



President Jim Burger rang the bell, Jason Pavich read the Invocation and Joe led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speaker this week is a fellow Rotarian and State Representative, Adam Botana.



**1st Thursday, this week at the Wonder Gardens** We will be joining the celebration of the new agreement between the Wonder Gardens and the City of Bonita Springs. **Please be sure you have RSVP'd by email- ing: [events@wondergardens.org](mailto:events@wondergardens.org)**

**Celebrate Bonita, was a fun event with great music.** We had a great team of Rotarians and volunteers from the Bonita Springs Assistance office working together.

**Installation and Awards Banquet** – Sign up genius was sent out for this May 16<sup>th</sup> event. We would like to have everyone **signed up for the event by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Remember the club is picking up the tab for dinner. A cash bar will be available. Remember there will be **no club meeting on Thursday, May 16th.**



**On Friday, May 10th,** Area 2 District Governor Jim Fabry will be hosting a **get-together at Rooftops for the 4 area clubs from 5pm – 7pm.** Appetizers will be provided along with a cash bar.



**Sponsorship program for 2024-2025** was recently introduced. A copy was sent to all members. We have a short window to sell sponsorships for next Rotary year, which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our first club fundraiser at which we will promote our sponsors is the July 4<sup>th</sup> event at Riverside Park. So far, we have

We had a very good response, many from last year will renew their sponsorship. **However, we would like to expand our sponsorship support, and we need all Rotarians to assist with bringing in or identifying additional sponsors. For questions or details, please touch-base with Vince Modarelli or Julie Pedretti.**



Rotary Sings:

M-O-T-H-E-R

By T. Morse

M is for the million things she gave me.  
 O means only that she's growing old.  
 T is for the tears she shed to save me.  
 H is for her heart of purest gold.  
 E is for her eyes with love light shining.  
 R means right and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell mother,  
 A word that means the world to me.

**50/50**

**\$500**



## Joe's Corner



Let us pray silently together, each of us according to our individual beliefs. Let us offer thanks for our food, blessings for one another and for ab-

sent friends Let us be a source of hope for those in need, and contentment for those who are lonely. Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Rotary. Let the feelings of love, kindness, and a well-directed, yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions. God of the Universe, since we are not conscious enough to fathom your ebb and flow, help us then to bring our best efforts to what we can know. To love our friends and family. To treat our employees and fellow workers fairly. To seek justice. To help those in need. To be the best that we can be, And to live by the four way test. Amen

### Upcoming Programs

5/2- Adam Botana, our State Representative  
5/9- Peter O'Flinn, Creating and running Spotlight and Light Up Naples  
5/16—meeting cancelled  
5/16—Annual Installation Dinner  
5/23- Jeff Estes, Principal of Bonita HS  
5/30- Presidential Jim Burger, Club Assembly

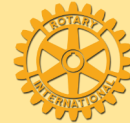
### Birthdays

Gerry Myers, 5/2  
Jillian Fiora, 5/4  
GT Tasso, 5/5  
Jason Pavick, 5/8  
Chirs Riesen, 5/12  
Jeannine Lynn, 5/13  
Ray Faubion, 5/29  
Julie Pedretti, 5/29



### Rotarians of The Month

Rex Sims—July  
Angela Swanepoel—August  
Alan & Marjo White—September  
Julie Pedretti—October  
Eileen Tasso—November  
Larry Vars—December  
Mike Poff, January  
Mark G. & Meg W.—February  
Dr. Robert Landy, March



### **2023-2024 Rotary International and Distict Leadership**

#### **Rotary International President**

R. Gordon R. McInally, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland

#### **District 6960 Governor**

Alfred Current III, The Rotary Club of Englewood

#### **Area 2 Assistant Governor**

Jim Fabry, The Rotary Club of Bonita Naples

#### **2021-2022 Club Officers**

President Jim Burger  
President-Elect Joe Murgalo  
Secretary Julie Pedretti  
Treasurer – Lynda Waterhouse  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Joe Murgalo  
Past President—Eileen Tasso

#### **Members of the Board**

Jim Burger, Eileen Tasso, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti, Joe Murgalo

#### **2021-2024**

Donna Flammang, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mike Poff

#### **2022-2025**

Rob Cooper, Donna Marcotte, Ken Lahey

#### **2023-2026**

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy

#### **Trustees of The Foundation**

Chris Riesen, President; Gary Price, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Steve McIntosh, Kae Moore, Eileen Tasso, Ron Anderson, Trustees

Rotary  **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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