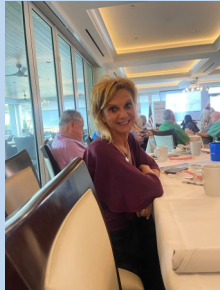




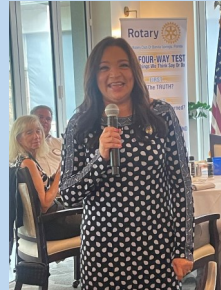
President Joe Murgalo rang the bell, Past President Jim Burger read The Invocation, Bob led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, and Rob Cooper did The Four Way Test. Meg led us in song, Somewhere Over The Rainbow.



Our club has an opportunity to split a container (280) of wheelchairs with The East Nassau Rotary Club once again.



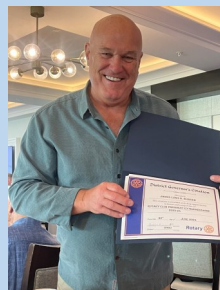
The wheelchair foundation has subsidized the amount from \$200 to \$100 each and the Foundation will match us chair for chair. Our goal is 140 chairs. We have 48 chairs committed by members or a total of 96 committed—22 (44) to go! Thanks to all that have donated so far.



We sad a fond farewell to Rob Cooper and welcomed his replacement at BSES!



Jason and Stefan reported on the passing of Logan Stryker.



Dr. Wendy was glad to be backed and said she missed us while she was away!

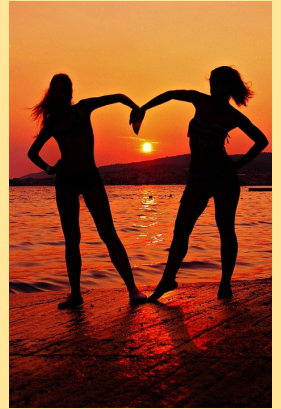


Jim Burger was honored for being a Club President Extraordinaire.



Dana Burnette, Lee Country Economic Development Council gave an enlightening presentation.

Rotary Sings:  
Something



Something in the way she moves  
Attracts me like no other lover  
Something in the way she woos me  
I don't want to leave her now

You know I believe and how  
Somewhere in her smile she knows  
That I don't need no other lover

Something in her style that shows me  
I don't want to leave her now  
You know I believe and how  
You're asking me will my love grow  
I don't know, I don't know

You stick around, now it may show  
I don't know, I don't know

Something in the way she knows  
And all I have to do is think of her  
Something in the things she shows me  
I don't want to leave her now  
You know I believe and how



**50/50**

**\$500**



## The President's Corner

Please join us on Saturday, August 17th to watch the Tampa Bay Rays play the Arizona Diamondbacks at the Tropicana Field. The game starts at 4:00 PM.



This is a partnered event with the 4 Rotary Districts in Florida. Order your tickets now on DACDB. \$10 from every ticket sold goes to help strike out Polio. What better way to start 2024-2025 Rotary year than with some Rotary FUN and education at Rotary Leadership Institute?

Join Rotarians from around Southwest Florida for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Gulf Coast Florida Division on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

Courses 1, 2 and 3 will be offered at Woodland Middle School in North Port. Check-in is 8:15am and classes are from 9:00am until 3:15pm. RLI offers in-depth knowledge of Rotary and valued leadership skills that will prove beneficial to you in your future professional or voluntary leadership roles. It's also a great place to meet Rotarians from other clubs and share ideas.

## Upcoming Programs

August 1, First Thursday, Hyatt, Coconut Point  
August 8: Creating a Healthier Population, Dr. Iahn Gonsenhaus, Chief Medical Officer, Lee Health  
August 15: Launching a New Era for the Historical Wonder Gardens, Neil Anderson, President & CEO  
August 22: Building a Thriving Community Theater in a Newly Renovated Home, SPEAKER TBD, The Naples Players  
August 29: Protecting and Preserving Florida's Water Resources, Dr. Paul Hindsley, Chief Economist, The Everglades Foundation

## Birthdays—lots of August babies

Paul Messino, 8/2  
Jim Burger, 8/3  
Dr. Wendy Arsenault, 8/7  
Eileen Tasso, 8/8  
Angela Swanepoel 8/11  
Nancy Ross, 8/12



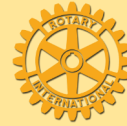
## Rotarians of The Month

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  
Donna Marcotte—April



Let us pray.

We gather here today with open hearts and open minds, united in purpose and spirit. Let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the significance of this gathering. We give thanks for the opportunity to come together, to share ideas, to celebrate our successes, and to support one another through challenges. We acknowledge the diverse perspectives and experiences that each person brings to this gathering, and we honor the richness that this diversity brings to our collective experience. May our discussions be guided by mutual respect and understanding. May we listen with compassion and speak with kindness. Let us strive to build connections that foster growth, cooperation, and harmony. As we embark on this journey together, may we find inspiration and strength in one another. Let us be mindful of our shared humanity and our common goals, and let us work together to create a better, more inclusive future for all. Amen



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

### **Rotary International President**

Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania

### **District 6960 Governor**

Kelsey Mitchell, The Rotary Club of Bonita Sunset

### **Area 2 Assistant Governor**

Dee Fabry, The Rotary Club of Bonita Naples

### **2023-2024 Club Officers**

President Joe Murgalo  
President-Elect Julie Pedretti  
Secretary Kelli Groom  
Treasurer – Lynda Waterhouse  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Bob Lombardo  
Past President—Jim Burger

### **Members of the Board**

Jim Burger, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti,  
Joe Murgalo  
**2021-2024**  
Jim Fitzpatrick, Mike Poff  
**2022-2025**  
Rob Cooper, Donna Marcotte, Ken Lahey  
**2023-2026**  
Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy,  
2024—2027  
Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff

### **Trustees of The Foundation**

Chris Riesen, President; Gary Price, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Jim Burger, 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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