



President Kelli rang the bell and the group mixed and mingled! This was our a **great first meeting at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall!** Thanks to everyone who shared where they were on 9/11 and shared their personal stories as we commemorated the **25th anniversary**. And the microphone worked the **whole time!** ☐☐ A big thank you to **Lynda** for ordering breakfast from Jason's Deli.

Jim Burger read The Invocation. In memory of 9/11 he read Father Mychal's Prayer and Chris Faughnan's Guide to The Universe. Jenifer led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Joshua Gutierrez. did The Four Way Test, and Mark lead us in song, I'm Proud To Be An American!

Kyle Moran was the was the speaker, reporting on all that is going on in Downtown Bonita Springs.

We are still in need of a Greeter and someone to share our Rotary Moment on October 13. If you would like to sign up, let President Kelli know.

If anyone would like to volunteer to read the invocation at tomorrow's meeting, please let President Kelly know as well. There are other times available as well— like **September 29th**.



☐ 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!**

☐ 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!**

### September Programs/Events:

September 14, Board Meeting, 5 pm  
 September 15, Dr. Mike Parson, FGCU Professor  
 September 22, Honor Flight, TBD  
 September 29, TBD  
 October 6, Club Assembly  
 October 8, First Thursday Social, Vichino's Café & Wine Bar



**50/50**  
**Not So Much Mullah!**  
**Congrats Tom Briers!**



## Club Shenanigans



## Week 12 — Courage

May we have courage for the moments that require us to speak, act, change, or begin again. Give us confidence to tackle difficult problems and wisdom to know when another perspective may be better than our own. May we never allow fear of failure to prevent us from trying to make a difference. Let courage and compassion guide us forward. Amen.

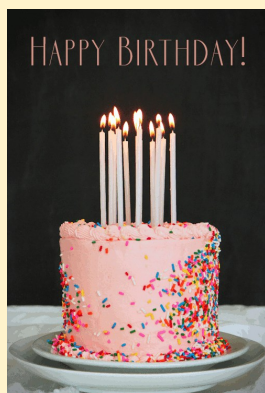


### Birthdays

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

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## Rotary Hot Shot of The Month

Joe  
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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?