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Bonita Springs Rotary - President Julie's Mini Spoke, Dec. 16

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Celebrate the Holidays with Your Rotary Friends: Last call to respond to Lynda Waterhouse's invitation to the annual Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

A Special Holiday Thank You to Our Spring Run Support Team: During Thursday's meeting, our Rotary Club will provide gift cards to the staff members who regularly assist us with our weekly meetings. They have been gracious and attentive throughout the year!

Upcoming Programs:

- **This Week – December 18: *December Speaker Chair Steve Sims*** will introduce Shane Klepko, Harwick Homes, to discuss the new FEMA rules adopted by the City of Bonita Springs and how properties in the flood zones will benefit.
- **Upcoming: Dec 25:** Merry Christmas! (No meeting). **Jan. 1:** Happy New Year! (No meeting). **Jan. 8:** Club Assembly. ***January Speaker Chair Gary Price*** has lined up these programs: **Jan. 15:** Frank Kinsey to talk about the Storm Surge Threat and how we can protect our community. **Jan. 22:** Jacob Winge talking about 250 years and Southwest Florida. **Jan. 29:** Caily Martin, Director of Operations, Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

Welcome New Members: Congratulations to BankUnited on becoming Corporate Members with the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs at our December 11 meeting. Welcome (photo l-r): Marcus Moody, Jean Boss, Robert Mountain and Lisa Portnoy-Hurm (primary member). Thank you to sponsor Steve Sims. BankUnited is our third Corporate Member.



Fundraisers – We Need Support From Every Club Member

Christmas Tree and Poinsettia Sales Tent: Please volunteer to help move supplies from the Christmas Tree tent to storage. Meet at the tent at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Use Sign Up Genius (email message from Lynda Waterhouse) or reach out to Stefan Gehrold or Kae Moore.

Everblades Hockey Game: Get your tickets today for the **Wednesday, January 14** game with the Everblades (1st Place in South Division) vs. Jacksonville. Game starts at 7:30 pm. **Buy Your Tickets Now:** Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games. Hope to see you Saturday at Hertz Arena!

[Florida Everblades - Powered by Spinzo](#)

Only \$35/ticket for premium seats. Some games offer special beer & hot dog prices. Invite family, friends and neighbors. Go Blades and Go Rotary! Upcoming Games:

- Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. vs. Maine
- Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. vs. Savannah
- Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. South Carolina

Rotary Raffle With a Twist – Saturday, March 21, 2026, at St. Leo’s Church: Reach out to Mike Poff and Wendy Arsenault if you are able to assist in securing silent auction items, including gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, golf courses and retail stores. They are especially interested in “experiences,” such as weekends or a week at your summer | second home, or the “Sicilian Dinner for Four” which Bob Lombardo will be offering at his beautiful Bonita Bay home. Even helping to secure two or three items/experiences will make a big difference in the funds we are able to raise to support our community. Mike: 989.330.1524; Wendy: 239.287.4545.

Community Service Projects:

Arts Bonita: Reach out to Angela or Alyona Ushe for opportunities to join other Rotarians to help with projects and greet guests at selected events – some volunteer jobs coming with tickets to events.

Club Service:

2026 Invocation, Greeter and Registration Desk: Please sign up to provide an invocation, serve as a greeter or staff the registration desk. I will circulate the attached sign-up sheet at upcoming meetings, or reach out to me with preferred roles and dates. Julie: 414.861.3077.

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."

Best wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Julie

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