



# The Spoke



## “Ethics In Leadership”

*“Bob Gillette lauded for his compassion and leadership”*



The Ethics in Leadership Award was created in 2012 to provide our Club the opportunity to recognize individuals whose personal and professional life serves as an example and role model consistent with Rotarian ideals and aspirations. It thus is fitting that we celebrated **Bob Gillette** being named an Ethics in Leadership Award winner.

A Bonita Springs resident since 2002, a veteran of the US Air Force Reserves, and a member of our Club, Bob has displayed leadership, insight and compassion in a number of ways throughout Southwest Florida. Currently CEO and General Partner of American House, Senior Living Communities Bob also serves on the Bonita Springs Advisory Board.

Bob has also offered great service to veterans. He started and completed the first Veteran’s Museum in Detroit and brought, at his own expense, the Viet Nam Wall to Bonita Springs in 2010 and again in 2013. He has also contributed to and supported a variety of causes including a Scholarship Fund for Youth. Congratulations Bob on receiving this most richly deserved award and recognition.

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President Sandy** presided. **Steven Slachta** delivered the invocation; **Ken King** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jim Horein** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in a delightful version of "The Whole World in His Hands."

### An Extraordinary Moment



Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing, developing and enhancing Rotary programs throughout the world. To acknowledge the importance and "humanity" of giving and

to express gratitude for the commitment such giving represents, The Rotary Foundation offers special thanks to Major Donors. Major Donors are individuals whose cumulative donations reach and exceed \$10,000. So on a day when we celebrated Rotary's individual commitment to the well-being of individuals world-wide, we also acknowledged the extraordinary generosity and commitment to all things Rotary of one of our own Club members, **Bobbi Bird**, who achieved Major Donor status. Congratulations Bobbi—and a heartfelt thank you.

### Foundation Board Nomination

**President Sandy** called on **Tom Briers** who had chaired an ad-hoc Foundation Board nominating committee, composed of **Tom, Jim O'Leary**, and **Mark Generales**. The Committee was charged with the responsibility of filling the current vacancy on the Club Foundation Board and fulfilled its responsibility by placing the name of **Jim Dati** in nomination. The Club, having been convened in general session, approved said nomination unanimously. Congratulations Jim.

### In Support of Polio Plus

The appearance of the "big check" in our meeting room is always a welcoming sign, serving as a tangible symbol of our Club's continuing and enduring generosity to all things Rotarian. So it was fitting, on our "Greatest Meal" day, to see Club Foundation Secretary **Nancy Ross** present PDG and District Foundation Chair Steve Schlueter a \$2400 pledge in support of "Polio Plus."



### Wounded Warriors Initiative

**President Sandy** spoke of our upcoming Wounded Warriors softball event, a collaborative project which will allow us to support and enjoy their doubleheader in January. As part of that initiative, we are making available copies of the book "Battlefield to Ball Field" for \$20 which funds support the Wounded Warriors softball team. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please see **Bobbi Bird** or **Bob Gillette**.



**On College Basketball...President Sandy** called on PDG Gary Israel who briefed us on the Second Annual Florida "Gulf Coast Showcase" men and women's college basketball tournament. The tournament will be held November 24 through November 30. Rotarians are being asked to serve as "hosts," assisting teams with transportation from the airport and to and from the games. You'll be "credentialed" and thus welcome to enjoy the games. The Estero and Noon Club are participating (along with our area Rotaract Clubs). If you would like more information, please call or email Gary.

## Our “Greatest Meal”



This past Wednesday was a special day for our Club as we celebrated and held our “Greatest Meal.” We were honored by the presence of PDG and District Rotary Foundation Chair Steve Schlueter who offered an engaging, informative, and interactive presentation on the tradition and history of giving within Rotary and the important work of our Foundation. But the morning was really about “connection,” offering a number of examples of the way in which we as Rotarians are linked to each other by history, tradition, purpose, and mission. As usual, our generosity was remarkable. **President Sandy** later reported that \$3175 was raised from both our members and Club Foundation. The Gates Foundation match transformed that contribution into \$9,525 and almost 1,600 polio immunizations. Thank you for your generosity. *(Photo courtesy of Editor Emeritus Scott Gerrish)*

## RI Reports: World Polio Day

After a year of shrinking polio cases worldwide, the crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated, said top health officials at Rotary's second annual World Polio Day event on October 24. At a special Livestream Program – World Polio Day: Make History Today – Rotary leaders joined global health experts and celebrity singers to hail the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

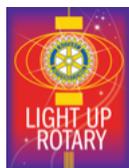
The total number of global cases to date is 247, compared with 298 for the same period last year. Outside Pakistan, which saw its polio cases spike this year, the number of cases has been 35, a dramatic decrease from 187 a year ago.

**The GPEI is on the verge of a major polio achievement in Nigeria. The country has registered only six cases to date this year. "Nigeria is in excellent position to stop circulation of**

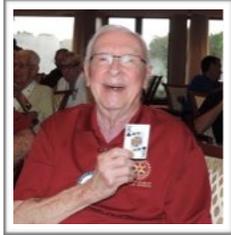


**polio this year," said Tom Frieden, CDC Director. "It has gotten 'this close' to eradicating polio by a remarkable turnaround of the program, implementing an emergency operations center, developing a proactive approach to eradication, finding innovative ways to reach children in insecure areas."**

Frieden talked about how Nigeria's Polio Emergency Operations Center aided in the quick and effective response to the country's Ebola outbreak. Senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to lead the effort. They opened an Ebola treatment unit and conducted contact tracing with up to 500 people per day. "In spite of these efforts, polio activities did not suffer," said Frieden. "This is the legacy of polio eradication in action, and it saved lives by successfully stopping the outbreak."



**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](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). and [www.facebook.com/myrotary](http://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](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com)



### "The Fifty-Fifty" This Week's Big Prize—\$1614.50

Last week, a delighted Bob Lorenz drew the King of Clubs to win \$500. We, along with Bob, are always winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

### "Rotary Sings"

#### *When The Saints Go Marching In*

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in



Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in



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

*Harvey Humpfrey, October 29*  
*Susan Schmitt, November 3*  
*Dave Shellenbarger, November 3*



### This Morning's Speaker

Jane Whitehead, Bonita Springs Historical Society, Inc.

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

As we come to the end of the month called Vocational Service Month being observed throughout the Rotary world, we are grateful for opportunities in the context of Rotary, to use our individual vocations to advance the cause of truth, fairness, and beneficence and to build better relationships in clubs, communities and countries.

For this we request Your guidance and empowerment, as we commit ourselves to serving others, with glory given to You.

Thank you for the food prepared for us and for the fellowship which binds us together in doing Your will in the world. Amen.

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