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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Week 24



December 12, 2012

This Week: Paddling for a Purpose

Hector and Don Manley will report on *Paddling for a Purpose: Kayaking the Mississippi River for Charity*.

Cover: Ray and Friends

Photos are of **Ray** and **Jeanne Faubion** and some of the friends who came to celebrate at last week's meeting. **Nancy Ross** recited a list of Ray's many accomplishments and announced that Ray is the 2013 recipient of the **Love of Bonita Award**. Ray will be honored at the Love of Bonita Dinner March 14th at the Hyatt.

Each year the Bonita Springs Community Foundation honors a local resident through the Love of Bonita Award. Ray joins **Ira Hawk**, **Hank Hochstetler**, **Marjorie Rubacky**, and last year's winner **Don Thomson** as club members who have been honored.

Recipients of this award are chosen based on the following criteria: they consistently choose to use their time, energy and/or, finances to make a difference in the lives of people living within the Bonita Springs community; they actively encourage and perform community service to help improve the quality of life in the Bonita Springs area; and they enthusiastically promote empowerment, self-sufficiency, and positive change in others, either as volunteers or as employees of community organizations. Congratulations Ray! Well deserved.

Last Week: Meeting

President **Stephanie Kissenger** presided. **Susan Schmitt** gave the invocation. Sheriff's Dept. Lt **Brian Przespolewski** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Bob Lombardo** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *O Christmas Tree* then *God Bless America* in honor of Pearl Harbor Day.

New Members



Jane Adam Drew

Jane Goble is Director of Trust and Estate Services at BMO Harris Bank. She was proposed by **Bobbi Bird**. Jane is a former member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon. **Adam Botana** is Vice President at Bay Water Boat Club and Rentals. He is a former member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon. **Roger Brunswick** was his sponsor. **Drew-Montez Clark** is owner of Arc of Life

Family Spinal Care in Naples and was proposed by **Jim Dati**.

Announcements

Dick Fredrickson said that **Scott** and **Amalia Gerrish** had attended Shots for Tots. Thirty nine shots were given to 18 kids.

Stephanie announced there would be no meeting Wed. December 26th.



Among the *Joys and Concerns* **Frank Keck** (rr) reported a joy that his wife Kathie who is undergoing radiation treatment will not have to take chemo for treatment of her cancer. **Jay Berube** announced that he is 5 years sober.

Jon McLeod reviewed the results of last week's football competition. **Bob Gillette** got his \$5 back because he had the worst choices. **Susan Schmitt** was the winner even though she didn't pick the Patriots.

Last Week: Kevin Carmichael



Kevin Carmichael F o u n d i n g Director of the Center for the Great Apes was our speaker. He is a partner with a local law firm and an Adjunct Professor at Ave

Maria School of Law.

The Center's mission is to provide a permanent sanctuary for orangutans and chimpanzees who have been rescued or retired from the entertainment industry, from research, or who are no longer wanted as pets. The Center provides care with dignity in a safe, healthy, and enriching environment for great apes in need of lifetime care.

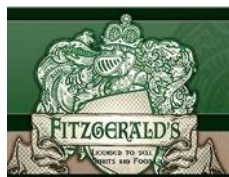
Kevin described the origin of the Center. He was partner in a Miami full service law firm when a woman client came to his office with an orangutan in diapers. She explained that Fish and Game would no longer allow her to keep the orangutan and her chimpanzee in her condo, so she wanted to set up a non-profit organization to take care of them.

There are now 50 animals at the Center's facility in Wachula. Many are retired famous movie animals. The Center is supported by private donations and has an annual budget of \$1.4 million.

Next Week: The "new" Spoke

Spoke Editor **Greg Holtz**, after a month's sabbatical for contemplation and study, has come up with a "new" Spoke format. See it next week.

Have a Meal: 15% to Rotary



Jamie Weaver announced that Fitzgerald's will contribute to the Relay for Life 15% of all Rotarian checks for lunch and dinner on **Wednesday, December 12th**. Just say "**Jamie sent me**".

\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$

This Week's Big Prize: \$1,350±

Last Week: An incredulous Mike Liggins
drew the 9 ♥ to win \$5.



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

Lance Albertson Dec 15

Mike O'Dell Dec 18

The Spoke Folk

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The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is it **FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED**?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all **CONCERNED**?



White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten,
and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white

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