



The Spoke

“Congratulations Bobbi”

President Bobbi named Bonita Citizen of the Year



We were all delighted to learn that the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce named Bobbi Bird Citizen of the Year during its annual meeting. **President Bobbi's** contribution to her Community and her Club are well known. Whether it is her invaluable work with the Assistance Office, Relay for Life, Celebrate Bonita, Rotary, and countless other events and causes, Bobbi always makes a difference.

When TR spoke of the person in the arena, the one who strives to do the deeds, knows great enthusiasms, great devotions, spending oneself in a worthy cause, in this Editor's view, Bobbi immediately comes to mind.

But it is in the arena of the heart where Bobbi most excels. From the moment you meet her, you just know that you've met a person who cares; who understands the meaning of compassion and commitment. Bobbi's special trait and talent allows her to make a difference and touch lives. She's certainly touched ours--and we are all the better for it.

So congratulations and thanks **President Bobbi**. In so many ways you'll always be our "citizen of the year."

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Jason Dolle** delivered the invocation; **Clara Anne Graham** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Murphy** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing version of "All Hail to Rotary."

Roger Brunswick reported that Dictionary Day is this coming Friday, October 4th. Thanks to all who have volunteered to assist with the distribution.

Don't Forget...Poinsettia Sale forms are presently available. Take advantage of special pricing currently available for large orders. Our flowers are big, bountiful, and beautiful--so you can sell them with confidence.

A Banner Day

Each and every Rotary Club around the world creates their own unique trading flag or banner. These flags are exchanged between clubs when traveling Rotarians visit other clubs for the first time.

President Bobbi advised that our Club has a supply of banners with our new logo which you may use for presentation when you visit Rotary Clubs during your travels. There will be a few at the front desk--or contact **Sandy Scoggins** in the event he desk supply has run out.

And in keeping with that time honored tradition, **Jon McLeod** presented **President Bobbi** with a banner from the Rotary Club of

Blue Ridge, Georgia. Thanks Jon for the banner and for an interesting travelogue presentation.

"We" Have Heart

President Bobbi announced that a new program and initiative known as "Rotary Has Heart." More information will be forthcoming but the program's goal is that of having Clubs devote a day to feeding the hungry. Accordingly we will be adding the tag "Rotary Has Heart" to our October 26th food packing event. We are looking for a Chair and a Committee for this initiative. If you are interested in participating, please see **President Bobbi**.

Frank Liles and **Carl Schwing** described the paver program for Veterans Walk in Riverside Park. If you are interested in participating, the cost is \$80, \$40 of which pays for the paver and \$40 of which represents a contribution to the Veterans Committee. If you would like additional information or a paver form, please see Frank or Carl.

And finally...on Friday, November 8 at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, the Literacy Volunteers of Collier County will be hosting "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy 2013." For

28 years LVCC has helped enhance the lives of students and their families improve their literacy skills through tutoring and an interactive English computer laboratory. "Dancing with Stars" is LVCC's fundraiser and our own **Sandy Scoggins** will be participating in the dancing competition. **Sandy** has all of the details as how we can help her win the DWTS 2013 Best Fundraiser Award and at the same time support LVCC's important mission.



A Rotaract Update

Leadership is an important and critical aspect of Rotary and it offers programs allowing emerging and potential leaders opportunities to develop their professional skills. Rotaract brings together people in universities and communities worldwide to organize service activities, network and just have fun.



While there are more than 7,100 Rotaract Clubs worldwide in 163 countries and geographical areas, the Rotaract Club that always will have a special place in our hearts is the one our Club founded at Florida Gulf Coast University. The hard work and commitment of our Rotaract Committee has helped nurture, support, and foster an organization at FGCU that makes a true and positive impact on its campus and community.

So it was good to welcome Rotractors Jazmin Williams, Cecilia Morales, Brandon Shaik, and Kevin Sun to our meeting last week.

Jazmin, the Club's current President, offered an update and overview of Rotaract at FGCU. She described the opportunities Rotaract offers its members in the areas of leadership, personal and professional development. The Eagle Challenge Course, LEAD Team Workshops and Resume Building Workshops are examples of the development opportunities the Club offers its members.

One of the Club's signature activities is the community service it provides every Saturday. For example recently 25 FGCU Rotractors participated in a beach clean-up. This coming week they were planning to volunteer at Echo Global Farm, an organization that works toward fighting hunger and improving the lives of poor.

Thanks Rotractors for your presentation and your enthusiasm. Visit us again soon.



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-~~\$~~949.50
 Last week a delighted Jay Berube drew the
 Three of Spades 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"
**"Take Me Out To The
 Ballgame"**

Take me out to the ball
 game
 Take me out with the crowd
 Buy me some peanuts and
 crackerjacks
 I don't care if I never get
 back
 Let me root, root, root
 For the Indians
 If they don't win it's a shame
 For it's one,
 Two,
 Three strikes you're out
 At the old ball game.



***It's A Birthday
 Celebration!***

None to Report

**Our
 Upcoming
 Speakers
 This Morning,**



**Mary Lynn
 Ziemer**
**"Finding Joy
 in your
 Business and
 Personal Life"**

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, during this interlude for fellowship and Rotary
 business, give us a deeper sense of the purpose for which we
 exist, and an awareness of the opportunities open to us to
 render service in the community. We pray the same for all
 clubs in the worldwide enterprise to which we belong. Help
 us to seek no reward but the satisfaction of helping.

Bless now our table fellowship and the food prepared for our
 enjoyment and physical need. We are grateful for these and all
 blessings received because of your grace and goodness. Amen.

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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