Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Chartered November 3, 1978

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

October 20, 2026 **Week 17**



President Kelli rang the bell and the members mixed and mingled! Marjo was the greeter and gave her Rotary Moment. Steve Sims read the Invocation. Ray Faubion did The Four Way Test.

Our Chili Cook-Off is coming up, and we need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** to make this event a success! We will have vendors joining us this year, so there will be plenty to do. Everyone is welcome to enter the chili competition. The entry fee is $60. If you are interested in helping with the planning and preparation, please see me, Bob Lombardo, or Wendy Arsenault. The more volunteers we have, the better!

First Thursday Social – November 5th. Our next First Thursday will be hosted by **The Terraces in Bonita Springs**! Thanks to Marjorie, Rachel Henderson will provide us with light bites and an open bar. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun with your fellow Rotarians.

Paul Harris Pins – Tuesday, October 20th I would like **EVERYONE to wear their Paul Harris pins** at our club meeting on Tuesday, October 20th! These pins represent an important commitment to Rotary and the humanitarian work we support.

2026-2027 Rotary International and District Leadership

Olayinka Babalola
Rotary International President

Dennis Wallace
District 6960 Governor

Cindy Cedeno
Area 2 Assistant Governor

2026-2027 Club Officers
Kelli Groom, President
Lynda Waterhouse, President-Elect
Paul Fox, Secretary
Jim Fitzpatrick, Treasurer
Jenifer McBride, Sergeant-at-Arms
Julie Pedretti, Past President

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

PolioPlus Squares – Bob Lombardo A big thank-you to everyone who has already purchased a PolioPlus square! There are still plenty of squares available, so please consider purchasing one. Please see Bob on Tuesday to purchase your squares. **The more squares you purchase, the more chances you have to win a Paul Harris!**

Remember, October is **World Polio Month**, making this a great time to show our support for Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Every contribution helps us move closer to a polio-free world!

EZ Cash Raffle – Starting in November EZ Cash is just around the corner! Everyone needs to get their tickets to Joe and do their best to sell them to friends, family, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity for our club to raise additional funds to support the many community projects and organizations we serve.

Thank You, Meeting Cleanup Crew! A big thank-you to everyone who helps clean up after our weekly club meetings. Your time and effort are appreciated more than you know!

I will help as much as I can, but this is my busy season, so I appreciate everyone pitching in and working together. That's what makes our club so special!As always, please feel free to come to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I am here to help, and I appreciate everything each of you do for our club and our community.

Speakers

October 20 – Amy Turner, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community.
October 27 – Lieutenant Wanda Hainley, Lee County Sheriff's Office.
November 3-Fritz Kreiger, Wine Pairings
November 10- Alyona Ushe, Arts Bonita
November 17- Lana Butsky, Life in Bosnia

Club Anniversaries

Stefan Gehrold, Oct 22, 4 years

Club Birthdays

Rotarian Hotshot of the Month

August 2026 | Joe Murgalo
July 2026 | Lynda Waterhouse
May 2026 | Kelli Groom

Service Projects

Every Monday | Food distributions with Meals of Hope at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Beach Road, 1 – 5 p.m.

2026-2027 Board Meetings

The 2nd Monday of each month 5-6 p.m. | St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9801 Bonita Beach Rd SE, Bonita Springs

Invocation

Today we give thanks for the people who have taught, guided, challenged, and encouraged us. May we honor our mentors by becoming mentors to others. Help us share what we know generously and recognize potential in people who may not year see it in themselves. May Rotary continue to be a place where generations learn from one another and leadership is strengthened through service. Amen.

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