



The Spoke

“Help Us Reach Our Goal”

“Trustee Chair John Kenny Announces 123 Million Dollar Goal”



Help us reach our goal.

Rotarians are generous people. They give to many good, charitable causes in their communities but in many instances do not support their own charity: The Rotary Foundation.

This Rotary year, I would like to see every Rotary club make a contribution to our Rotary Foundation.

Remember that the good we do in the world is limited only by the contributions we receive. And when we give to our Foundation, we are not sending cash to Evanston – we are helping a blind man to see, a polio victim to walk, a child to grow to adulthood healthily, a student to become better educated, and a family to have food to eat.

Each year, the trustees of The Rotary Foundation set a goal for the Annual Fund – the fund that feeds the World Fund. This year, the goal is US\$123 million, with each Rotarian being asked to contribute a minimum of \$100. I am conscious that this figure would mean more in some countries than others. But Rotarians should give according to their means.

The slogan Every Rotarian, Every Year means exactly that. Every Rotarian should make a contribution to our Foundation every year. Make it a priority this year to impress on your club the importance of every club supporting our Foundation in some way.

As I said at the outset, Rotarians are generous people. I am sure you will translate that generosity into giving to our Rotary Foundation.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Wendy Arsenault** delivered the invocation; **Hal Cooper** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Peter O'Flinn** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director Emeritus **Steve Krchniak** led us in an inspirational version of "America The Beautiful."

New Member Moment

We all look forward to "New Member Moments." They remind us of our own initiation and provide opportunity and inspiration to welcome a new member into our Club and assist them in learning about all that is Rotary. So it was good that **Peter Zahner**, our Membership Chair, conducted an initiation ceremony which confirmed **Susan Hill** (pictured above with her sponsor **Sue Masters** and **President Sandy**) as our newest member. Welcome Susan—we are glad you are a member of our Club.



The Return of the Blue Buckets

President Sandy noted that the Blue Buckets which support the CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) have made a prominent return to our tables. Since 1996 CART has awarded over 4 million dollars in research grants. You can participate in that noble cause by contributing to the Blue Bucket at your table each and every week. During the month of August we have collected \$111.61.



Mark Your Calendars

President Sandy reminded us all that our inaugural "Rotary-Rotaract Get Acquainted Picnic" will take place Saturday September 13 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Estero Bay Park Pavilion which is located inside Bonita Bay. The Picnic supports the newly introduced Rotary Resource initiative. Please plan on attending.



Our Speaker

Last week we were delighted that visiting Rotarian, good friend, and fellow golfer Dr. Stefan Gerhold offered an interesting and engaging presentation entitled "Between Shock and Transformation: Economy and Politics in Germany after the Reunification."

Dr. Gerhold's past professional experience includes 15 years of international experience in a variety of locations providing project management services, politico-security risk assessment, government and media relations, commercial experience and democracy promotion. A member of the Rotary Club Dakor Horizon, Dr. Gerhold is the Director of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation. His presentation offered engaging insight into the processes and effect the German United Federal Republic has had on both East and West Germans. He analyzed unification from a subjective, economic, and political dimension and considered key economic indicators such as GDP and unemployment rates in so doing. Thank you Stefan for your presentation and especially your friendship. Visit us again soon.



From RI: “Polio’s Retreat”

As photojournalist Allison Kwesell walks through the narrow streets of an Indian village, familiarity sets in. She visited here four years ago, when she first met Samir and his family. He was two years old then and had recently contracted polio.

Kwesell approaches the front porch of a home when she hears an older woman yelling “Samir! Samir!” She runs toward the voice, wondering if she’ll recognize the boy. She sees six children playing chase on the dry earth, the dirt forming clouds around their feet. From afar she notices a young boy, not unlike the other barefoot children in the backyard overlooking patches of farmland, except for his slight limp. She moves closer and the children pause, half encircled around the boy. Kwesell recognizes him by his eyes. Samir is six now, and with the help of physical therapy, he can run and play with the rest of the children in his village on the outskirts of Moradabad.

Samir is one of the last children in India to contract polio. In March 2014, the World Health Organization announced that its Southeast Asia region is officially polio-free. The certification came on the heels of India’s successful fight against the disease: It

celebrated three years without polio in January.

The nation’s achievement is the result of a grueling 36-year battle that sent millions of health workers down alleys, up mountains, and across deserts to reach every child in this sprawling country. Not long ago, India had more cases of polio than any other nation in the world. This milestone means that 80 percent of the population worldwide lives without fear of the paralyzing disease.



Samir’s mother, Fahmida, has seven children now. She worries about Samir, who will have to cross a busy road on his

way to school when he starts later this year. He sometimes falls down when running too fast, but he always gets right back up. Samir’s doctor believes that his case was less severe than it could have been because earlier vaccinations against polio helped him build partial immunity. Fahmida is hopeful for his future; Samir wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

“For mothers, all of this hard work will mean fewer worries about crippling disease,” says Kwesell, a former Rotary Peace Fellow.



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 riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com



"The Fifty-Fifty" This Week's Big Prize—\$1162

Last week your bewildered Editor drew the Six 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" "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;



He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

(Chorus)



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Tom Briers, September 3
Mark Generales, September 3



This Morning's Speaker

David Grossi,
Law Enforcement

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?

This Morning's Invocation

Gracious God, from whose storehouse of abundant blessings we have generously received and by Whose Love we are embraced, we offer the gratitude of our hearts and the labor of our hands.

In the spirit of Labor Day's observance, we are thankful for the ability and opportunity to be workers, helping to make constructive differences in society. In our physical and mental laboring, help us to maintain the high vocational standards as expected of us as Rotarians.

Bless all aspects of our meeting today. As we enjoy food and fellowship, we remember those less fortunate and all who seek to minister sympathetically them. Amen.

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