



The Spoke



Merry Christmas

We are sold out of Christmas Trees! No more shifts at the tent for this season. Thanks to the crew that ran the tree sales this year and to all the volunteers! Special thanks to Jim Burger who did a super job running the tent and being there every day and almost every shift. Also Kae Moore who was there every day helping Jim. *That is service above self!*



President Bob said he knows we are all receiving charitable requests from many entities this time of year. Keep in mind that our own Rotary Club Foundation welcomes donations from our club members and they are **tax deductible**. He is declaring December, Rotary Club Foundation Giving Month. Write a check to The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation and send to PO Box 474, Bonita Springs, FL 24133 or Go on our website www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. Go on the member page (password is inspiration) click on other payments, insert the amount of your choice and write in "donation to Club Foundation".

This Week's Program:
 Captain Ryan Marquette, Three Military Tours

This Morning's Invocation

Most Holy God, to whom we turn in the midst of Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, we are thankful for the meaning of these holidays. In our respective worship situations outside of Rotary, we pray that inspiration may be gained to better fulfill our Rotarian calling of looking to the needs of others. Make us zealous to accomplish more. Bless all special family gatherings held during these holidays. Bless our guests who have come to share with us. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the opportunity for Zoom fellowship. Keep us in your loving care until we meet again. Amen.



The Hanukkah Song
 Adam Sandler

Put on your yarmulke, Here comes Hanukkah,
 So much funukkah, To celebrate Hanukkah

Hanukkah is The Festival of Lights
 Instead of one day of presents we have eight
 crazy nights!

When you feel like the only kid in town Without a
 Christmas tree, Here's a list of people who are Jewish just like
 you and me

David Lee Roth lights the Menorah, So does James Caan, Kirk
 Douglas and the late Dina Shore-ah, Guess who eats together at
 the Carnegie Deli? Bowzer from Sha Na Na and Arthur Fonzerelli

Paul Newman's half Jewish, Goldie Hawn's half too.
 Put them together, what a fine looking Jew!

You don't need "Deck the Halls" or "Jingle Bell Rock"
 Cause you can spin a dreidel with Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock
 (both Jewish!)

Put on your yarmulke Its time for Hanukkah. The owner of the
 Seattle Supersonic-ahs Celebrates Hanukkah

O.J. Simpson: not a Jew But guess who is?: Hall-of-famer Rod
 Carew (he converted). We got Ann Landers and her sister Dear
 Abby, Harrison Ford's a quarter Jewish - not too shabby!

Some people think that Ebenezer Scrooge is Well he's not, but
 guess who is?: All three Stooges!

So many Jews are in showbiz Tom Cruise isn't, but I heard his
 agent is

Tell your friend Veronica Its time you celebrate Hanukkah
 I hope I get a harmonica on this lovely, lovely Hanukkah

So drink your gin and tonic-ah And smoke your marijuani-kkah
 If you really, really wanna-kkha, Have a happy, happy, happy,
 happy Hanukkah

Happy Hanukkah!

Notable Notes

4 Years ago

Bob Lombardo stepped up to offer his **Vocational Service Moment**. He was born and raised around Hartford, and lived and worked there until 2006 when he moved here permanently. He has owned a home here since 1990 and considers Bonita his home town. He lives with wife **Theresa** and son **Robert** in Bonita Bay. They have three children and four grandchildren. Robert, and tuition money, are in his first year at Virginia Tech. Bob spent 4 years in the US Navy, graduated from Central Connecticut State College and began his career at Travelers Insurance as a home office life and disability underwriter. After ten years of home office underwriting, he joined an agency as an in-house underwriter. He assisted insurance professionals in evaluating and negotiating the best price for their clients by working with the home office underwriters as one of their peers. Bob now represents approximately 40 insurance carriers and provides insurance products for independent insurance agents in Florida and New England. "I love what I do and don't ever plan on retiring." He says, "One of the best things anyone has ever done for me was when **Roger Brunswick** asked me to come to a Rotary Meeting. Since I have become a member of Rotary, I have 100 friends I never would have had. My closest friends are in this room. "Rotary has given me an opportunity to give back very efficiently and is one of the best things I have ever done. Thank you all for being my friends and being my fellow Rotarians."

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?



Upcoming Programs

12/23— no meeting!

12/25— Merry Christmas!

12/30/20, Stephanie Kissinger, Waste Management

Birthdays (Dec 13 - Dec 19)

Joe Yard (rr) Dec 16

Theresa Lombardo (Bob's wife) Dec 13

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Club Happenings

Congratulations to ROB COOPER who has been awarded Principal of The Year!

LEE COUNTY, Fla. — The School District of Lee County is proud to announce Rob Cooper, Principal at Bonita Springs Elementary School, as the Principal of the Year. Cooper was appointed principal of Bonita Springs Elementary School in 2018, after previously leading Mirror Lakes Elementary and Rayma C. Page Elementary. To benefit his students, Cooper is involved with both civic and community groups resulting in school supplies, money, Christmas gifts for all students, a mobile pantry, recess supplies, and supplemental academic materials being donated to the school. "I am honored to receive this recognition and to represent our highly skilled and dedicated group of principals in Lee County," Cooper says. "It has been a privilege to serve our students and staff. This has been an incredibly engaging year, where, I have had a wealth of opportunities to participate in many roles within our school, Bonita Springs Elementary, and in our community of Bonita Springs. I am appreciative of Superintendent Adkins and his Cabinet for their confidence in me."

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