



# The Spoke

## We Celebrate Again

*Our Rotaractors Embody Service and Leadership*



Last Friday night **Don and Karen Manley** hosted our FGCU Rotaractors, pictured above, for a “beach” evening of fun and fellowship. Thanks to Don and Karen for their hospitality and to **President Stephanie** for forwarding this picture.

Rotaract strives to offer its membership opportunities in leadership, professional development and service. The tireless efforts of **Tom Burgess** and his Committee have made those opportunities a bright reality at FGCU.

For that we are proud and grateful, truly believing these Rotaractors will understand and embrace the Rotarian ideal of service, now and well into the future.

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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

**President Stephanie** presided. **Martha Erickson** led the invocation; **Gary Colecchio** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dale Timple** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a creative rendition of "Are You Sleeping."

**Ron Anderson** reminded us all of an upcoming Habitat for Humanity workday which will take place on Saturday, March 2. A sign-up sheet has been circulating. Please see Ron for more information.

**Peter Zahner's** Membership Committee has been convened. If you are interested in joining those deliberations, please see Peter.

**President Stephanie** noted that during preparation for a District Leadership presentation a Club mission statement--"**to do good and have fun**"--was coined. Indeed, an accurate description of who we are and what we do.

**Sara McCallum** stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A native of Michigan, Sara

received her RN degree beginning her medical career in Michigan before moving to Florida in



1983. After joining Naples Community Hospital and working in outpatient surgery, she transferred to Naples Day Surgery,

becoming its Executive Director in 1989.

Sara offered an interesting overview and reflection on changes in our regional healthcare delivery system.

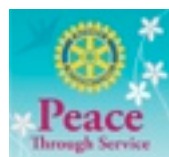
With six grandchildren in Michigan, she enjoys her visits--but has clearly found a home in Southwest Florida--and now, our Club. Welcome.

**"ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE"**

**Steven Slachta** introduced us to this month's recipients of the Estero High School Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to Victoria Matthews for her participation in various service projects;



Jonathan Davidson for maintaining academic excellence; Linda Rothhammer for her sincerity and dedication to special needs students; and to Ali Fabbro for her dedication to fitness and wellness and her work as an Interact sponsor. Job well done--your continuing commitment to excellence inspires us



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133 or its website [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). **The Spoke**, the Club's official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email [riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com).

**Last Week's Program:  
"A Profile of Service"**

Last week, our good friend Steve Agius offered an inspiring presentation on the meaning and impact of Rotarian service as he reported



and updated us on Gift of Life and the Wheelchair Foundation initiative.

Steve's Rotarian "dossier" is impressive and impeccable, as he currently serves as District Membership Chairman, President of the Board of Gift of Life and Chair of the District Wheelchair Committee.

He offered a historical overview of Gift of Life, a program offering life saving open heart surgeries to



children whose families would not otherwise have the financial means to obtain such

treatment. A Rotarian initiative starting in 1971, 71 Districts now have Gift of Life programs, allowing over

15,000 children to receive and enjoy their "gift of life."

Our own District program began in 1997 and since then has impacted the lives of 250 children. Steve also offered an update on "mission training" and GOL's ability to maintain relationships with partner health care

institutions given today's economic climate. Steve announced that Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami has agreed to take three GOL children this year.

Steve then turned his attention to the Wheelchair Foundation. Started in 2000, the Foundation's mission is to provide a wheelchair to every adult and child in the world who



needs one or can't afford one.

District 6960 became involved in 2002 and has actively supported the initiative since then. This program along with GOL offers wonderful opportunities to forge international partnerships. Thank you Steve for your tireless work in fostering those partnerships.

**On Being Rotarian**

**Don't Forget...**the Bonita-Springs Fire-Rescue is collecting sweatshirts to distribute through its "Bundle Up Bonita" Program. The program seeks to provide necessary clothing children in the community need to stay warm this winter.

**Our Club will be collecting new sweatshirts throughout January in support of this program. All sizes are needed for children aged preschool to eighth grade.** We will make our donation to the Fire-Rescue in February.



**It's District Conference Time**

It's not too early to make your plans to join District Governor Steve Schlueter and other Rotarian friends and colleagues at our District Conference which will take place May 16-19 at the Sarasota Hyatt.

**REGISTER NOW**

The Conference Agenda offers a wonderful blend of social and educational activities--so why not register now.

You can do so (and obtain more information) by going to the District website and downloading the registration form. See you in Sarasota.





**"The Fifty-Fifty"**  
This Week's Big Prize--\$1615

A delighted Bob Lorenz drew the Four of Spades to win \$500.

As always...we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

**Rotary "Sings"**  
*Yellow Submarine*



In the town where I was born,  
Lived a man who sailed to sea,  
And he told of his life,  
In the land of submarines.  
So we sailed on to the sun,  
'Till we found the sea green,  
And we lived beneath the waves,  
In our yellow submarine.  
We all live in a yellow submarine,  
yellow submarine, yellow submarine  
We all live in a yellow submarine,  
yellow submarine, yellow submarine  
And our friends are all aboard,  
Many more of them live next door  
And the band begins to play

(Trumpets play)  
Chorus



**It's A Birthday Celebration!**

**None to Report**

**Our Upcoming Speakers**

**January 30,** The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

**February 6,** Donn Wagner, "The Swami."

**February 13,** "Rotaract Update."



The 4-Way Test  
Of the things we think, say or do.  
Is it the **TRUTH?**  
Is its **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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