



The Spoke

Another Banner Day

We Honor and Celebrate all that is "Rotarian"



As RI reports and we all know, "one of the more colorful traditions of Rotary is the exchange of club banners. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at make-up meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

In addition to incorporating the Rotary emblem, banners often include symbols or imagery of a club's town, region, or country. Others represent local craftsmanship or cultural traditions by displaying leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs."

But our Wednesday banner presentation represented even more--it represented a job well done by our Rotaractors during their recent Costa Rican trip. **Sandy Scoggins** recounted how the Rotaract team not only fulfilled their service mission with skill and compassion but offered a great presentation to the Rotary Club in Costa Rica. In recognition, Sandy presented the banner from "Club Rotaro de San Jose" to **Tom Burgess** acknowledging the commitment that has made our Rotaract Club true ambassadors of "Service Above Self."

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Carl Bahls** led the invocation; Antoine de Maleissye-Melun, FGCU Rotaractor, the Pledge of Allegiance and **Geri Spaeth** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

Attention Keglers... **Jessica Berube** reminded us that our next Rotary Social will take place Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Beacon Bowl. Make plans to attend and enjoy a great evening.

Last week, Denise L. Wheeler, a partner with the law firm Roetzel & Andress, visited with us and offered an informative presentation on Employment Law. Ms. Wheeler is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Florida Bar. She



focuses her practice on representing employers in all types of employment law issues. She also counsels management in preventive measures, liability avoidance and compliance with federal, state, and local employment laws and is also a member of the firm's Health Care Reform Team which advises employers on compliance with the new federal health care

legislation.

Her presentation offered a broad overview of a variety issues in the employment workplace. Thanks for your helpful and useful insights.

A WELCOME VISIT FROM OUR ROTARACTORS



It was nice welcoming our FGCU Rotaractors, Julien Schrader, Antoine de Maleissye-Melun, Tobias Hemmerich, Rozzelle Santos and Veronica Arrieta to our meeting last week. They will be visiting us again soon to offer a report on their Costa Rica service project. Thanks to **Tom Burgess** and his Committee for their mentoring and devotion to Rotaract. The Committee always welcomes new members so if you are interested in participating, please see Tom for more information.



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 websites www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. and www.facebook.com/myrotary. **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 riverchp12-spoke@vahoo.com.

MINI GOLF OUTING --A FUN AND WORTHWHILE TRADITION



worthwhile and enjoyable Club tradition--our mini golf outing in support of Gift of Life.

Thanks to **Bob Lombardo** and his Committee for their hard work in once again organizing and hosting a flawless event with a special and noble purpose.

Last Wednesday we enjoyed and participated in what is becoming a most

From RI

**Rotary and Water
The H2O Collaboration**

Dozens of broken hand pumps dot villages in Ghana — evidence of well-intentioned efforts gone awry because sustainability wasn't built into the projects that installed them. Perhaps fees weren't collected to fund repairs, or local officials weren't recruited to manage and oversee continued operations.

School latrines also fail at a high rate, as projects often overlook the fact that they must be emptied periodically.

These are just two of the findings from a recent review of the International H2O Collaboration, a partnership between Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International

Development (USAID) that is beginning its fifth year.

As part of the partnership's commitment to sustainability, it



hired an independent contractor, Aguaconsult, to review the more than 15,000 measures — from water systems and hygiene training to wastewater treatment plants — funded by the partnership in

Ghana, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines.

The review included the creation of the WASH Sustainability Index, a tool designed to assess the long-term success and sustainability of these projects. The tool eventually will be available for Rotarians to use in planning more effective water and sanitation projects.

The WASH Sustainability Index essentially is a series of questions that determine whether these soft elements exist.

The H2O Collaboration is one example of how Rotarians are working year-round to provide access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. On March 22, Rotarians joined in the observance of World Water Day. Established by the United Nations in 1992, the day highlights the importance of fresh water and the need for sustainable management of water resources. This year's theme is water cooperation.



"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize--\$2486.

A pleased Ron Anderson drew the Eight of Hearts to win \$500.
As always, we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

"Rotary Sings"

"Easter Parade"



In your easter bonnet,
with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest
lady in the easter parade.
I'll be all in clover and
when they look you over,
I'll be the proudest fellow
in the easter parade.
On the avenue, fifth
avenue, the
photographers will snap
us,
And you'll find that you're
in the rotogravure.
Oh, I could write a
sonnet about your easter
bonnet,
And of the girl I'm taking
to the easter parade.



**It's A Birthday
Celebration!**

Steven Slachta, March 29
Jason Dolle, March 31

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers**



**This
Morning,
Mei-Mei
Chan, "The
Newspaper Industry
Today"**

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?

Reminder...
We're Moving

Effective Tuesday, April 2
Our Club will meet at
Pelican's Nest, 7:30 a.m.



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