



The Spoke

“Picnic with a Purpose”

“Our Inaugural Rotary Resource Social A Success”



We spent a very pleasant Saturday with our Rotaractors chatting, networking, and enjoying great cuisine. Thanks to **Tom Burgess, Jack Powers, Scott Anderson** and their leadership team for making it all possible. We all had fun.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Hank Hochstetler** delivered the invocation; our **Steven Slachta** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Colecchio** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in an delightful version of "Bye Bye Blackbird."

Welcome Kayla



We were delighted to welcome Kayla Clark to our meeting last week. Proud parents **Drew - Montez and Kanema Clark** happily

introduced Kayla to us all. Congratulations and welcome. Visit us again soon Kayla.

A Special Presentation

Frank Kinzie (rr) made a very special presentation last week. He shared the story of how he and fellow members of his home Club in Massachusetts met **Jon McLeod** and **Carl Nickel** as Jon



was beginning his ride in support of Gift of Life. In support of Jon's cause and in the spirit of true Rotarian generosity Frank presented Jon with a check for \$1800 the the Rotary Club of Beverly Massachusetts. This gift and Jon's effort all support a Global Grant which will make possible the development of a pediatric cardiac surgical facility in El Salvador.

A Paul Harris Moment



The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, (the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships), it is a noble expression of what it means to be Rotarian. So it was good to see our new Foundation Chair **Sara McCallum** present **Carl Nickel** with advanced Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Thank you Carl for your leadership and generosity.

Our Speaker



Last week we heard from Dr. Steven Goldberg. Dr. Goldberg is board-certified in orthopedic surgery and was fellowship trained at Columbia University in shoulder and elbow surgery and sports medicine. He came to Naples in 2005 as a physician at Cleveland Clinic Florida. He offered some very practical sports medicine suggestions we can all put to good use. Thanks Dr. Goldberg for a great presentation.

Rotaractors “Sprout” Hope

Imagine a community where the residents are all free to plant, grow, harvest, and eat healthy food whenever they want without having to pay for it.

Sound too good to be true?

That's exactly what residents of more than 20 cities and towns in France are doing through a project called Potalib. Launched by the Rotaract Club of Versailles, Potalib was inspired by the Incredible Edible project, an international food-sharing movement founded by Nick Green in England. The Rotaract members obtained Green's permission to apply the concept in France, changing the name to "Potalib," a contraction of "potager libre" (free vegetable garden).

"The goal is quite simple: To give everyone, from the wealthiest to the poorest, the opportunity to eat quality vegetables," says Club President Thibaut Mathieu.

"Everyone" includes parents who want to teach their children "that fries do not grow in the ground," joke the project's supporters. According to a recent survey, one in four children in France doesn't know that fries come from potatoes.

Potalib also offers the homeless a reliable source of free healthy food.

Each Potalib package costs more than \$15,000. Mathieu says that would be a high price for one person to pay, but not for a town, government department, or a company. The money is paid directly to the club, which then pays the suppliers, "who have become genuine and trusted partners," he says.



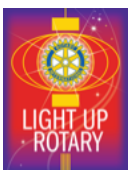
Potalib is also good for local business. If the community isn't able

to fund the entire project, the club contacts companies in the area. Mathieu says a local company can finance one or several bins in its city, and in doing so, improve its image by showing the public that it cares.

Outside of France, Rotaract clubs in Belgium, Canada, and Germany have inquired about duplicating the project.

The Versailles Rotaractors started Potalib in 2012, around the time they were forming their club, which was chartered in 2013. The project has not only benefited an increasing number of communities, it's also helped to expand the club's membership, which has mushroomed from 16 members to 60.

Mathieu credits the project's success to the Rotaract club's sponsors, the Rotary Club of Versailles. "They have always given us good counseling. Without 'our' Rotarians, we would not be here today," says Mathieu. *(Courtesy of RI.)*



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—\$1309

Last week an enthralled Bob Lorenz drew the Six of Hearts to win \$500.
As always,,we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Ed Houck, September 21



This Morning's Speaker

Gary Bryant
"Veterans Issues"



"Rotary Sings" "School Days"

School days, school days
Dear old golden rule days
Readin' and 'ritin' and
'rithmetic Taught to the tune
of the hickory stick
You were my queen in calico
I was your bashful barefoot beau
And you wrote on my slate
"I love you, so"
When we were a couple of kids.

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

Good and Gracious God, we are privileged to be involved in service, but in our reaching out, keep us from inflated egos and undue self-congratulations, realizing that only by empowerment from Your Will can we serve others. So give us wisdom, guidance, strength and the will to be engaged in fruitful service.

We intercede for all who are in need this day, locally and globally. We also pray for all who serve those with needs, both within and outside of the Rotary family.

Accept our thanks for food to strengthen us, for fellowship to enrich us, and for Your promised grace to sustain us. Amen.

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