

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Special Holiday Edition - Mini-Spoke, December 22, 2025

**A Wonderful Holiday Celebration with Rotary Friends: Many thanks to Lynda and Vince Waterhouse** for another exceptional Holiday Celebration at their home last Friday evening. Terrific Food, Fellowship and Fun! invitation to the annual Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

### **Community Service Project:**

**Arts Bonita Art Festival – Join the Rotary Club Team:** Eight (8) Rotary Club members (and spouses) are needed to staff the gate for the upcoming Arts Bonita Arts Festival. Volunteers should wear their “Rotarians at Work” shirt. Please reach out to Angela Swanepoel (203.915.4275; [aswanepoel@gmail.com](mailto:aswanepoel@gmail.com)) or Alyona Ushe (561.245.0180; [ushe@artsbonita.org](mailto:ushe@artsbonita.org)) to sign up to greet guests, wearing your Rotarian at Work shirt.

**DATE:** Saturday, January 10

**TIME:** 8am-12pm

**ROLE:** Gate Attendant and Greeter (together with your Rotary colleagues)

**Updates on Your Rotary Friends:** If you have a moment, consider reaching out to your Rotary colleagues to let them know you are thinking of them this Holiday Season.

**John Flammang:** John underwent a serious surgery earlier this month, is out of ICU and recovering. Awaiting additional updates. Contact: [flammang@gmail.com](mailto:flammang@gmail.com), 236.224.0372; Address: 23301 Sanabria Loop, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

**Nanci Reid-Landy and Bob Landy:** Nanci was hit hard by Type A Flu last week. She is on medications and improving each day. On the same day, Nanci and Bob had to put their 12-year-old+ dog to sleep, after a short but difficult illness. Contact: [nergreen5@yahoo.com](mailto:nergreen5@yahoo.com) or [okdoc7@aol.com](mailto:okdoc7@aol.com); 239.207.0202 or 239.676.9642. Address: 28040 Eagle Ray Court, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

**Carl Nickel:** Carl is still fighting a serious infection but improving. His daughter is watching over him in Traverse City, where he is temporarily living in a rehab facility. Family – including his attorney grandson from Colorado – will be visiting him over the holidays. He misses seeing all of you at the Rotary registration table each Thursday morning. Contact: [nickelcpa@aol.com](mailto:nickelcpa@aol.com), 239.273.5078. Address: Carl Nickel, *In Care of* Terra Manor, 1420 Terra Road, French Manor – Terra A2, Traverse City, MI 49686

**Jerry Pelak:** Jerry is recovering from a fall and undergoing a pile of tests. He and Melissa are celebrating a quiet Christmas at home. He looks forward to seeing all of us

at the Rotary registration table on Jan. 8. Contact: [Jerrypelak@hotmail.com](mailto:Jerrypelak@hotmail.com), 616.540.1555. Address: 10220 Cobble Hill Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

**Mike Poff:** It was good to see Mike at the Dec. 18 Rotary breakfast. Thank you to Kathy for being his chauffeur as he continues to recover from knee surgery.

[MikeFoss1951@gmail.com](mailto:MikeFoss1951@gmail.com), 989.330.1524. Address: 8367 Lagoon Road, Fort Myers, FL 33931

### Upcoming Programs:

- **No Meetings on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**
- **Upcoming: Jan. 8:** Club Assembly, featuring Chris Riesen providing an update about our Rotary Club Foundation, Jim Fitzpatrick sharing our mid-year financial picture, and a facilitated open discussion about Club fundraising, including ideas for potential ways to raise funds in upcoming years. In addition, new member Lisa Rozanski will talk about her new school for children with special needs – a life skills training center for neurodivergent adolescents in South Fort Myers.  
**Bonus:** We will be installing two new members (Jules Inman, Baywater Boat Club, and Tom Snyder, Contractor) and awarding a Blue Badge to Joshua Gutierrez.
- **Upcoming: 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 will present a history of 250 years in Southwest Florida. **Jan. 29:** Caily Martin, Director of Operations, will provide an update about the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

**Many Hands Make Light Work:** Thank you to the Rotarians (and spouses) who showed up at 8 a.m. (or before) on Saturday, Dec. 20 to pack up and move the Christmas Tree tents supplies to the storage facility. Work was completed in less than an hour. Several members then enjoyed a hearty breakfast at FK Your Diet. Owner Doug, and his son Jake, expressed appreciation for our Rotary Club for the Christmas Trees they distributed to deserving foster families and all of the other support we provide.



## Fundraisers – We Need Support From Every Club Member

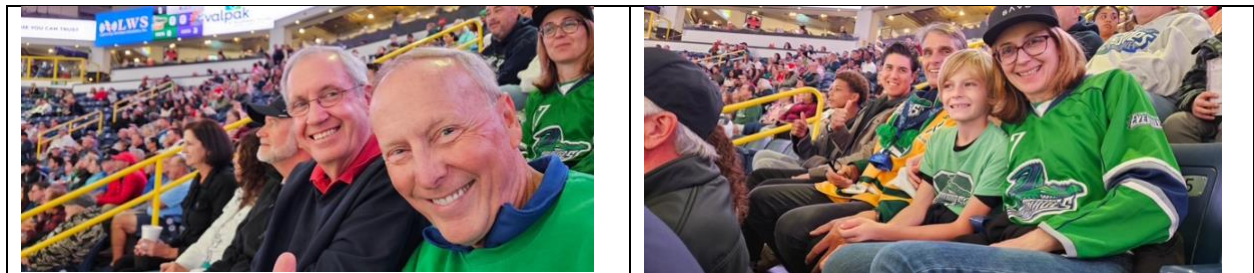
**Everblades Hockey Game:** Get your tickets today for the **Wednesday, January 14** game with the Everblades (1st Place in South Division) vs. Jacksonville. Game starts at 7:30 pm. **Buy Your Tickets Now:** Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games. Hope to see you Saturday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

[Florida Everblades - Powered by Spinzio](#)

**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

## December 13<sup>th</sup> Everblades Hockey Game Photos:



**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.

## Club Service:

**2026 Invocation, Greeter and Registration Desk:** Please sign up to provide an invocation, serve as a greeter or staff the registration desk. See attached sign-up sheet and 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

Julie Pedretti, President, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs