

Bonita Springs Rotary - President Julie's Mini-Spoke, April 29

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Dear Patricia,

April Programs (Stefan Gehroid, Speaker Chair)

- **April 30: Chase Marinell, PGA, Chase'n Birdies** - Suncoast Junior Tour

Reminder: Starting May 5, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Breakfast Meetings will be held on Tuesdays (shifting from Thursdays) at Spanish Wells Country [9801 Treasure Cay Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135](#). Arrive no earlier than 6:45 a.m. for coffee. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Parking available on the west and south sides of the entrance. Elevator access on the south end, near the entrance to the pro shop and the snack house.



Spanish Wells Front Entrance



Spanish Wells Dining Room

May Programs (Joe Murgalo, Speaker Chair)

- **May 5: Deb Orton, President of friends of BERT (Bonita Estero Rail Trail):** Update on the rail project.
- **May 12: Dr. Joseph Restino, Principal of Success Academy/Special Centers:** Guiding students with knowledge and skills necessary to succeed community and complex world.
- **May 19: Sara Jordan, WGPU Director of Development:** The current state of public media amid the recent dissolution of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
- **May 26: Staci Rentz, Client Care Coordinator, McKenney Home Care:** Home care in today's world.

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/>

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

Paul Harris Awards: Bob Lombardo helped us welcome six new Paul Harris Fellows, thanks to the generous "points" gift from **Dave Langendorfer**, a 32- Rotarian in our Club and his Club in Toledo, Ohio. Dave donated PHF points he received for making significant gifts to Rotary International. Six other new F Fellows were not at today's meeting and will receive their certificates and pins at a future meeting. In addition, 55 members who are already Paul Harris Fe receive recognition at upcoming meetings for an additional level of PHF, thanks to Dave. In all, he donated enough points for 67 Paul Harris Awards. Thank Dave!

Pictured (L-R): Jillian Fiora, Jenifer McBride, Bob Lombardo (chair of our RI Foundation Committee), Paul Messina, Joshua Guitierrez, Jerry Pelak and Pau (Note: List of new members was generated in January 2026).



Celebration of Life for Our Fellow Rotarian

A Celebration of Life for our Rotarian and Friend George Cohan III is being held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at the Elks Club in Estero. All Rotarians are invited to attend.

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 district 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 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; Jamison Ford, Greeter

June 23: OPEN, Invocation; Jason Olson, 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 unite 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 that **unites for good** and ensures a brighter future for all."

Julie

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