

THE ROTARY



CLUB OF

Bonita Springs

August 5, 2020

Week 6

RI, District, Club Leaders

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Len Eckert,
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Last Week

President **Bob Lombardo** presided over a Zoom meeting. There were 37 participants.

Tom Briers presented an appropriate home grown invocation; **Adam Botana** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **John Spear** led the Four Way Test. Song Leader **Mark Generales** showed us a video of *Sweet Caroline* as performed at Pitt athletic contests.

Announcements

Bob is still looking for volunteers to present their Vocational (3) Minute(s). A great chance to describe your business, profession, or motivation for Rotary to the club.



CART

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust
A project of The Rotary Clubs in Southeast US

We still need to keep the **Blue CART Buckets** in mind. Do you have an envelope full of your weekly contributions?

The **Reverse Raffle** has been postponed to Spring 2021. Any tickets sold for the 2020 event may be refunded or used for the 2021 Reverse Raffle.

Please forward any Reverse Raffle ticket stubs and/or money to:

Jim Horein
160 West Clear Lake Drive,
Fremont, Indiana 46737
contact: phone or text: 239-571-9493

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EZ Cash drawings will be two per month starting with the 2nd and 4th meetings of August.

Please forward any EZ Cash ticket stubs and/or money to:

Wendy Spivy
12422 Lake Shalimar Drive,
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
contact: phone or text: 810 728 3090

Update on future fundraisers

Bob announced we are planning the Poinsettia and Christmas Tree sales and the Lovers Kay Boat Show Market and Seafood Fest. Hopefully the Covid 19 virus and/or the City or State will not prevent us from going forward.

In the meantime, we are looking at alternative fundraisers and are assembling a team to investigate and evaluate new fundraisers. If you would like to be included please contact me. I can be reached at 239 628 8800 or bob.lombardo@ashbrokerage.com.

Meeting Note

President Bob starts the Zoom meetings about 7:00 am and keeps the meetings open after the bell. There are plenty of chances to “**meet and greet**” and converse with your fellow members just as you used to do at the Bonita Bay meetings.

Log on to DACdb

Many club records and lots of other Rotary information is available on the DACdb website that the club subscribes to. All Rotarians can access the club data and edit their own contact information. Contact Bob if you have difficulty logging on to the district site:

<https://rotarydistrict6960.org>

Adam Botana Time

Adam greeted **Wendy Arsenault** who joined the meeting from upstate New York. Everyone was muted so there was no back talk.

Nanci Landy offered a report that **Jim Renfro** is slowly healing from his eye surgery and will be ready for eyeglasses in September. Please keep Jim in your prayers.

Roger Brunswick is back in rehab. He will be home in a couple of weeks. Bob Lombardo says, “He is probably selling real estate from his rehab bed.”



Adam admired **Len Eckert**'s beard. “You’ve got a little Pablo Escobar thing going on there”.

Last Week Speaker



Bob Lombardo introduced our Speaker Assistant District Governor for Area 2, **Gerard Sola**. Area 2 includes The Rotary Club of Bonita Spring, The Bonita Naples Club, The Bonita Springs Beach Sunset Club. and The Estero Rotary Club.

Gerard is a member of the Sunset Club and Past President of the Bonita Naples club. His day job is Vice President - Residential Sales at Hotwire Communications. He is responsible for leading the residential sales organization for the west coast of Florida.

Gerard told us of RI President **Holger Knaack**'s theme of "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and described DG **Darryl Keys**' pink flamingo mascot and pink logo shirts.

He urged us to think outside the box to develop new fund raising opportunities and, because of the electronic meetings, to engage potential members who might not be able to attend in-person meetings regularly.

He left us with this thought:

"Do you truly appreciate the significance of being a part of this glorious past and present? As Rotarians, you are special people and millions around the world would be happy to confirm that fact.

What is a Rotarian?

- A Rotarian is a person who digs wells from which they will never drink,
- A person who vaccinates children they will never meet,
- Who restores sight for those they will never see,
- Who builds houses they will never live in,
- Who educates children they will never know,
- Who plants trees they will never sit under,
- Who feeds hungry people, regardless of race, religion or politics,
- Who makes crawlers walk half a world away,
- Who knows real happiness, which as Albert Schweitzer said, can only be found by serving others."

This Week Program

August 5th - Mary Asta, Executive Director, Garguilo Education Center



First Thursday Social

Bob Lombardo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Bring your beverage and significant other or a prospective member. We are planning a surprise, you don't want to miss it. So, "tune" in this coming **Thursday** at 6 PM. Check your email for the Zoom link.

Topic: Rotary First Thursday Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet Thursday August 6 / 6 to 8 PM.

Upcoming Programs

August 12th - Tiffany Esposito, President and CEO, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

August 19th - Tami Balavage, Founder/President, Help a Diabetic Child

August 26th - Gary Darling, Retired Major League Umpire

Birthdays (Aug 2 = Aug 8)

Paul Messino Aug 2

Jim Burger Aug 3

Steve Krchniak Aug 5

Wendy Arsenault Aug 7

Eileen Tasso Aug 8

This Morning's Invocation

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that "man does not live by bread alone."

We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual.

Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others.

We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched. Amen.

Rotary Sings: Defying Gravity

Idina Menzel, Kristin Chenoweth

Something has changed within me
Something is not the same
I'm through with playing by the rules
Of someone else's game
Too late for second-guessing
Too late to go back to sleep
It's time to trust my instincts
Close my eyes: and leap!

It's time to try
Defying gravity
I think I'll try
Defying gravity
And you can't pull me down!

I'm through accepting limits
'Cuz someone says they're so
Some things I cannot change
But till I try, I'll never know!
Too long I've been afraid of
Losing love I guess I've lost
Well, if that's love
It comes at much too high a cost!
I'd sooner buy
Defying gravity
Kiss me goodbye
I'm defying gravity
And you can't pull me down:

3 Years ago

President **Jon McLeod** presided. After the pre-game Meet and Greet, **Wayne Hemstead** presented the invocation; Jon's kids, **Mia** and **Niko**, led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Sue Masters** re-cited the Four Way Test with gusto.

Vince Modarelli courageously stepped forward to lead the singing of *Summer Wind*. He earned a round of applause for his effort.

12 Years ago

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

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.

50/50



\$1,300 ±

The Four 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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