

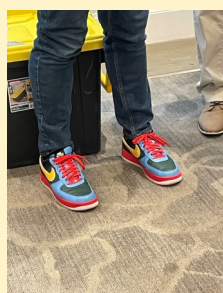


Rotary Raffle With a Twist – Saturday, March 21, 2026, at St. Leo’s Church: Sell your allotment of tickets and reach out to Mike Poff if you need more. Use attached flyer to create excitement for the event. Return tickets and payments to Jim Horein and let him know who will be attending the dinner. Also talk to Mike or Wendy Arsenault if you are able to assist in securing silent auction items, including “experiences,” gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, golf courses and retail stores. Also, bring in bottles of wine and booze to help create the popular party baskets or to pair with other items in the silent auction. Questions: Mike: 989.330.1524; Wendy: 239.287.4545.



Community Service/Outreach:
URGENT NEED FOR BLANKETS: Café of Life needs more blankets to distribute to migrant workers in the area during cold weather spells. You may drop off blankets at our Thursday morning meeting. If you have questions, please call Angela Swanepoel at 230.915.4275.

NEED VOLUNTEERS - Arts Bonita Art Festival on March 14: Seeking a few more Rotary Club members (and spouses) to join the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Team to staff the gate on Saturday, March 14, for the Arts Bonita **Arts Festival**. Volunteers should wear their “Rotarians at Work” shirt. Please reach out to Angela Swanepoel 239.915.4275; aswanepoel@gmail.com) or Alyona Ushe (561.245.0180; ushe@artsbonita.org) to sign up.



First Thursday Social Calendar:

- February 19, 5:30 p.m.:** Dedication Ceremony and Celebration for the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Chickee at the Wonder Gardens.
- March 5:** Location: To be announced. **Host:** Ruth Condit
- April 2:** Location: Good Days Adolescent Development Center, 17640 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 309, Ft. Myers, FL 33908. **Host:** Lisa Rozanski.
- May 7:** Location: Vichino’s, 25987 S. Tamiami Trl, Bonita Springs. **Host:** Bob Lombardo
- June 4:** Location: Ceremony Brewing, 10441 Packinghouse Ln. Bonita Springs. Hosts: GT & Eileen Tasso





50/50
\$100 Winner



Upcoming Programs:

Feb. 12: February Speaker Chair Jim Fitzpatrick will introduce Paulette Walters, Community Cats of Bonita Springs
 Feb. 19 - Steven C. Hennigan, C.M., A.C.E., Executive Director & CEO, Lee County Port Authority
 Feb. 26 - David Shanks, Retired CEO, Penguin Group (Publishing), Farmer, and Viticulturist.

Fundraisers – We Need Support From Every Club Member

Everblades Hockey Game: Invite friends to join you for the game **TONIGHT Wednesday, February 11**, with the Everblades vs. Maine. Game starts at 7:30 pm. Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games. **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, March 25, 7:30 p.m. vs. Savannah
 Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. South Carolina

Bonita BrewFest at Riverside Park – Saturday, Feb. 21 (3 – 7:30 p.m.):

Volunteers are needed for two shifts on Saturday, Feb. 21 - 3 – 7:30 p.m. (event begins at 4 pm). Our Club also will have a Rotary information table at the event. To volunteer, please contact Angela Swanepoel at aswanepoel@gmail.com or 203.915.4275.

Birthdays

Donna Marcotte, 2/2
 Cynthia Hernandez, 2/3
 Gary Price, 2/9
 Kevin Swanepoel, 2/12
 James Fitzpatrick, 2/12
 Neil Anderson, 2/20
 Suzanne Masters, 2/22
 Steve McIntosh, 2/22



Anniversaries:

Stephen Hiatt, 2/3
 Suzanne Masters, 2/5
 Scott Stryker, 2/5
 Diane Ewing, 2/7
 Wendy Arsenault, 2/8
 James Fitzpatrick, 2/13
 Steve Sims, 2/28

Rotarians of The Month

July, Abbe Guddal
 August, Angela Swanepoel
 September, Jerry Pelak
 October, Paul Fox



Club Service:

2026 Invocation and Greeter Schedule: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to do an invocation or serve as a greeter. Reach out to me with preferred roles and dates. Julie: 414.861.3077.

Upcoming Events:

District 6960 Rotary Leadership Institute – Feb. 21 Join incoming President Kelli Groom, incoming President-Elect Lynda Waterhouse and Service Chair Angela Swanepoel at the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on **Saturday, February 21, 2026**, at Woodland Middle School in North Port.

All Rotarians – especially relatively new members – are invited to attend. RLI offers in-depth knowledge of Rotary, along with valued leadership skills that will prove beneficial to you in your future professional or voluntary leadership roles. **RLI isn't just for Rotarians interested in leadership within their Rotary Club; RLI is a fantastic tool for personal growth.**

*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."*



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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