

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, April 14, 2026

Reminder: 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 16: Hon. Kyle S. Cohen, Judge, Unified Family Court in Collier County
- April 23: Club Assembly
 - Strategic Planning presentation by Lynda Waterhouse
 - Education update from Dr. Steve McIntosh
 - DACdb Ignite training/assistance by Angela Swanepoel and Wendy Arsenault
 - Paul Harris Awards club update by Bob Lombardo
 - *Special recognition of Paul Harris 158th anniversary of his birth (April 19).*
- April 30: Chase Marinell, PGA, Chase'n Birdies - Suncoast Junior Tour

REGISTER TODAY: 2026-27 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Installation & Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 6, at Copperleaf Golf Club. Registration also available online: <https://bonitaspringsrotary.org/>

Who will receive our 2026 Rotary Club Annual Awards on May 6?

See 2-Year History

Award	2024	2025
Service Above Self	Julie Pedretti	Chris Riesen
Rotarian of the Year	Wendy Arsenault	Mike Poff
Four Way Test - 1	Ruth Condit	Bob Landy
Four Way Test - 2	Angela Swanepoel	Eileen Tasso
Four Way Test – 3	Carol Cayer	Donna Marcotte
Four Way Test – 4	Vince Modarelli	Lynda Waterhouse
Rookie of the Year	Michelle Matuszak	Steve Sims
Lifetime Achievement	Nancy Ross	Rex Sims
Herb Barnes Heart of Rotary (Snowtarian)	Diane Ewing	<i>No Award</i>
Heart & Soul Award (new)		Steve McIntosh

First Thursday Social Calendar:

- **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

Congratulations to our Rotarians of the Month!

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March: Wendy Arsenault; special Rookie award to Tom Snyder

February: Jim Fitzpatrick

January: Stefan Gehrold

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December: Steve Sims

November: Jim Horein & Dave Shellenbarger

October: Paul Fox

September: Jerry Pelak

August: Angela Swanepoel

July: Abbe Guddal

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 our Rotarians who serve as greeters and provide the invocation:

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; Jules Inman, Greeter

May 26: Jules Inman, Invocation; Kimberly Baxa, Greeter

June 2: Jamison Ford, Invocation; **OPEN**, Greeter

June 9: Stefan Gehrold, Invocation; Richard Jacobs, Greeter

June 16: Ron Anderson, 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

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