



President Kelli rang the bell and the group mixed and mingled!

Abbe Guddal was our greeter, Angela Swanepoel read the Invocation, Marjorie Rubacky did The Four Way Test, Mark lead us in song, Ain't No Mountain High Enough! Sally Mulvena, President & CEO of The Wonder Gardens, was the speaker.

□ First Thursday Social – September 3rd Our next **First Thursday Social** is this Thursday, **September 3rd**, and Steve Sims is hosting! **Backwater Jacks at Bonita Bay. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

□ Reverse Raffle with a Twist – March 20, 2027 The crew has officially met and **planning has begun!** We are going with **Roaring '20s theme**, and I think this is going to be a fantastic event! **PLEASE START BRINGING IN YOUR BOOZE BOTTLES FOR DONATION!**

□ Chili & Craft Beer Showdown – February 27, 2027. Planning is also beginning for our **Chili & Craft Beer Showdown!** □ **February 27, 2026.** This will be a fun competition with chili, craft beer, and plenty of Rotary fellowship. **Mark your calendars now!**



□ **IMPORTANT: VENUE CHANGE UPDATE** I want to provide everyone with an update regarding our meeting location. As you know, we have been exploring alternatives in an effort to be responsible with our club's finances. We provided **Spanish Wells with the required 32-day contractual notice.** They have agreed to allow us to meet there **this Tuesday, September 1st, as our final meeting.** The Executive Board did not intend for the transition to happen this quickly. We are working through the logistics now and will continue to keep everyone informed. You will receive more updates in the coming days. If you have **any questions, concerns, or suggestions**, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



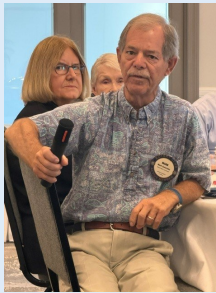
### September Programs/Events:

September 1, Nick Casalanguida, Downtown Bonita Imperial 41 Project  
 September 3, First Thursday Social – Our next First Thursday Social will be held on September 3rd, hosted by Steve Sims at Backwater Jacks from 6:00 –8:00 PM. 27598 Marina Pointe Dr, Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
 September 8, Kyle Moran, downtown Bobcat Development  
 September 15, Dr. Mike Parson, FGCU Professor  
 September 22, Honor Flight, TBD  
 September 29, TBD

**50/50**  
**Lot's of Mullah!**  
**Congrats GT!**



## Club Shenanigans



## Week 10 — Integrity

May we have the courage to do what is right, even when no one is watching. Let honesty guide our words, fairness guide our decisions, and integrity guide our actions. As Rotarians, may the principles we speak about be reflected in the way we live, work, and serve. May we earn trust not through our words alone, but through the example we set. Amen.



## Birthdays

Joseph Murgalo, August 27  
Diane Ewing, September 2  
Tom Briers, September 3  
Mark Generales, 3  
Steven Baptiste, September 8  
Steve Sims, September 16  
Abbe Guddal, September 20  
Scott Stryker, September 20  
Nanci Landy, September 27

## Anniversaries:

Alyona Ushe, August 29



## 2026-2027 Rotary International and District Leadership

### Rotary International President

Olayinka Babalola, The Rotary Club of Tras Amadi, Nigeria

### District 6960 Governor

Dennis Wallace, Rotary Club of Harbor Heights—Peace River

### Area 2 Assistant Governor

Cindy Cedeno, Rotary Club Bonita Beach Sunset

### 2024-2025 Club Officers

President— Kelli Groom  
President-Elect Lynda Waterhouse  
Secretary – Paul Fox  
Treasurer—Jim Fitzpatrick  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jenifer McBride  
Past President—Julie Pedretti

### Members of the Board

Jim Fitzpatrick, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti, Kelli Groom

### 2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff,  
**2025-2028**

Donna Marcotte, Steve McIntosh  
**2026—2029**

John Spear, Chris Corrie, Len Eckhart

### Trustees of The Foundation

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

## Rotarians of The Month

May—Kelli Groom



Rotary  **4 Way Test**  
of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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