

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, May 18, 2026

### **May Programs (Joe Murgalo, Speaker Chair)**

- **May 19: Corey Lewis, General Manager, and Sara Jordan, Director of Development, of WGCU Public Media:** 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.

### **June Programs (Len Eckert, Speaker Chair)**

**June 2:** Bob Lucis, CREW

**June 9:** Judge Amanda Levy-Reis, How to Judge a Judge

**June 16:** Gary Medley, Military – Economy

**June 23:** Adam Botana, Florida State Representative (and Rotary Club Member)

**June 30:** Victoria Scott, Lighthouse for Blindness & Vision Loss

### **First Thursday Social Calendar:**

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

### **Rotarian Suzanne (Suzy/Sue) Masters Named Honorary Member of Our Rotary Club**

At the May 11 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Board meeting, Sue Masters was named an Honorary Member of our Club. She has been a proud Rotarian for 32 years.

- Joined Rotary on Jan. 1, 1994.
- Joined our Club on Feb. 5, 2003.
- Served as a Rotary Youth Exchange officer from 2008-2009.
- Was a Group Study Exchange Alternative Team Leader to India in 2009.
- Volunteered at our Club's Polio 5K run (previously led by our Club).
- Served as cashier at our Club's Boat Show.
- Was a cast member in the Rotary Club's fundraiser performances of It's a Wonderful Life.
- Was a regular volunteer for Christmas trees and other events (bringing her family with her)
- Is a board member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society.

Please join me in congratulating Sue!

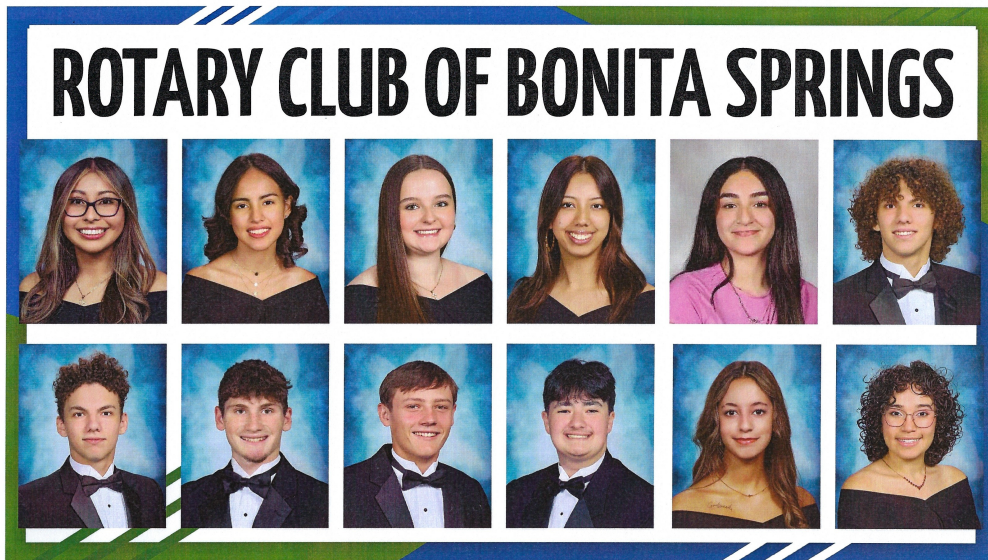
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### **Eileen Tasso and Jan Hildebrandt Elected to Serve on the Club's Foundation Board**

At the May 11 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Board meeting, Eileen Tasso was re-elected to serve an additional 3 years on The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Board and Jan Hildebrandt was elected to serve the two years remaining on Dave Langendorfer's term. Dave resigned from the Club Foundation, effective June 30, 2026. Thank you to Dave for his service!

All Rotary Club members are welcome to attend the Foundation board meetings, which are held at 4 p.m. the third Monday of each month at FineMark Bank (Bonita Bay). If you have questions, please reach out to Chair Chris Riesen.

**2026 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Scholarship Awardees (see photos below)**



**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 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: Donna Flammang, 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