

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, March 24, 2026

NOTE: Starting May 5, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Breakfast Meetings will be held on Tuesdays (shifting from Thursdays) at Spanish Wells Country Club, 9801 Treasure Cay Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Upcoming Programs (Steve Sims, March Speaker Chair)

- March 26: Wheelchair Foundation – Scott Ford, President, Southeast Region Director (Chris Riesen)

April Programs (Stefan Gehrold, Speaker Chair)

- April 2: Michael C. Maibach, Trustee & Managing Director, James Wilson Institute
- April 9: Dr. John Colman, Professor of Politics, Political Science Department, Ave Maria University
- April 16: Hon. Kyle S. Cohen, Judge, Unified Family Court in Collier County
- April 23: Club Assembly (with Strategic Planning presentation by Lynda Waterhouse; Education Update from Dr. Steve McIntosh; DACdb Ignite training by Angela Swaepoel and Wendy Arsenault)
- April 30: Chase Marinell, PGA, Chase'n Birdies - Suncoast Junior Tour

SAVE THE DATE: 2026-27 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Installation & Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 6, at Copperleaf Golf Club; watch for details from incoming President Kelli Groom about the menu and how to register.

First Thursday Social Calendar:

- **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

Fundraisers

Congratulations on Successful Rotary Raffle with a Twist!

Thank you to **Mike Poff** (and his wife Cathy and their amazing committee of neighbors and friends) for another amazingly fun Rotary Raffle event. The History of Rock 'N Roll theme was a huge hit. Thank you to **Wendy Arsenault** for leading the raffle/auction efforts, and **Kelli Groom** for assisting her with the flyers for the packages. Thank you to **Jim Horein** for his meticulous job as keeper of the tickets and cash, providing weekly reports on progress. Finally, thank you to **Angela Swanepoel** for leading the effort to secure desserts for the event and thank you to everyone who made or bought treats for

the post-dinner sweets. Our guests were most appreciative. Our team is waiting for all of the expenses before reporting the 'NET' proceeds from this year's event.

For members unable to attend, you missed a great party. See photos to prove it!



CART – Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust: Bring in your jars with coins (or just your coins you've collected) and give them to Angela. She will distribute jars to some of our newer Club members. Let's demonstrate our Rotary Club's support of Alzheimer's research initiatives. See link: <https://www.cartfund.org/>

Everblades Hockey Game: Invite friends to join you for the next game **Wednesday, March 25**, with the Everblades vs. Savannah. Game starts at 7:30 pm. Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games.

[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! Last game:

- LAST GAME: Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. South Carolina

Volunteers Ready to Serve: Celebrate Bonita, Saturday, March 28, at Riverside Park. Our Club has again been invited to serve beer at the event. Members have volunteered to set up, check IDs, sell tickets, pour beer and clean up/tear down.

Community Service/Outreach:

Still NEED for old/used backpacks, reusable grocery bags and other bags: Bags are needed for those who bicycle or walk to the Meals of Hope distribution at St. Mary's on Monday afternoons. Please give to Angela.

Club Service:

Invocation | Greeter

Thank you to Jerry Pelak and Tom Snyder for staffing the registration table each Thursday morning. We also thank Rotarians who serve as greeters and provide the invocation:

March 26: Chris Corrie, Invocation; Liz Shanks, Greeter

April 2: Lisa Rozanski, Invocation; Jim Burger, Greeter

April 9: Jamison Ford, Invocation; Paul Fox, Greeter

April 16: Paul Fox, Invocation; Jason Olson, Greeter

April 23: Jim Burger, Invocation; Marcus Moody, Greeter

April 30: Kelli Groom, Invocation; Lisa Portnoy-Hurm, Greeter

Note: *Shift to Tuesday*

May 5: Donna Marcotte, Invocation; Abbe Guddal, Greeter

May 12: Stefan Gehrold, Invocation; Scott Stryker, Greeter

May 19: Marcus Moody, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

May 26: OPEN, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

June 2: OPEN, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

June 9: OPEN, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

June 16: OPEN, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

June 23: OPEN, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

June 30: Julie Pedretti, Invocation; OPEN, Greeter

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."

Julie

Julie Pedretti, President, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs