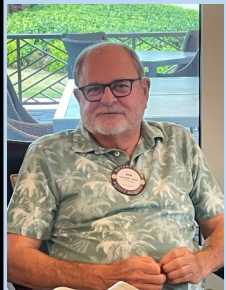




President Joe Murgalo rang the bell at his first meeting as President and brought back the Club tradition of the meet and greet!! Kae did the Invocation, Bob led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and Mark led us in song, American The Beautiful.



Ken is leaving us! We will miss him, but he's just up the road so maybe he will visit!



Our District leadership was present, including Dee Fabry and her husband Jim!

And the Landy's had some Joys and Concerns, but mostly Joys!



The beautiful and hardworking Angela Swanepoel!



It was time to celebrate Rex Sims birthday with his son, Steve!



FGCU Water School's Dr. Win Everham joined us after an evening of studying frogs.

Rotary Sings



Over the Rainbow  
Lyrics by Yip Harburg.  
Music by Harold Arlen

When all the world is a hopeless jumble, and  
the raindrops tumble all around,  
Heaven opens a magic lane.  
When all the clouds darken up the skyway,  
there's a rainbow highway to be found,  
Leading from your window pane, to a place  
behind the sun, just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high,  
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue  
and the dreams that you dare to dream really  
do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up  
where the clouds are far behind me,  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops,  
away above the chimney tops,  
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly,  
Birds fly over the rainbow.  
Why, then, oh why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly, beyond the rainbow,  
why, oh why can't I?

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**\$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

Very few July babies.



## 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

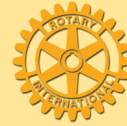
Dr. Robert Landy—March

Donna Marcotte—April



Let us pray.

Dear Lord, as we gather in assembly, we pray to You to instill in us the best of intentions in fulfilling Rotary ideals. We have no problem in remembering the “Four Way Test” or “Service Above Self” when we are assembled here. As You are aware, it sometime becomes difficult to remember those messages in our daily activities. We pray that You be with us perpetually, as counsel, as we go through every day life because Your principals are Rotary principals. Amen.



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

### **Rotary International President**

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

### **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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