



# The Spoke

Rotary

November 23 - December 17

## Christmas Tree

POINSETTIA ~Sale~

Look for our tent again located in the Sunshine Plaza (Bonita Beach Rd) for the past 29 years!

We have the best Fraser Firs, Noble Firs and Grand Firs.

We have Premium Large trees from 4' to 11'+ tall!

**We have the best trees in town!**

Proceeds Benefit LOCAL CHARITIES

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation contributes nearly \$100,000 to local and international charities, including...

- Lima Relief and Support
- College Scholarship Program
- Sponsor FOCUS Rotaract Club
- Sponsor Estero High School Interact Club
- Dictionary Day Distribution to ALL Local 3rd Graders
- Little Mermaid Distribution to ALL Local Kindergarten Students

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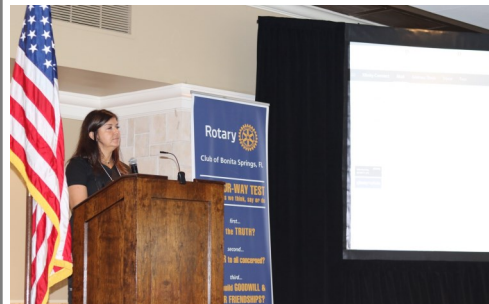
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light again, beginning today with Bobbi Bird, who talked about her involvement with Meals of Hope. Kae told us about an Interact Meeting with Ice Cream compliments of Rex and “Suzie” who Kae learned was Rex’s daughter! Kae also reminded



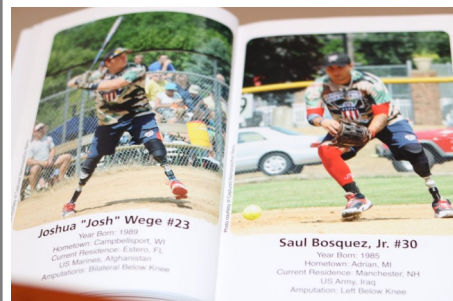
us of that it’s that time of year again—Christmas Trees will be coming but we don’t know the time—as usual! We need volun-



**This Morning’s Invocation**  
Good and Gracious God, in this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect upon what life would be like were it not for Your immeasurable love, grace, and generosity. We give thanks for life itself, for minds to use in creative ways, and for hearts which generate compassion and love. We are grateful for the capacity to worship, to work, and to use those gifts to bring honor and glory to Your name. As we share today the material gift of food in the context of meaningful relationships, we are grateful for the spiritual realities of life which supersede the material, giving satisfaction to the soul. With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.

teers for setting up and decorating the tent and of course, selling trees. And poinsettias! Mark Generales reminded all of the Nautical Market’s first meeting—the event is the last weekend of January. Claudie mentioned the Taste of Bonita this weekend and Holiday Mixer at Don Manley’s house.

Sarah said she still needs a few dozen more cookies for Santa in the Sand on December 9th. Roger was concerned with folks talking during the meeting and “scooters”! He said he would start fining folks. Adam fined himself for talking and then reminded everyone about the Boat Parade on December 8th with food trucks and a band at Baywater Boat Club. We had a guest, Mr. Bill Pohlman, friend and neighbor of Mike Potts which drew some comments. Bill is not a Rotarian—yet. He is interested!! Mr. Cooper, Vice Principal of Bonita Springs Middle School, was with us again. In an effort to have more current songs at the meeting, the group attempted to sing “Grease”. We may have to rethink this song thing. Roger thanked Sherlyna for helping him learn the song before the meeting. She announced the upcoming Rotaract fundraiser, December 11, at the Cohen Center at FGCU. Mr. Bob Gillette introduced our speaker,



David Van Sleet, Founder, Wounded Warrior Softball Team, Louisville Slugger Warriors, made up of active duty soldiers, and veteran amputees. David is a veteran himself of the Vietnam Era. Players are hand selected from around the country and some played college softball before being injured in active duty. David thanked Bob Gillette for his support over the years as well as Bill Banfield who is their announcer. The players wanted to up their game so they are now playing baseball instead of softball! The ages are 20—42. David played some clips—yes, the video worked!

**This week’s program:**  
Jeremy Gentile, Manager,  
Mission United Program—United Way

**Song—“Peaceful Easy Feeling” - Eagles**  
  
I like the way your sparkling earrings lay  
Against your skin so brown.  
And I wanna sleep with you in the desert tonight  
With a billion stars all around.  
  
‘Cause I got a peaceful easy feeling.  
And I know you won’t let me down  
‘Cause I’m already standing  
on the ground.

## Notable Notes



Rotaracter Sherlyna.



Tom Briers had sad news about his sister.



Bobbi loved the pig roast!



Mark is happy his daughter is in town for the holidays.

We are re-instituting the *member vocational minute*. If you have a business or service that will benefit our club members, contact President Claudie. Each meeting a pre-selected member will have the opportunity to speak to the club members for up to three minutes.



Still no winner!  
50/50  
The pot is \$500

### Upcoming Programs

Nov. 28, Steve Aronson-Bonita Bay Veterans' Council  
Dec. 5, Chris Edwards- TriCore Wellness  
Dec 9, Santa in the Sand, Lovers' Key Gazebo  
Dec 11 Rotaract Fundraiser, FGCU Holiday Party  
Dec. 12, Deborah Voorhees-Welcome and Discovery Center at Lovers Key State Park  
Dec, 18, Holiday Party, Don Manley's house  
Dec. 19, Sandra Hemstead-District Governor  
Dec 26, no meeting  
**Birthdays (Nov 18 - Nov 24)**  
**Dave Langendorfer** Nov 24

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### The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs continues Irma relief

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs in conjunction with Rotary International District 6960 has donated \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties' Disaster Recovery Repair (DRP) program. The Rotary Club Bonita Springs raised \$50,000, and the Rotary District 6960 Foundation provided a matching \$50,000. These funds, along with others already donated by seven Rotary clubs in Lee County, will help Habitat's Disaster Recovery Program to assist more than 25 Lee County residents who own their home with repairs because of damage caused by Hurricane Irma. Along with their financial gift, Rotarians will volunteer on a variety of Habitat's DRP projects

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

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER**

**FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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