



The Spoke

Lessons in Sustainability

Planning for the Present; Embracing the Future



Last week **Jim O' Leary** introduced us to Teresa LeSage, Manager of Lee County's new Office of Sustainability. LeSage and her office help establish a comprehensive strategy to achieve sustainability, both within the County and throughout the greater Lee County community.

LeSage holds a master's degree in public administration and is accredited in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Her goal and that of her office is to ensure that people will always want to live, work, and play in Lee County.

We learned, simply stated, that sustainability embraces a way of approaching planning, projects, services, and budgets from a holistic point of view. LeSage suggested that sustainability is good for the bottom line, as businesses are adopting sustainability initiatives to meet market demands, save money and protect environmental resources.

Thanks for a great and insightful presentation.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Joette Deane (rr)** led the invocation; **Ira Hawk** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Hank Hochstetler**, the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led "On Top of Old Smokey."

We enjoyed our "official visit" from Area 3 Assistant District Governor **Nancy Ross**. Thanks Nancy for your leadership and being such a great Rotarian.



Ray Faubion still has a limited number of tickets to the "Wine Gala" which will take place at the Fresh Market May 22 at 8:00 p.m. The event will benefit the Bonita Assistance Office. Please see Ray to acquire your very own ticket to this special event.

Frank Liles stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. We learned of the history of the Liles family dating back to 1886. Frank grew up with three other

Liles cousins in Bonita Springs. He served our country in Army aviation, being discharged in August, 1963.

Upon returning to Bonita Springs, Frank accepted a position with the Inter-County Telephone Company (now Sprint) where he

retired after 40 years and also spent 10 years with the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Frank understands the importance of community service and community commitment. He has served as a BSU Board for 33 years; a Fire Commissioner for 22 years and as a zoning board member. Frank has been married to Jane for 47 years. Their daughter Tiffany is a special education instructor at Estero High School. Thanks for being a great Rotarian Frank—we are glad you are a member of our Club.

A Time To Celebrate



Bob Lombardo was kind enough to forward along a picture of a celebration dinner he and Theresa hosted for the Honduras Wheelchair Foundation delivery team. Attending were Bob and Theresa, Klaus and Joan Helf, and from the Noon Club Steve Agius, Michelle Eddy and Gary and Linda Dworkin. Thanks and congratulations for your devotion to service.

RI Reports--President Tanaka's "Rotary Moments"

While I was preparing for a Major Donor dinner in Tampa Bay, Florida, on my birthday, which is 4 February, I thought about the past year. As people often do on their birthdays, I was reflecting about how quickly time passes and about my purpose in life of being useful to others — especially during my year as RI president when I feel I must do my best for Rotarians. I was remembering all the places I've traveled as a Rotarian and the interesting people I've met along the way.

For instance, during February, March, and April, I attended several 100th anniversary celebrations in places such as Birmingham, Alabama, and Indianapolis, Indiana, in the United States and Toronto and Vancouver in Canada. I'm fortunate to be the RI president during a time when there are so many centennial club celebrations. I enjoy celebrating these Rotary milestones, and I wish I could be at more.

In late March, I visited District 3010 in Delhi, India, and participated in my first Holi celebration. It was an unforgettable experience and great fun to watch everyone throwing colored powder on each other. It seemed that the people who had the most colored powder on them were also the ones having the most fun.



In Israel, some projects that stood out for me included a rain water harvesting project and a project called Save a Child's Heart, in which doctors at a hospital in Israel perform heart surgeries on Palestinian children. These are all noteworthy examples of how lifesaving work is being done by Rotary. And it shows how, through Rotary's humanitarian work, countries can

promote peace. I'm so impressed to see Rotarian involvement in these projects, which require dedication and a significant commitment of time. I know that there are

many more impressive Rotarian projects that I haven't had the opportunity to see. All these projects together will help Rotary become stronger. The more I think of Rotary, the more amazed I am.

I'm proud to be a Rotarian and know that we are "This Close" to eradicating polio, and we've been dedicated to working on this historic goal since 1985. This is what makes Rotary great — the focus, tenacity, and persistence to reach such an important goal. The eradication of polio will be an achievement that will forever benefit the world's children. It will be a tremendous success for Rotary of which we all can be proud.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican's Nest 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 riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com.

"The Fifty-Fifty"

This Week's Big Prize--\$3149.



A delighted Geri Spaeth drew the King of Clubs to win \$5.00.

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

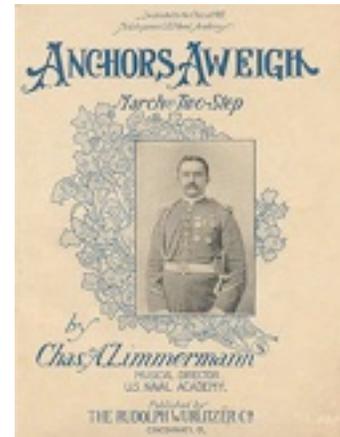
"Rotary Sings"

"Anchors Aweigh"

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh. Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.

Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam,

Until we meet once more. Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Buddy Cliff, May 14

Our Upcoming Speakers



This Morning,
FGCU
Rotaract

Costa Rica Trip

May 21, Kathie Ebaugh,
Lee County Planning
Agency, Amendments to
Comprehensive Plan

May 28, Mike Liggins,
Bonita Springs Utilities

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?

Don't Forget

Our District Conference begins this Thursday. There is no charge for the Conference itself. The only charges are for meals and lodging. If you missed the deadline for registering online (Monday, May 13 at 5:00 pm) you can still register at the Conference.



Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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