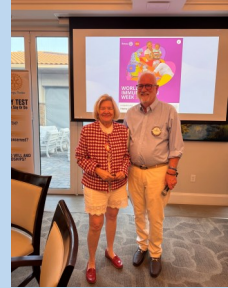




President Joe rang the bell! Everyone did the meet and great! Bob led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and Mark led us in song.



Kelli Groom served as Sargent-at-Arms today.



Abbe Guddal gave her first happy dollars to celebrate her San Diego baseball team's great season start.



Jim Fitzpatrick was happy about the 2025-2026 Rotary Club leadership planning meeting held yesterday afternoon.



Celebrated Paul Helbing's birthday, although he wasn't listed in the Spoke **(Editors Note - Please check in dacdb to make sure you information is updated!).**



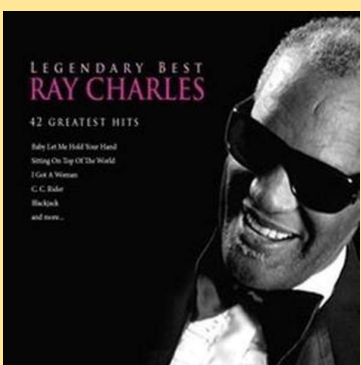
Joe Murgalo donated to the blue bucket (CART) in honor of Nanci Landy who was unable to attend today's meeting.



The Rotary Club of Estero is having its Annual Golf Fundraiser on Saturday, May 24th at the Spring Run Country Club. Contact President Steven Meyer for more info! And if golfing isn't your thing, perhaps beautiful jewelry is. Amore Jewelers is providing this stunning Art-Deco pendant for the raffle this year. It is valued at \$2,599.00.

Karen Moore, publisher of Southwest Florida Business Today

Rotary Sings:



Georgia, Georgia  
The whole day through (the whole day through)  
Just an old sweet song  
Keeps Georgia on my mind (Georgia on my mind)

I said Georgia  
Georgia  
A song of you (a song of you)  
Comes as sweet and clear  
As moonlight through the pines

Other arms reach out to me  
Other eyes smile tenderly  
Still in peaceful dreams I see  
The road leads back to you

I said Georgia  
Oh Georgia, no peace I find (no peace I find)  
Just an old sweet song  
Keeps Georgia on my mind (Georgia on my mind)

Other arms reach out to me  
Other eyes smile tenderly  
Still in peaceful dreams I see  
The road leads back to you

Whoa-whoa, Georgia  
Georgia  
No peace, no peace I find  
Just an old, sweet song  
Keeps Georgia on my mind (Georgia on my mind)

I said just an old sweet song  
Keeps Georgia on my mind



**50/50**  
**\$3,259.00**  
**Not many**  
**cards are left!**



Rotary members and friends from across the globe will soon gather for the 2025 [Rotary International Convention](#) from 21 to 25 June in Calgary, Canada. The convention promises to be an extraordinary opportunity to connect, gain insights from distinguished speakers, and share hope.

If you attend, don't miss these breakout sessions about growing membership, engaging members, and enhancing public image:

- Key Steps to 25% Annual Membership Growth
- Attracting the Next Generation of Rotarians
- ChatGPT and AI: Creating Efficiency and Engagement
- What the Public Thinks of Rotary and Why it Matters
- Impactful Change: Membership Strategies

Let us pray....



Lord of the Universe, as Rotarians, we are generally blessed with lives of relative luxury, and opportunities unknown to many. Help us to review our checkbooks, and, indeed, the registers of our lives with honesty as we consider our priorities, and our opportunity to help others. Open our hearts, while still providing us with appropriate fruits of our own labors. Help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership, and creativity to make our city, our nation, and our world, a better place filled with the peace and love that you can bring through us. Amen.

**Birthdays**

Adam Botana, April 27  
Stephen Hiatt, April 30



**Upcoming Programs**

April 24 Jim Scartz, -speaking about Learn2Earn  
May 1. — Lora Taylor, Director of Communications and Events for the City of Bonita Springs  
May 8th — Karen Gustafson. — Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Senior Center  
May 15th. Alyona Ushe, Executive Director of Arts Bonita  
May 22nd. Nicole Perino, Parks Director for the City of Bonita Springs  
May 29th. - Deb Orton, Executive Director of BERT



**25 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

**Rotarians of The Month**

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  
Carl Nickel—October  
Jim Horein—November





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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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