



The Spoke

Congratulations!

Our Devotion and Commitment Recognized at District Conference



Last week was a time of celebration as Assistant Governor **Nancy Ross**, pictured above with **President Stephanie**, recounted the accomplishments that qualified our Club for the Governors Award and Presidential Citation. These awards emphasize our Club's local and international focus.

Locally, our Club Foundation Board established an Educational Endowment Fund. We sponsored and mentored Rotaract at FGCU, awarding four scholarships to its members. We supported Interact at Estero High School and collaborated with the Noon Club to provide over \$35,000 in scholarships.

Internationally, collaboration with Rotarians in Poland resulted in a \$35,000 reverse grant in support of Habitat for Humanity. Compassion and service took us to Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica so wheelchairs, backpacks, books and supplies could be distributed to those in need.

What we do is good, noble, and meaningful. Congratulations Rotarians on a job well done.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Hal Cooper** led the invocation; **Brian Olitsky** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Ken King**, the 4 Way Test. **Jon McLeod** conducted and led "You're A Grand Old Flag."

A very full meeting agenda began with **President Stephanie** presenting **Jonathan Shaw** with his permanent, blue badge. Congratulations Jonathan!



A New Member Moment

We continued our "membership theme" by inducting and in some cases welcoming back several "new" members. We were glad to applaud **Carl Nickel**, **Scott Angevine**, and **Gary Price** pictured with **President Stephanie** and their sponsors as Rotarians. New member moments are always memorable and this moment was no exception. As an aside, **President Stephanie** observed that our membership role now stood at 98 members and expressed hope that we could break the century mark by the end of the Rotary year. With two



upcoming new member proposals, it appears that goal may become a reality.

Jim O'Leary announced the formation of the nominating committee for our Foundation Board. Anyone interested in serving on the Foundation Board should so advise **Jim**, **John Spear**, or **Don Thomson**.

Marjorie Rubacky briefed us on the work of our Program Committee. The Committee is still looking for one more monthly program host. A survey will also be forthcoming seeking to gauge member interest regarding development of future programs. Please respond to that survey as well as the Club Socials Questionnaire which was circulated last week.

Our Summer Golf Tour Continues

Mark McCaw reported on the great adventure and journey that is our Summer Golf Tour. Every Saturday during the summer we visit some of Southwest Florida's nicest tracks for a

morning of fun and fellowship. During the coming weeks we'll be visiting Miramar, Naples Grande, and other great courses. Please let Mark know if you would like to be included on his golf email list. Golfers of all experience and ability are most welcome to attend.

Around Rotary



Jack Powers stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A native of Akron, Ohio, Jack’s family moved to Meadville, Pennsylvania, then to the Philadelphia area and finally to

Northern New Jersey where Jack was able to establish some roots. There he graduated from Morristown High School, Rutgers University, met his wife Angie and began work in the insurance profession. Transferred to Pennsylvania, Jack decided to follow family and moved to Bonita Springs where he and his family have resided for seventeen years. Jack joined Gulfshore Insurance and has been associated with that firm ever since. He has enjoys living in and contributing to Southwest Florida. Thanks Jack for being a great Rotarian. We’re glad you are a member of our Club.

A “Friendship” Moment

Building and nurturing friendships is a cornerstone of all that is “Rotary.” So it was fitting to witness **Sue Masters** present **Joette Dean (rr)** with a token of her appreciation for all



Joette’s contributions to our Club. Congratulations and thanks Joette. See you again soon.

Our Speaker

Last week we heard from Kathie Ebaugh of Lee County’s Planning Agency. She offered a very interesting overview of the process and policy behind implementing amendments to Lee County’s Comprehensive Plan. Thanks Kathie for a great presentation.



“Wine Gala”

Last Wednesday evening many of us joined friends, colleagues, and neighbors at the Fresh Market in support of the Noon Club’s initiative benefiting the Bonita Assistance Office.



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--\$3427.

An energized Peter O'Flinn drew the Eight of Diamonds to win \$500.

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

"Rotary Sings"

"By The Light Of The Silvery Moon"

By the light of the silvery moon

I want to spoon

To my honey I'll croon
love's tune

Honey moon, keep a-
shinin' in June

Your silv'ry beams will
bring love's dreams

We'll be cuddlin' soon
By the silvery moon



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Dick Fredrickson, May 28
Ray Faubion, May 29

Our Upcoming Speakers



This Morning,
Fred Partin,
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?

You're Invited!



If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Bobbi and confirm your attendance at this year's annual **Passing of the Gavel Awards and Installation Banquet**. This year's gala will take place at Pelican's Nest, Friday June 7. Be a part of a great Club tradition and wonderful evening of Rotarian friendship.

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