



President Jim rang the bell. Mike Poff read The Invocation, Joe Muralo led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and Stefan did the Four Way Test.

Mark led us in song, God Bless America.



Mike Poff reported on the Reverse Raffle—Save The Date!

Rex Sims underwent surgery yesterday, removing his cancerous kidney. All went well, and he is hoping to be home this weekend. Continue to keep Rex and the rest of the Sims family in our thoughts and prayers.



Jane Liles, wife of the late Frank Liles and former member of the club, suffered a stroke on New Year's Eve and is in a long-term rehabilitation facility, in Blue Ridge, GA. She is only able to communicate with a few words. Her cognitive abilities are continuing to improve. It would do a lot to lift her spirits as she works to recovery if you could send her a card letting her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers and wishing her well. Jane Liles c/o Pruitt Health Blue Ridge 99 Ouida Street Blue Ridge, GA 30513



At today's meeting we met 9-year-old **Logan Stryker** and his family and heard the heart-wrenching story of his battle with cancer. Logan has been battling a rare type of bone cancer since 2022. He has undergone surgery and many rounds of chemotherapy. Unfortunately, his cancer has returned, and he needs additional treatment and assistance with funding. If you would like to help Logan continue his battle, I have inserted a link to his Go-Fund Me Page. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lets-help-logan-stryke-out-cancer>



Kyle Moran spoke to the group about the "Coming Attractions in Downtown Bonita Springs"

I Love Being Here with You.
Music and lyrics by Peggy Lee and her husband Dave Barbour



I love the East. I love the West
And North and South they're both the best.
But I only go there as a guest.
'Cause I love bein' here with you.

I love the sea. I love the shore.
I love the Rocks and what is more,
With you they'd never be a bore.
'Cause I love bein' here with you

Singin' in the shower, laughing by the hour,
Life is such a breezy game.
Love all kinds of weather, long as we're together.
I love to hear you say my name.

I love good wine and fine cuisine,
And candle lights. I like the scene
But baby, you know what I mean
I love bein' here with you.

I like a dance by Fred Astaire
And Brando's eyes, Yul Brynner's hair,
But I think to tell you's only fair
That I love bein' here with you.

And Cary Grant, oh do dah day,
His utter charm takes me away,
But don't get me wrong. How do you say,
"I love bein' here with you. "?

Basie's band is swinging. I like Ella's singing.
But there's something else, you know.
They know how to say it. They know how to play it. They wind it up and let it go.

I love the thrill of New York shows.
I'd love to kiss Durante's nose.
But I'd like to say before I close,
That, "I love bein' here with you. Oh yeah.
"I love bein' here with you. "

Life is such a breezy game.
Love all kinds of weather, long as we're together.
I love to hear you say my name.

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Joe's Corner



Dear Heavenly Father, We gather before Your presence today with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. As we come together in this space, we acknowledge Your sovereign presence that unites us. Almighty God, we thank You for the blessings of life, the grace that sustains us, and the love that surrounds us. In this moment, we seek Your guidance, wisdom, and strength as we embark on our journey today. We lift up our hearts in prayer for any specific intentions that might be in our hearts. May Your divine light illuminate our path, and Your unfailing love be our source of inspiration. As we join in fellowship, may Your grace bind us together, transcending our individual differences. May this gathering be a reflection of Your love, bringing joy, harmony, and purpose to each participant. Amen.

Upcoming Programs

- Jan 25, Ben Nelson, "60 Years of the Adventures of Downtown Bonita becoming an Overnight Sensation"
- Jan 26, Everblades
- Jan 27, Service Project at BSEC
- Feb 1, Doug Pratt, Scotland and it's impact on the US and the world
- Feb 1, 1st Thursday Social
- Feb 3—4th Wonder Gardens
- Feb 8—Snowtarians Meeting

April 6th, Reverse Raffle SAVE THE DATE!

Birthdays

- Mike Poff, Jan 25
- Donna Marcotte, Feb 2
- Gary Price, Feb 9
- Jim Fitzpatrick, Feb 12
- Kevin Swanepole, Feb 12
- George Cohan, Feb 15
- Neil Anderson, Feb 20
- Suzanne Masters, Feb 22
- Dr. Steve McIntosh, Feb 25



Rotarians of The Month

- Rex Sims—July
- Angela Swanepoel—August
- Alan & Marjo White—September
- Julie Pedretti—October
- Eileen Tasso—November
- Larry Vars—December



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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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