



The Spoke

“A Spotlight Performance”

Scott Gerrish Offers “Rotarian” Insight and Example



Last week **Scott Gerrish** stepped into the Member Spotlight and offered great insight and example of what it means to be Rotarian. Veteran, community leader, and philanthropist, Scott described a career where he has offered talent, vision, and service as a Navy Ensign; Commercial Pilot; Naval Reserve Commander; Controller of a New Hampshire manufacturing company; Selectman and then Town Councillor.

Scott related the inspiring story of how his wife Marion participated in and spearheaded a community project which saw an old unused school building transformed into a community center where more than 150 groups (including two Rotary Clubs) meet throughout the year. In 1999, before she died, the center was named The Marion Gerrish Community Center.

Sometime after, while living in Londonderry, New Hampshire, Scott met one of his neighbors, a widow who had moved to be near her children and grandchildren. Scott and Amalia married and are now the proud “parents” of 9 children, 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

We learned of the breadth of his Rotary career and his work with the Robert Frost Farm—none of which should have been a surprise to us. Since joining us over ten years ago, (initially as a “Regular”) Scott has always been “there” offering his time, talent, and perspective. Many thanks Scott.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Don Manley** delivered the invocation; Ann Musselman, Community Representative for the American Cancer Society the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Richard Garner** the 4 Way Test. We collaborated to produce a rousing version of "Shine On Harvest Moon."

A Paul Harris Moment

Paul Harris presentations always comprise a special place within our Club meeting agenda. They remind us of the power and imperative of stewardship and the unique Rotarian commitment to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. So it was good to see **Gerry Myers** preside over a very special ceremony which saw **Scott Angevine** receive his Paul Harris plus 7 pin.

Scott has been a member of our Club for 17 years. Named Rotarian of the Year in 2001, Scott's commitment, involvement, and generosity made it possible for our Club to be forever memorialized at Rotary International Headquarters as a 100% Paul Harris Club in the 2004-2005 Rotary year.

Thank you Scott for your commitment to Rotary and to Club. We will always be grateful to you for your significant contribution to all that is Rotarian.



Mark Your Calendars...President Bobbi announced that our meeting day returns to Wednesday, effective November 6th. We will continue to meet at Pelican's Nest.

Congratulations to **Sandy Scoggins** on her appointment as our District Assistant Governor for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

Halloween In The Park

Halloween In The Park takes place Thursday, October 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Riverside Park. The event provides children a safe and fun environment for trick or treating. Our Club traditionally participates in this event and your help is requested at our booth and with the candy drive which is now

in progress. Please see **Donna Marcotte** for additional information.

And as a reminder, the Relay for Life Kickoff Party will take place Tuesday, November 12, at The Colony Bay Club at 5:30 pm. The actual Relay for Life event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014 so mark your calendars now.

President Bobbi announced a Rotary Social hosted by **Jim and Annie Renfro**. The social will take place at their Studio--please plan on attending and celebrating TGIF.

Scott Anderson briefed us on Christmas Tree sale activities. Flyers and sponsorship forms will be available at next week's meeting. If you would like to help and serve on the Committee, please see Scott.

Around The Club

RLI...A Uniquely Rotarian Opportunity

President Bobbi offered congratulations to **Tom Briers** for completing Part 2 of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

The Rotary Leadership Institute, or RLI, is a resource all Club members should consider utilizing as it is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program.



While not an official program of Rotary International, RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who have the potential for future club leadership and provide them with a useful Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. The Institute offers a leadership development programs in three full day sessions. Courses must be taken in sequence - Part 1, Part 2 and then Part 3. Attendees who complete Part 3 are considered RLI graduates and entitled to register for the more advanced graduate courses - (currently Graduate Membership)

For more information on this valuable program, visit the RLI website, www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org.

Rotary Has Heart

As part of our Club Assembly, **Julie Pedretti** offered an update and explanation of “Rotary Has Heart” and how our Club can support and participate in this initiative.

The Program was developed by Rotary International Vice President Anne L. Matthews. An educator by profession, Anne cares deeply about children and has set Valentines Day 2014 as a day where Rotarians are being asked to engage in a hunger project to change lives.

Clubs are free to decide how to participate and Julie offered a range of ideas for us to consider.

While “Rotary Has Heart” first and foremost is an effort to feed children, it also offers a unique opportunity to help our neighbors better

understand what Rotary is and what Rotarians do to make their communities better places to live. In that sense, the initiative can be viewed as an opportunity to develop membership and promote giving to our Rotary Foundation.



Julie is seeking our thoughtful consideration of the project--and committee members. Thanks Julie for taking on a leadership role for this important initiative.



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-~~\$~~1,148
Last week a delighted Wendy Arsenault drew the
Two 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”
**“The Whole World in
His Hands”**

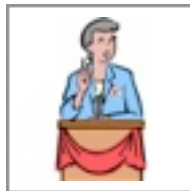
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***It's A Birthday
Celebration!***

None to Report

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers
This Morning,**



***Julie
Workman,
“The Heights
Foundation”***

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 grateful for the autumn
blessings garnered from the world of nature. In the familiar
context of Rotarian fellowship we pray that beyond
camaraderie and the details of Club business, we will gain a
fresh awareness of the power we have to do good, to bring
help and hope to those in need of those gifts.

In this month designated Vocational Service Month, we ask
for assistance in maintaining the conviction that our
vocational abilities are inherently divinely given and that we
are called to use our vocations, not just for personal gain, but
as a means of serving others in some way.

Thank you, God for life and all its blessings, for food prepared
for us today, and for friendships we cherish. Amen.

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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