



**Christmas Goodies:** If you are making goodies for the bake sale on Friday night for Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus visit and elementary students caroling, please bring them to Thursday's meeting or to the Rotary Christmas Tree tent area (in front of For Heaven Shakes) by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. If you have questions, reach out to Angela Swanepoel: [aswanepoel@gmail.com](mailto:aswanepoel@gmail.com) or 203.915.4275.

**Upcoming Programs:**

**This Week – December 4:** December Speaker Chair Steve Sims will introduce Clay Miller with London Bay Homes to talk about Salt Leaf Ritz-Carlton Residences.

**Upcoming:** Dec. 11: TBD | Dec. 18: Shane Klepko, Harwick Homes, will discuss the new FEMA rules adopted by the City of Bonita Springs and how properties in the flood zones will benefit.

**Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Sales Tent:** Sales are going well at our new location but please **continue promoting** our new location and schedule for Christmas Tree to your family members, neighbors, friends and community. (Flyer attached). Sign up for shifts on Sign Up Genius (email message from Lynda Waterhouse) or reach out to Stefan Gehrold.

**Rotary Raffle With a Twist – March 21, 2026:** Reach out to Mike Poff if you are able to assist in securing silent auction items, including gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, golf courses and retail stores. Even helping to secure two or three items will make a big difference in the funds we are able to raise to support our community. Mike: 989.330.1524

**Community Service Projects:**

**Warm Clothing for Foster Kids:** Angela Swanepoel, chair of the Community Service Committee, is still collecting sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, socks and other clothing to Doug at FK Your Diet. Please continue to bring new or gently used items for teens up to age 18.

**Wine & Wonder:** Last call to help direct guests and provide wine (and beer) at the annual fundraiser at the Wonder Gardens on Friday, Dec. 12. Connect with Angela Swanepoel for details.

**Arts Bonita:** Reach out to Angela or Alyona Ushe for opportunities to join other Rotarians to greet guests at selected events.



**Service Projects**

Every Monday: Food distributions with Meals of Hope at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Beach Road, 1 - 5 p.m.

Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Sales: Watch for details.

Rotary Raffle with a Twist: Saturday, March 21, 2026

**Opportunities for Service:**

**Be a Greeter:** Take a week to greet members, speakers and guests at the Welcome Desk to help everyone feel welcome and engaged. Only four (4) spots remain through the end of the year!



**First Thursdays**

Dec—Holiday Party at The Waterhouse Manse 1/8/25—open

Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4 open



**50/50  
\$100  
Winner**



## Upcoming Programs

Dec 19, Waterhouse Christmas Party.



## Everglades Hockey with Your Rotary Friends:

Alan and Marjo White have organized opportunities to attend Everglades Hockey Games at the Hertz Arena, once a month through April. If we have 20 people (Rotarians, family members, friends, neighbors) attend, our Rotary Club could receive as much as \$2,000 for participating in their special program. Some games offer special beer & hot dog prices. Save the dates (evening games):

Saturday, Dec. 13

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Wednesday, March 25

Friday, April 10

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. "Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose to **do good in the world**. Let's build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all."

## Our 2025-2026 Rotary Club Goals

1. Grow membership (to 81 members--net 4) As a Club, we can have a greater impact with additional quality members; together we will find ways to diversity our membership, increase participation and offer new opportunities for personal and professional connections.
2. Enhance the Club Experience: Find new ways to make our meetings, socials, fundraising activities and service projects more appealing and engaging – for us and for prospective Members.
3. Provide Service: Service to the Club, service to each other, and service to our community. We'll continue to "do good in the world" through our service projects and leverage this work to build awareness of Rotary's impact and brand.

## Birthdays

Dec 2: Paul Fox

Dec. 7: Bob Landy

Dec. 10: John Mathes

Dec. 16: Kelli Groom

(Happy, Happy!)

Dec. 16: Jan Hildebrandt

Dec. 22: Carl Nickel

Dec. 29: Bob Langhans



## Anniversaries

Dec. 1: Adam Botana, 18 years

Dec. 1: Don Thomas, 41 years

Dec. 3: Tom Briers, 31 years

Dec. 16: Fred Bode, 2 years (must be much more - will try to get details)

Dec. 21: Paul Helbing, 2 years

Dec. 30: Paul Fox, 1 year

## Rotarians of The Month

July, Abbe Guddal

August, Angela Swanepoel

September, Jerry Pelak

October, Paul Fox



## 2025-2026 Rotary International and District Leadership

### Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa Italy

### District 6960 Governor

Gerard Sola, The Rotary Club of Bonita Sunset

### Area 2 Assistant Governor

Eileen Tasso, Bonita Springs Rotary Club

### 2024-2025 Club Officers

President- Julie Pedretti

President-Elect Kelli Groom

Secretary – Lynda Waterhouse

Treasurer—Jim Fitzpatrick

Sergeant-at-Arms - Kelli Groom

Past President—Joe Murgalo

### Members of the Board

Jim Fitzpatrick, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti, Joe Murgalo, Kelli Groom

### 2023-2026

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy,

### 2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff,  
2025-2028

Donna Marcotte, Steve McIntosh

### Trustees of The Foundation

Chris Riesen, President; Dave Shellenbarger, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Jim Burger, Kae Moore, Eileen Tasso, Dave Langendorfer, 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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