



Community Service

The club has been engaged in a several week project to help with school opening at the Bonita Springs Elementary School.

For our July 31st meeting, Rotarians brought in a stash of recess playground items. On August 3rd, Rotarians helped with **school clean up day**. it was impressive to see Principal Rob Cooper working along side parents and staff to care for the school.

The following week it was a great morning cooking and serving hotdogs at our Rotary fundraiser for Bonita Springs Elementary School's student activities. It was fun to meet the kids,

parents, and staff of this wonderful school.

Principal **Rob Cooper** said: "We had a very successful Open House full of positive energy and enthusiasm for the new year. Our Rotarians were a very big part of our success." Thanks to all who volunteered for the Hotdog Fundraiser for the kids!



As the culmination of the project to help with school opening, **Aleida Green** and **Rob Cooper** of the Bonita Springs Elementary School accepted a check for \$831 from President Chris Riesen and **Sandy Hemstead**. An additional \$500 was contributed by the club. This is Rotary making a difference in our home town.

Last Week Meeting

President **Chris Riesen** presided. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **Charlie Johnson** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member **Matthew Engblom** read the Four Way Test perfectly.

Song Leader **Mark Generales** gave us some anecdotes about today's song, *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*. He told us of sitting next to Tony Bennett on a flight to New York and, as a younger man, driving from San Diego to San Francisco for breakfast.

Thursday, October 24th is **World Polio Day**. There will be a multi-club celebration that evening in Naples. Save the date.

Roger Brunswick Time

Roger introduced guests and got Happy/Sad\$. **Charlie Johnson** reported that he had a very good experience at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Fort Myers. **Brian Olitsky** promised to attend more frequently now that school is opening. He has two kids in high school and both are on the track and cross country teams that he coaches.



At Wednesday's meeting, it was time to celebrate **Nancy Ross's** birthday. She had already engaged **Steve Krchniak** to lead the singing. Steve got up to conduct a "*Philharmonic style*" rendition. "Wait til you hear this!". And it was well sung!

Last Week Program

Our program speaker this week was attorney **Amy Garrard**. Amy's firm is *AG Employment Law PLLC*. She spoke about "Bully-Proofing Your Organization", told us about bullying in general, and described related Florida Law.

She explained that bullying is unwelcome behavior that occurs over a period of time and is meant to harm someone who feels powerless to respond.



Amy Garrard

She said that a 2017 survey found that 61% were aware of bullying in the workplace; 19% had experienced bullying; and 19% had witnessed bullying.

Amy pointed out that workplace bullying could provide:

- Basis for an emotional distress claim;
- Negative effect on morale;
- Decrease productivity;
- Increase health care costs.

Her presentation was well received with several members waiting to talk with her at the end of the meeting.

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Bob Lombardo provided the framework of a new fund- raiser approved by our Board—a Theater Production scheduled for Christmas Season 2013. It is anticipated that this production will fashioned as a live radio show (calling to mind the Grand Ole Opry or A Prairie Home Companion.) Bob was excited to announce that we have secured the services of a professional director to assist with the project. Currently we in search of a venue to hold the event, volunteers to make the evening come alive, and sponsors to insure its success.

- Aug 28: Julie Pedretti, Nicklaus Children's Hospital
- Sep 4: Dr. Gregory Adkins, Lee County Schools Superintendent
- Sep 5: Club Social, Trianon Hotel. 6 pm
- Sep 11: Carolyn Gallagher, speaker arranged by Steven Slachta to talk about her experience in DC during the 9/11 terrorist attack
- Sep 18: Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections
- Sep 25: Teri Lamaine, CEO Bonita Springs Assistance Office

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**This Week
Karen Watson, Executive
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Birthdays

Ken Lahey Aug 18

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Song: New York, New York

Start spreadin' the news, I'm leavin' today
I want to be a part of it
New York, New York
These vagabond shoes, are longing to stray
Right through the very heart of it
New York, New York

I wanna to wake up, in a city that doesn't sleep
And find I'm king of the hill –
Top of the heap

These little town blues
Are melting away
I'll make a brand new start of it
In old New York
If I can make it there, I'll make it anywhere
It's up to you, New York, New York

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, it is humbling for us to realize that you have made each of us the crown of creation, not just for privilege but to be stewards of Your created order. But we have been called also to be stewards of moral, ethical and spiritual values. Give us a sense of urgency as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Grant to us as responsible citizens and leaders, such strength of character, courage of conviction and compassionate concern, that our influence for good will be felt in every life we touch. Bless now our food to strengthen our bodies, and our fellowship to enrich our relationships. In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen.