

THE ROTARY



CLUB OF

**Bonita
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July 29, 2020

Week 5

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Last Week

President **Bob Lombardo** presided over a Zoom meeting. There were 39 participants.

Mark Generales presented the invocation; **Adam Botana** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Don Manley**, from Hilton Head, stumbled through the Four Way Test. Song Leader **Mark Generales** showed us a video of John Fogerty's *Centerfield* as preparation for the start of the baseball season.



Bob asked for a minute of silence for member **Frank Liles Jr** who passed away this week. He is a native of Bonita Springs, served as president of the Bonita Springs Jaycees, and as a director of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a commissioner of Bonita Springs Fire and Rescue, and a member of the Cypress Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Araba Shrine Temple in Fort

Myers. He has been a director of Bonita Springs Utilities since 1986.

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Announcements

Bob asked if members would prefer having the meeting at a later hour rather than the 7:30 am start. Let Bob know if you have a preference.

Chris Riesen reported that he had 12 volunteers for the Disaster Preparedness Committee. "Thank You".

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?

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.

Adam Botana Time

Adam noted that Past President **John Spear** was at the meeting. (John will be celebrating his 37th anniversary of club membership this week.)

Past President **Jim Dati** settled for a Birthday ShoutOut and a "Go Cubs."

Rex Sims offered \$92 for his birthday celebration and reported "walk up ice cream sales are pretty good and I ate a little ice cream myself."

Ray Faubion reported the birth of his fourth grandchild in Melbourne, FL.

Last Week Speaker

Marjorie Rubacky introduced

Bonnie Whittemore President of the ***Bonita Springs Historical Society***.

Bonnie was brought up on a large, Ohio farm and got her college degree and pilot's license in Boston. She worked for Digital Equipment Corp and HP as a project and program manager.

Bonnie retired to Bonita in 2002. She became interested in the history of the city and in researching how Bonita became such a well-rounded, small city.



The Historical Society is working with the City's Preservation Board trying to preserve and protect historical documents and places. She believes the city

needs to have a small museum to store and display historical documents so the history is not lost.

For instance, in 1891, the Johnson family purchased Mound Key receiving a deed signed by President Benjamin Harrison. Johnson family descendants have been a great source of information.

Bonnie says that trying to discover and put together history has been “fun for me”. She told us of famous movies that used the WonderGarden as a backdrop; the first bank opening in 1963; the first swamp buggy; and the infamous Dome Restaurant. And there is a 72 pound meteorite in the Smithsonian in D.C. known as the Bonita Springs Meteorite.

She is enthusiastic about her project to get a small museum. “We need to work hard with the City, the Preservation Board, and other organizations to try to get a museum to display the history of Bonita.”

This Week Program

This week’s speaker will be Area 2 Governor **Gerard Sola** from the Bonita Beach Sunset Club.

Upcoming Programs

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

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 (July 26-Aug 1)

Nick Steinbach July 26

This Morning’s Invocation

O God, whose summer schedule never includes vacation from your sovereign surveillance over the world, and your merciful vigilance over us in daily life, we are comforted by that knowledge.

Knowing that moral and ethical principles are not seasonal, we pray for strength to implement them in daily life and work.

Help us to review our loyalties and to recommit ourselves to those we know should have high priority .

Grant your blessing to us as we have gratefully partaken of the gift of food and share fully in table fellowship.

Then go with us as we go out to meet the opportunities for service awaiting us in places unknown at the moment. Amen.

Rotary Sings: Sweet Caroline

Where it began,
I can't begin to knowin'.
But then I know it's growing strong
Was in the spring
And spring became the summer,
Who'd have believed you'd come along.
Hands, touchin' hands
Reachin' out, touchin' me, touchin' you
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good.
I've been inclined,
To believe they never would
Oh, no no.
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good.
Sweet Caroline,
I believe they never could.
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good.
Sweet Caroline....

3 Years ago

Roger Brunswick called **Sue Masters** to the front. Sue had volunteered to be the substitute song leader but showed up at her usual, after the bell, hour. She sang a solo rendition of *Sweet Caroline* that was mighty fine. So good, that Roger forgave the late fine.

12 Years ago

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Jack Blake** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Linda Ritzert** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of *Old Folks at Home*.

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

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\$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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