

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, May 24, 2026

**Have a safe & enjoyable Memorial Day!**



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

- **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

**July Programs (Rich Jacobs, Speaker Chair)**

TBD

**August Programs (Julie Pedretti, Speaker Chair)**

- **August 4:** Tom Doerr, President of the Press Club of SWFL; Retired News Director; FGCU Journalism Instructor: "How Do We Decide What is True?"
- **August 11:** Annie Campbell, Director of Development, Heights Foundation; Rotary District 6960 District Governor Nominee; member of the Rotary Club of Sanibel/Captiva & Read Sawczyn, Private Wealth Advisor, Finemark Bank; member of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South: "Medical Training Program in Underserved Fort Myers Neighborhood Pursuing Critical Rotary International Global Grant"
- **August 18:** Barb Kuesters, Rotary District 6960 Foundation Chair; member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch & Janet DiBenidetto, District 69690 Global Grants Chair; member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Naples: "The Growing Impact of The Rotary Foundation and Global Grants Around the World"
- **August 25:** Chuck Stauffer, EVP of SWFL and Customer Success Leader & Wendi Fowler, Director of Residential Account Management | SWFL Hotwire

Communications; member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset: "Tends in Telecommunications and Internet Services (ISP) Industry"

**FIRST THURSDAY Social Calendar:**

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

**Club's Christmas Tree Tent Featured in *Florida Weekly's* 2026 "Best Of" Flamingo Awards**

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs was named "Best Bonita Christmas Tree that Gives to the Community" in *Florida Weekly's* 2026 Best of Flamingo Awards.



**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!** 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.

Jules Inman, GM, Baywater Boat Club, earns her Blue Badge at the May 19 breakfast meeting. Welcome, Jules!

Thank you, Adam Botana, for sponsoring Jules.



## Invocation | Greeter

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

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