

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, January 13, 2026

Upcoming Programs:

- **Jan. 15: January Speaker Chair Gary Price** will introduce Frank Kinsey to talk about the Storm Surge Threat and how we can protect our community.
- **Upcoming: 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.

Former Rotarian Robert R. Lorenz Passed Away at 95: Bob Lorenz passed away on Christmas Day. A memorial service commemorating Bob's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. Memorials to First Presbyterian, Bonita Senior Center or the Café of Life of Bonita Springs.

<https://www.marconews.com/obituaries/psar1371882>

Fundraisers – We Need Support From Every Club Member

Everblades Hockey Game: There is still room for you and your friends at the game tomorrow night, **Wednesday, January 14**, with the Everblades vs. Maine. Game starts at 7:30 pm. **Buy Your Tickets Now:** Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games.

Do you drive a Lexus? If you own a Lexus and are one of the first 50 Lexus owners to show, you can park free!

[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: Sell your allotment of tickets and reach out to Mike Poff if you need more. Return tickets and payments to Jim Horein and let him know who will be attending the dinner. Also talk to Mike or 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 catered dinners. 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/Outreach:

NEED 8 VOLUNTEERS - Arts Bonita Art Festival on Feb. 7: Seeking eight (8) Rotary Club members (and spouses) to join the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Team to staff the gate on Saturday, Feb. 7, for the Arts Bonita **Arts Festival**. The first experience went very well and many guests shared that they were Rotarians or knew and appreciated Rotary. Volunteers should wear their "Rotarians at Work" shirt. Please reach out to Angela Swanepoel (203.915.4275; aswanepoel@gmail.com) or Alyona Ushe (561.245.0180; ushe@artsbonita.org) to sign up.

DATE: Saturday, February 7

TIME: 9:30 am-12: 30 pm

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

Club Service:

First Thursday: Thank you to Steve Sims for hosting nearly 40 members and guests last Thursday at Fernandez the Bull. Ruth Condit has volunteered to host on March 5 and Bob Lombardo on May 7. February 5, April 2 and June 4 are available to any member interested in hosting a First Thursday.

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.

Global Impact:

Gift of Life Gala: Consider joining your Rotary friends in support of Gift of Life, an incredible international program providing life-saving surgeries for babies with congenital heart defects. 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 in Venice. See attached flyer for details.

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."

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