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# The Spoke

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
Chartered November 3, 1978**



**Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am  
at Bonita Bay Club**

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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



February 17, 2010

## Last Meeting

**President Nancy** presided. **Earl Pritchard (rr)** delivered the invocation. **Hank Hochstetler** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Tom Burgess** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing rendition of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*

**Jim Dati** announced that our new member social will take Wednesday February 24 at the Trianon Hotel. Please mark your calendars. The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m.

**Ugo Assi** delivered a report on our Wheelchair Project. While we will be receiving an e mail update on the Project, please see **Ugo** or **Peter Zahner** if you would like more information. The cost of purchasing a wheelchair is \$100.



Special congratulations go out to **Tom Burgess** and his Committee for their fine work in overseeing the organization of the Rotaract Club at FGCU. The Club will hold its next monthly meeting on February 26 and is engaged in recruiting new members. It is also now officially registered with the University.

**Roger Brunswick** reminded us that the Club is currently selling Rotary shirts and hats. Order forms have been sent by e mail and need to be completed TODAY, February 17. Don't delay—make a fashion statement with a new Rotary hat and shirt. See Roger for additional information.

**Dennis Landfried** updated us on the Rotary Run which will be held April 10. Sponsorship opportunities are available—see **Dennis** or **Jay Berube** for more information.

Our Sergeant-at-Arms **George M. Cohan**, delivered a passionate presentation on our Reverse Raffle which will be held March 20. Buy and sell those tickets!

## Last Week's Program Dr. James W. Browder "Lee County Public School Update"



Last week **Steve McIntosh** introduced Dr. James W. Browder, Superintendent of Lee County Public Schools (joined by **President Nancy**, Karen Leonard, Principal of Spring Creek Elementary School, Dr. George H. Clover Principal of Estero High School and Jami Browder, Assistant Principal of Bonita Springs Elementary School).

**Dr. Browder provided a comprehensive overview of the educational system in Lee County. The District, the State's 9th largest, is comprised of 114 schools, 21 of which are charter schools. There are approximately 80,000 students (who represent 159 countries and speak 98 different languages) in the system, an increase of about 17,000 students during the seven years Dr. Browder has served as Superintendent.**

We were also pleased to learn that the District in the State grading system was "A" rated. Our District has 60 "A" schools. And 81% of them are "A" or "B" rated. Congratulations.



*RI President's February Message*

**What Is Rotary?**

My fellow Rotarians,

Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.



**The structure of Rotary, along with our international club projects, helps make friendly connections between Rotarians in different countries. Our emphasis on ethical and honest behavior works to build strong and open relationships between people and nations. Our service projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy help eliminate many of the practical obstacles to peace. And our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Youth Exchange programs go a step beyond by training the leaders of tomorrow to be active builders of a more peaceful world.**

These programs help shape responsible citizens of better communities – people who will have a broad and nuanced perspective, enhanced by opened eyes and open minds. They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives -- both now and in their later careers -- they will not keep the benefits of these experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help

build the kind of future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care -- people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred." In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words -- and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

**Welcome Ike!**

A warm Rotary welcome goes out to **Ike Lichtenstein**, one of our newest members. Ike hails from the Eastchester Bronxville area, a suburb of New York city. He graduated from American University (where he lettered in varsity baseball) with a degree in Finance. Ike went on to intern for Dean Balderston and Richard Rush, both key economic advisers to President Eisenhower. He is a CPA and business consultant and joined the Tarrytown, New York Rotary Club in 1990 serving as Treasurer and Assistant Secretary for eight years. Presently Ike is a Hope hospice volunteer and has started a consulting business here in Southwest Florida with the hope of as Ike explains "providing something useful to others." Once again welcome Ike. We're glad you're a member of our Club.



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**This Week's Big Prize:\$500**



Last week an exhilarated **Jay Berube** drew the Two of Spades to win \$5.

\$1 buys a ticket three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.

And as always the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the prize purse.



**Let's Sing, Rotarians!**

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
 That saved a wretch like me.  
 I once was lost but now I am found,  
 Was blind, but now I see.

Tw'as Grace that taught my heart to fear  
 And Grace, my fears relieved.  
 How precious did that Grace appear  
 The hour I first believed.

**Rotary Make-Up Opportunities**

- Monday Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
- Tuesday Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
- Wednesday Naples Gulf Shore 730 am  
 Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm  
 Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
- Thursday Naples North Collier Athletic Club 7:30 am  
 Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC (Noon)
- Friday Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

**Happy Birthday**

**Sue Masters, February 22**

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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?

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