

Julie's Weekly Rotary E-Newsletter – Mini-Spoke, May 4, 2026

**TOMORROW:** Be sure to attend tomorrow's meeting 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. 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.



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 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.

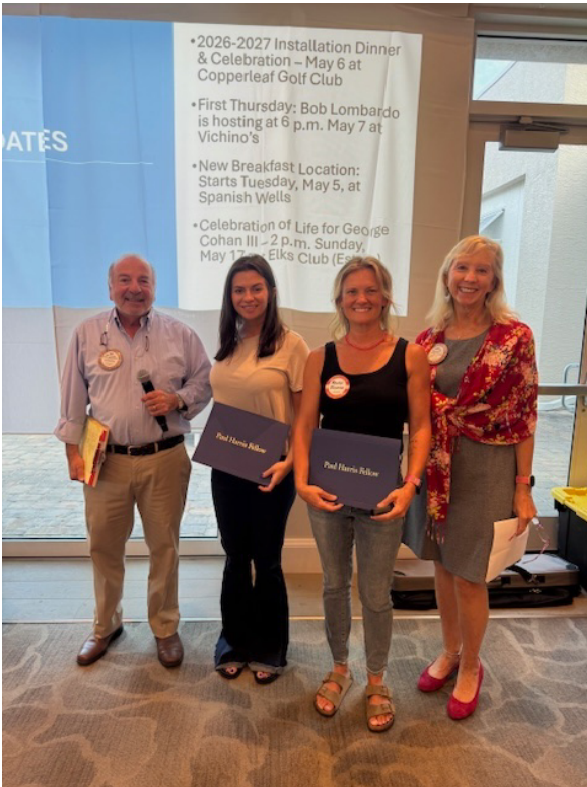
#### 2026-27 Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Installation & Awards Dinner

See you at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, for our Club's annual reception, dinner and installation/awards program at Copperleaf Golf Club. Contact Kelli Groom with any questions (414.712.4333).

#### First Thursday Social Calendar:

- **May 7 (6 p.m.):** 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:** On April 30, Our Club's RI Foundation Chair, Bob Lombardo, welcomed two new Paul Harris Fellows (there were six last week) and four PH +1 Fellows, thanks to the generous "points" gift from **Dave Langendorfer**, a 32-year Rotarian in our Club and his Club in Toledo, Ohio. Dave donated PHF points he received for making significant gifts to Rotary International. In the next few weeks, 49 additional members who are already Paul Harris Fellows will receive recognition for an additional level of PHF. In all, he donated enough points for 67 Paul Harris Awards. Thank you, Dave!



New Paul Harris Fellows: Abbe Guddal and Rachel Adams (with husband Steve Baptiste)



New Paul Harris Fellows +1: Carol Cayer, Steve Sims, Stefan Gehrold, Jason Pavich.

**Congratulations to FGCU Rotaract Club!**



Thank you to Angela Swanepoel who serves as advisor and Steve McIntosh who chairs our Education Committee and was instrumental in re-chartering the FGCU Rotaract Club.

### **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 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 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 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