



It has been an honor to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Thank you for your support and guidance throughout the year. Thank you to our board members for their dedication and especially thank you to Past-President Joe Murgalo, Stefan Gehrold, Wendy Arsenault and Bob Landy as they completed their terms. I appreciate all of you – our Club Members — for helping our Rotary Club achieve several key goals in the 2025-2026 Rotary Year:



Enhance the Club Experience – We found new ways to make our meetings, socials, fundraising activities, and service projects more appealing and engaging – for us and for prospective Members.

Grow Membership – As a result of enhancing the Club Experience, we added 12 new **high-quality** members so far this year. We can be proud of our award-winning, large and growing FGCU Rotaract Club.

Provide Service – We continued to “do good in the world” through our service projects and leverage this work to build awareness of Rotary’s impact and brand. A huge achievement was our signature project: \$30,000 invested by The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs to build and name the Rotary Club Chickee at the Wonder Gardens.



Club Service/Fundraiser:

July 4th Beer Sales Volunteers: Volunteer recruitment for one of our Club’s largest fundraisers will begin at Tuesday’s breakfast meeting.

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.



Invocation | Greeter

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

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

June Programs/Events:

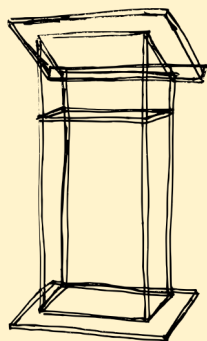
June 30: Victoria Scott, Lighthouse for Blindness & Vision Loss

July 7: Club Assembly

July 14: Valerie's House - SW Florida's non-profit organization providing grief support for children who have lost a loved one.

July 21: AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Everyday Life & Work: Practical Applications, Emerging Trends and FGCU's AI Academy. Speaker: Dr. Leandro Nunes de Castro, Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science at Florida Gulf Coast University and Founding Director of the Dendritic Institute for Human-Centered AI and Data Science.

July 28: SW Florida Proton Center (Advanced Cancer treatment facility) presented in February.



*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.”*



kindness shown quietly, integrity practiced consistently, and service offered willingly. Guide us to listen with open minds, speak with respect, and act with compassion as we carry out the work of Rotary in our community and beyond. May our efforts today leave others encouraged, supported, and hopeful. Amen.



Birthdays

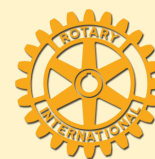
Rick Barber, 7/2
Duke Downey, 7/17

Anniversaries:

Kelli Groom, 7/25
John Flammang, 7/27
Jerry Pelak, 7/27
John Spear, 7/27
Donna Marcotte, 7/30



Rotarians of The Month



2025-2026 Rotary International and District Leadership

Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa Italy

District 6960 Governor

Gerard Sola, The Rotary Club of Bonita Sunset

Area 2 Assistant Governor

Eileen Tasso, Bonita Springs Rotary Club

2024-2025 Club Officers

President- Julie Pedretti
President-Elect Kelli Groom
Secretary – Lynda Waterhouse
Treasurer—Jim Fitzpatrick
Sergeant-at-Arms - Kelli Groom
Past President—Joe Murgalo

Members of the Board

Jim Fitzpatrick, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti,
Joe Murgalo, Kelli Groom

2023-2026

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy,

2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff,
2025-2028

Donna Marcotte, Steve McIntosh

Trustees of The Foundation

Chris Riesen, President; Dave Shellenbarger, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Jim Burger, Kae Moore, Eileen Tasso, Dave Langendorfer, Trustees