Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Chartered November 3, 1978

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

November 10, 2026 **Week 19**





President Kelli rang the bell and the members mixed and mingled! Bob Lombardo read The Invocation. Paul Messino did The Four Way Test. Mike Poff was the greeter and gave his Rotary moment. Carol Cayer was Rotary Hot Shot of the month for October.

The Club had a super awesome surprise birthday celebration for Dave Shalenbarger as he turned the big 8-0! His family showed up and surprised him.

I would like to extend a big thank-you to **Rachel Henderson at The Terraces** for hosting our very first Thursday Social! We appreciate her hospitality and generosity. A special thank-you also goes out to **Marjorie and Nancy** for arranging the wonderful cake to celebrate our club's 48th birthday/anniversary! What a great milestone to celebrate together!

November 11 – Veterans Day I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all of our club members who are veterans. hank you for your service, sacrifice, and dedication to our country. We are grateful for you!

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

November 24 – Rotary Service Project Day! Please mark your calendars! November 24th is our Rotary Service Project Day, and we will be putting our Rotary spirit into action! We will be filling baskets to donate to the **Bonita Springs Assistance Office**, and we will also need volunteers to help distribute the baskets.

Monday, December 7th at 5:30 PM First Thursday Social, Hosted by Mike and Kathy Poff at their home.

Poinsettia Sales Our poinsettia sales are very important to Jules and Mr. Horein, and they are a wonderful way to support our community. Plants are just **$22 each** and make beautiful holiday gifts and decorations! Please consider purchasing and selling a few plants. Every sale helps support a great cause!

Our Chili Cook-Off is coming up, and we need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** to make this event a success! If you are interested in helping with the planning and preparation, please see me, Bob Lombardo, or Wendy Arsenault.

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.

Hockey Fundraiser – Let's Go! Hockey season is here, and the Whites are continuing their hockey fundraiser! Click the link below to purchase tickets and enjoy a game while supporting our club. A portion of the proceeds goes back to Rotary to help fund our initiatives and community projects.

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.

Speakers

November 10- Alyona Ushe, Arts Bonita
November 17- Lana Butsky, Life in Bosnia

Club Anniversaries

Club Birthdays

Robert Lombardo, Nov 10
Stefan Gehrold, Nov 14

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

May our club always be a place where new voices are welcomed and new ideas are heard. Help us create room at the table for people of different ages, backgrounds, professions, and experiences. May we recognize that our ability to serve grows stronger when more people are invited to contribute. Let hospitality, curiosity, and respect shape the way we build the future of Rotary. Amen.

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