

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, May 11, 2026

Our Rotary Club is now meeting **Tuesday mornings** at **Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club**, 9801 Treasure Cay Lane, Bonita Springs. Arrive no earlier than 6:45 a.m. for coffee. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Let the gate attendant know you are attending the Rotary Club meeting. You may be asked to show your driver's license. Parking available on the north, west and south sides of the entrance. Elevator access on the south end, near the entrance to the pro shop and the snack house.

May Programs (Joe Murgalo, Speaker Chair)

- **May 12: Dr. Joseph Restino, Principal of Success Academy/Special Centers:** Guiding students with knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in our 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.

First Thursday Social Calendar:

- **June 4:** Location: Ceremony Brewing, 10441 Packinghouse Ln., Bonita Springs.
Hosts: GT & Eileen Tasso



2026-2027 Officers and Board Members Installed (effective July 1, 2026): Kelli Groom, President; Lynda Waterhouse, President-Elect, Jim Fitzpatrick, Treasurer; Julie Pedretti, Immediate Past President; Board Members: Steve Sims, Angela Swanepoel, Paul Fox,

Chris Corrie and Donna Marcotte. Not pictured: Steve McIntosh, John Spear and Len Eckert.



Congratulations to the 2026 RCBS Award Winners!

Service Above Self	Angela Swanepoel
Rotarian of the Year	Steve Sims
Four Way Test	Paul Fox
Four Way Test	Jerry Pelak
Four Way Test	Jan Hildebrandt
Four Way Test	Jim Horein
Rookie of the Year	Joshua Gutierrez
Lifetime Achievement	Marjorie Rubacky
Heart & Soul	Nanci & Bob Landy
The Luminary Historian	Bob Lombardo

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.

RCBS Past-President 2001-2002 Bill Oehler Passed Away at 95

Harrison William (Bill) Oehler recently passed away. He served as president of the Rotary Club of Rochester (Minn.), St. Paul and Bonita Springs. A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, a Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Paul Harris Awards: Our Club's RI Foundation Chair, Bob Lombardo is continuing to recognize PH Fellows, thanks to the generous "points" gift from **Dave Langendorfer**, a 32-year Rotarian in our Club and his Club in Toledo, Ohio. In the next few weeks, members who are already PH Fellows will receive recognition for an additional level of PHF. Thank you, Dave!

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:

Invite a Prospective Member to Breakfast! In May and June, please consider a neighbor, friend, or business associate who may have an interest in learning more about our Rotary Club. Since July, we have welcomed 12 new members. Steve Sims has business cards you can give to a prospective member so they can join us for one free meeting. Let's see how many more we can bring in before June 30. Rotary application attached.

Invocation | Greeter

Thank you to our Rotarians who serve as greeters and provide the invocation:

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; Chris Riesen, 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; Chris Riesen, 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

