

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, March 31, 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.**

**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 (*with special visit from FGCU Rotaract Club Leaders*)
- April 16: Hon. Kyle S. Cohen, Judge, Unified Family Court in Collier County (*with special recognition of Paul Harris 158<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth (April 19)*)
- 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. Incoming President Kelli Groom sent information about the menu and how to register. Registration also available online: <https://bonitaspringsrotary.org/>

**First Thursday Social Calendar:**

- **THIS WEEK - 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

**Thank you to our Rotary Club Volunteers:** More than a dozen Rotarians and their spouses/friends checked IDs, sold drink chips and poured beer at Celebrate Bonita, Saturday, March 28, at Riverside Park. It rained. ☹️ And while we may not have made much money for our Club coffers, we had a fun evening of camaraderie watching our local school children perform (including the amazing Spring Run Elementary School students – congratulations, **Jillian Fiora!**). Thank you to **Wendy Arsenault** for organizing the event!



## Congratulation to our Rotary Club Member, Dr. Alan White, one of 250 Veterans Recognized in Lee County!

Two-hundred and fifty local veterans were honored by Lee County in a powerful tribute as America approaches its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The ceremony on Saturday, March 28, brought together veterans from multiple generations, each representing a story of sacrifice and service. Alan served in the U.S. Air Force from 1973 to 1982. Please join me in congratulating him!



## Fundraisers

**LAST ONE OF THE SEASON - Everblades Hockey Game:** Let's pull together the biggest crowd of Rotarians and Friends for the next and final game **Friday, April 10**, with the Everblades vs. South Carolina. Game starts at 7:30 pm. Use this link to buy tickets to the Rotary/Blades fundraiser games.

[Florida Everblades - Powered by Spinzio](#)

**Only \$35/ticket** for premium seats. Go Blades and Go Rotary!

**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/>

## Rotarian-Sponsored Fundraiser

New member Scott Stryker is hosting a fundraiser to benefit caregivers of children with cancer. See details about the May 16 Casino Night here:

<https://strykoutcancer.ticketspice.com/strykoutcancer-casino-night>

## 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:

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

