



President Joe rang the bell and announced the meet and greet. He also read The Invocation. Dr. Steve and a young Interact member did The Four Way Test. Mark and the Landy's led us in song.



Officers and Directors Elected for 2025-2026

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs nominating committee of Abbe Guddal, Jan Hildebrandt, Dave Shellenbarger, Bob Lombardo and Julie Pedretti nominated the following officers and directors, who were voted in by Rotary Club members at their meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19.



Secretary: Lynda Waterhouse
 Treasurer: Jim Fitzpatrick
 Directors (2025-2028): Steve McIntosh, Steve Sims
 Sargeant-at-Arms: Vince Modarelli



Installation Dinner Date Set

President-Elect Julie Pedretti has scheduled the installation dinner for the 2025-2026 officers and directors for 6 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025 at Spring Run County Club. Please mark your calendars. Details to follow.



Are You Attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary?

If you plan to attend the Rotary International Convention in Calgary (June 20-25), please let Julie Pedretti know. She will connect with attendees in advance to organize where to meet to attend the Opening Ceremony and other events as a group, and to possibly schedule dinner together.



Rotary Sings:

Should old acquaintance be forgot
 and never brought to mind?
 Should old acquaintance be forgot
 and old lang syne?



[Chorus - this part repeats after every verse]
 For auld lang syne, my dear
 for auld lang syne
 we'll take a cup of kindness yet
 for auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup
 and surely I'll buy mine
 And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet
 for auld lang syne.

We two have run about the slopes
 and picked the daisies fine;
 But we've wandered many a weary foot
 since auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream
 from morning sun till dine
 But seas between us broad have roared
 since auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty friend
 And give me a hand o' thine
 And we'll take a right goodwill draught
 for auld lang syne Good tidings for Christmas
 And a happy new year

50/50

\$1,312.50



Wrapping gifts for homeless children!



Birthdays

- Bob Langhans, 12/29
- Vince Modarelli, 12/30
- Ron Anderson, 1/8
- Craig Hamet, 1/12
- Don Manley, 1/12
- Donna Flammang, 1/17
- Bob Rosier, 1/19
- Marjorie Rubacky, 1/19
- Mike Poff, 1/25



Upcoming Programs

- 1/2—Mike Gibson, Mayor Bonita Springs
- 1/9—Stefan Gehrold
- 1/16 -J. Dudley Goodlette, Member of Florida House, 1999-2007, most of Collier County, “Bush v. Gore, 2000
- 1/23—Ralph Oakley. Former CEO of Quincy Media, Quincy IL.
- 1/30 “Introducing Bonita Springs Assistance Office Leadership; Darcy Eikenberg, Cindy Cedeno and Caily Martin.”

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
- Dr. Steve McIntosh—May
- Michelle Matuszak—August
- Vince Modarelli—September



**Invocation:
Let us pray....**

Let us take a moment to reflect on the year behind us and the possibilities that lie ahead.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, let our hearts be filled with gratitude for the experiences that have shaped us and brought us to this moment. May we embrace the lessons learned, cherishing the joys and overcoming the challenges with resilience and grace. May this year be one of unity and understanding, where differences are celebrated, and kindness is the language we speak to one another. May love guide our actions and understanding be our companion. May peace, joy, and prosperity be with us all in the days ahead. Happy New Year!



2024-2025 Rotary International and Distict 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

2024-2025 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, Kelli Groom

2022-2025

Dr. Steve McIntosh, Donna Marcotte

2023-2026

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy,

2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff, Jim Fitzpatrick

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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