spending a few moments with Paul after the November 18h meeting.



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None To Report

The Spoke offers its regrets for failing to note **Jack Blake's** November 5 birthday last week.

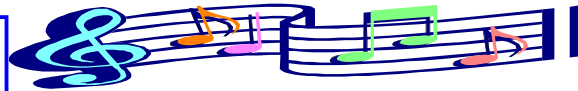
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Don Manley advises The Spoke that the Wheelchair Certificates have arrived. Those Rotarians who contributed to the Wheelchair Project should see Don this morning to obtain your certificate. Thanks to all who participated.

We welcomed visiting Rotarian Earl F. Pritchard from the Oakwood (Dayton) Ohio Rotary Club and Diane Foster, guest of **Roger Brunswick** and Jonathan Forbes, guest of **Guy Quinn**.

Thanks to our Associate Sergeant at Arms **Steve Kaskie** for discharging his duties brilliantly this past meeting. Not only was our Associate Sergeant at Arms his usual effervescent self, he recognized all of our Veterans, asking them to describe their service to our Country. Thanks to all for a very moving portion of our program.

Dick Fredrickson offered a report on Shots for Tots. Twenty-seven families were served this past week.

Last Week's Program "Hope Hospice"



This past week we heard from John Strickling, Community Relations Director for Hope Hospice and Community Services.

The Hope Mission is "to provide exceptional care and support to all individuals and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey."

John was able to provide numerous examples of the ways in which Hope Hospice provided care, comfort and support to its residents and their families. One of the most touching stories he shared was about Ernest. Ernest, 92 years young, delighted in playing his harmonica for residents. John stressed that Ernest was enjoying a comfortable and dignified life—the whole goal and point of hospice.

The materials John left with us described a wide range of services Hope Hospice offers in addition to end-of-life care.

Programs such as Pathways of Hope, Hope Select Care, Hope Life Care, Hope Child and Teen Care, Hope Connections, Hope Adult Health and Hope Comfort Care offer a wide range of services to individuals and families in need. Thanks John to you and your colleagues for all you do for others.

Rotary Leadership Institute

.Congratulations to **Bobbie Bird, Sue Masters, Jim O'Leary** and Lori Nelson of the Noon Club as they receive their certificates of completion for the Rotary Sunshine Division Leadership Institute held Saturday, November 8 at the Charlotte Cultural Center. Thanks for your dedication and commitment to Rotary.



A "RYE" Halloween

Our Lee County Rotary Youth Exchange students enjoyed Halloween at a Rotary South Party held by Fred and Holly Kobe at their home. Philipp Weiner, sponsored by our Club dressed as the Joker.

Any guess as to who was one of the "Good



Witches of the West?' Watch for the answer in next week's Spoke.

It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale

Ron Anderson provided us an update on this year's Christmas Tree Sale. We've ordered about 700 trees this year and intend to maintain pricing at last year's level (or even slightly below). In view of some changes in this year's sale, Ron also reminded us that that Rotarians who signed up as cashiers during the 2008 Christmas Tree Sale will have an "in service" this morning. Please plan on spending a few moments with **Paul Van Valkenburg** after today's meeting.



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Richard Garner, November 20

Nominating Committee Update

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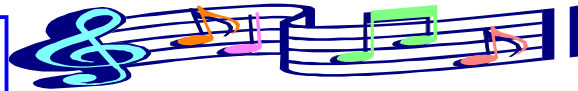
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Sing out a song of Ro-t'ry
Echoing through out the land.
Give of yourself to serve another
With a helpful Ro-try hand.
Working together helps us
To remember our purpose grand.
Sing out a song of RO-TA-RY,
And let it echo through out the land.

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We welcomed visiting Rotarians Gary Israel PDG of the Estero Club, Earle Graham of the Barrie, Ontario Canada Club, Pam Hofcherl of the Bonita Club and R.J. Edwards of the Youngstown, Ohio Club. We also welcomed guests Diane Foster, (**Roger Brunswick**) Jonathan Forbes (**Guy Quinn**.) and Karen Monzone (**Bobbi Bird**).

Our President-elect **Nancy Ross** reminded us that our Nominating Committee comprised of **Greg Holtz**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, **Dick Hamlin**, and **Dennis Landfried** has been formed. Any Rotarians interested in being considered for membership on our Board should see Nancy or any Nominating Committee member.

Gerry Myers, Assistant Governor-District 6960 offered an update in several areas. We have a new District Governor Designate for the 2011-2012 Rotary Year, Denise Hearn. Gerry also focused on membership and attendance. Our Club is doing great on attendance and needs to refocus efforts on attracting qualified members to our Club.

Last Week's Program "Foundation Update"

We heard from **Dave Shellenbarger**, Chairman of our Foundation Trustees last meeting. Dave began his presentation by differentiating the national Foundation from the local one. TRF (or the Rotary Foundation) serves all Rotary Clubs. Our Foundation, by contrast, has a local mission and focus

Our Club Foundation receives funds from our Club, through fundraising and seeks to raise Club visibility within the community through its charitable efforts.



Dave then proceeded to provide a helpful overview of the composition of the Foundation Board and various responsibilities the Board undertakes. For example, the Board is accountable for the Foundation corpus, assuring annual audits take place and that the funds are appropriately invested. The Board also seeks to attain a level a sensitivity to local, community needs.

We then learned of the procedures the Board observed in effecting its grant making. Transparency and communication are vital goals and objectives

Thanks to Dave and all Foundation Trustees for your commitment and important work.

Welcome Jim!



A warm Rotary welcome goes out to **Jim Friedgen**, one of our newest members. Jim was born and raised in Binghamton, New York. After graduating from high school where he was CAP commander, he joined the USAF. He was assigned to Weisbaden Germany where he spent three months in a former German bunker monitoring Russian radio transmissions. Good performance led to reassignment to Paris with NATO headquarters where he ran a MARS radio station. While there he finished an associates degree with the University of Maryland in radio and journalism. He is married to the former Susan Dee Pickering. Between them they have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. They currently reside in Pelican Landing. Jim has operated his own business for thirty years as a chemical manufacturers representative. He has been a member of Rotary for 12 years.

Estero High School Awards

Stephanie Kissinger introduced us to the Estero High School Excellence in Education winners.

Jill Alden was the recipient of the Teacher Award, Chris Schmitt the Academic Award, Jessica Hill the Service Award, and Teresa Malone the Staff Member Award. Congratulations to all.



It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale



Thanks to **Scott Gerrish** (rr) for forwarding the above picture documenting the hard work that is currently underway for this year's Christmas Tree Sale. By now you should be signed up for several shifts at the Sale site. If not see Jim O'Leary who will be glad to place you.

A reminder...the Christmas Tree sale will be coordinated and combined with a ***Holidayfest Celebration***, Saturday, December 6 from 12:00—4:00 p.m.



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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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We welcomed visiting Rotarians Lois Strauss of the Oxford Hills Club, Earle Graham of the Barrie, Ontario Canada Club, and Scott Fantz of the Conyers, Georgia Club. We also welcomed guests Jonathan Forbes (**Guy Quinn**.) and Bela Tar (**John West**).

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Dick Fredrickson provided a Shots for Tots Report. Twenty nine families were in attendance and approximately sixty children received their shots. Thanks to all for your dedication to this most worthwhile project.

President Ray offered an update on Phillip, our RYE student. If any Rotarians are willing to host Phillip even for a day please let Ray know.

Last Week's Program "Eden Family of Services"

Last week **Bobbi Bird** introduced Thomas P. McCool, President and CEO and Armando V. Galella, Di-



rector of Eden Florida. Eden Florida's mission is that of improving lives of children and adults with autism.

Mr. Galella provided a description of autism. The disability impacts a variety of social interaction, behavioral and communicative skills.

Eden Florida was founded to help meet the needs of children and adults with autism. Eden's materials offer a philosophy "based upon the premise that the majority of individuals with autism will require services throughout their lifetime....Lifespan services are at the core of Eden's service continuum that ranges from early intervention programming to services for older adults with autism."



A question and answer period followed. Thanks for a very thought-provoking presentation.

A Hearty Rotarian Welcome to Our New Members



Last week **President Ray** inducted two new members, **Susan Schmitt** and **Tom Briers**. Susan and Tom are shown with their sponsors **Linda Ritzert** and **Nancy Ross**. Congratulations and welcome Susan and Tom.

It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale

Ron Anderson offered a progress report on the Christmas Tree Sale. We sold 118 trees in four days and last Saturday and Sunday we sold 85 trees.



for your shifts, please see **Jim O'Leary**.



As the pictures attest, selling Trees is fun. If you haven't already signed up

Holidayfest '08 An Afternoon of Fun and Friendship

On Saturday December 6, Sunshine Plaza in Bonita Springs was the site of Holidayfest '08.



There were so many wonderful things about the afternoon.



Rotarians and guests brought countless toys for Pueblo Bonito; holiday music filled the air; food and refreshments abounded; and numerous celebrities graced the dunk tank.

Santa even found time out of his busy schedule to visit.

Thanks to all who made this event special and memorable.



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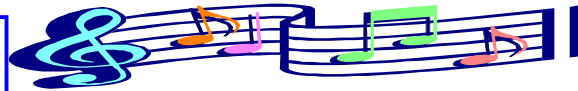
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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.

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December 17, 2008

Last Meeting

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Jason Dolle** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dick Fredrickson** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed a rousing rendition of *Sing Rotarians*.

President Ray reminded us that our Club will not meet on Wednesday December 24 and Wednesday December 31.

Dave Shellenbarger presented us with the Club banner from the Holland, Michigan Club. Thanks Dave.

Guy Quinn offered a HolidayFest wrap-up. The event was a great success. \$450 in toys was raised for Pueblo Bonito. The toys were presented this past Saturday afternoon.

Last Wednesday morning marked the date of our official annual meeting. At the annual meeting we elected our Directors for the 2009-2012 term. President **Ray** asked our President-elect **Nancy Ross** to set forth the nominee list, namely **Ron Anderson**, **Jim O'Leary**, **Gary Price**, and **Sandy Scoggins**. The nominees were elected unanimously—congratulations.

Roger Brunswick, expertly and efficiently, discharged his duties as sergeant at arms.

We welcomed Rotarians **Lois Strauss** from

the Oxford Hills, Maine Club and **Jim Dickey** from the Columbus, Ohio Club. We also welcomed **Jonathan Forbes**, Guest of **Guy Quinn**.

Last Week's Program "GSE Update"



Last week **Bobbi Bird** introduced Dr. **Bruce M Bridewell, MD**, **Artis Henderson** and **John Weaver** who offered an interesting and informative overview of their recent Rotary GSE visit to France.

As many in our Club know, Bruce has been a Rotarian since 1992 and is a member of the Estero Club. He had the opportunity to lead a GSE team overseas.

His presentation (and the participation of **Artis** and **John**) lead to a deeper appreciation of Rotary's international scope and impact. Thanks!

Welcome Tom !



A warm Rotary welcome goes out to one of our newest members, Tom Briers.

Tom is a graduate of Concord University with a BSBA in Accounting. He married his high school sweetheart Joy and they will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on December 20th.

Tom and Joy have two children, Mike and Rachel and five grandchildren.

In addition to his community activities (Director and Treasurer of the Southwest Florida Financial Planning Association, the Estate Planning Council of Naples and the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce) Tom has been a Rotarian for almost 15 years, having been a member of the Fort Myers Downtown Club for the past two years.

Tom has been a CPA for 36 years and started BriersCPA with his son Mike in 2007.

Welcome to our Club Tom!

Editor's Corner

On behalf of the entire Spoke Publishing Group, best wishes to all Rotarians and their families for a happy and peaceful Holiday Season. The January 7 edition of the Spoke will feature a supplement "2008: The Year in Pictures." This supplement will only be available in the print and not the internet edition. So come early January 7 and pick up an additional copy of what will surely become a collector's item.

It's That Time of Year Again 2008 Christmas Tree Sale



Ron Anderson provided a Christmas Tree Sale update.

The sale is going well—we are about 10% ahead of last year and we have raised about \$28,000.

If you can help sell trees, see **Jim O'Leary**. There are still some times available.

Welcome Susan!

A warm Rotary welcome goes out to one of our newest members, Susan Schmitt..



Susan and her husband moved to Florida 11 years ago from Atlanta. They owned their own magazine rep firm and Susan later owned her own community association management company.

Community involvement comprises a large part of Susan's activities as she is active in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pilot International, the Lee County Panhellenic Association and the Harlem Heights Foundation.

Susan currently teaches middle school at Summit Christian School and has supervisory responsibilities for developing teachers.

Welcome to our Club Susan!

\$\$\$50/50\$\$
This Week's Big Prize:\$500



Last week a delighted **Roger Brunswick** drew the Seven of Diamonds to win \$5.

Of the remaining cards, three aces are worth \$100 and the Joker which wins the pot!

\$1 buys a ticket three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and \$25 for 10. And as always the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the prize purse.

Happy Birthday

Mike O'Dell December 18

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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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