



# The Spoke



## “On Being Rotarian” “Nigeria On Brink of Polio Eradication”

Nigeria has gone almost one year — longer than ever before — without a case of wild poliovirus. The last case was reported on July 24 2014 in Kano state. Once the gateway to polio in Africa, Nigeria is paving the way to eradicating the disease on the continent.

But reaching the milestone is only one step on the final road to ending polio and it is too soon to celebrate victory. Until polio is eliminated everywhere, it can return to Nigeria and the rest of Africa. Less than a decade ago, in 2006, polio paralyzed 1,000 people in Nigeria.



For the African region to be certified polio-free, including Nigeria, there must be no polio cases for two more years. To do this, all children in Nigeria and throughout Africa — including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas — must continue to be protected against the disease.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure that the routine immunization infrastructure is established to increase and sustain the level of herd immunity” [protection for people who are not immune that occurs when a large percentage of the population has been vaccinated], says Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. This will enable children to “continue to be immunized on schedule and protected from the virus even after the cessation of IPDs [Immunization Plus Days].”

“With Rotary, we made tremendous progress last year,” said Hamid Jafari, WHO’s Director for Global Polio Eradication and Research, speaking to attendees at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, in June. “We must keep going to end polio. If the world’s commitment to polio eradication remains strong, we will soon see a polio-free world.” *(Courtesy of RI)*

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President Tom** presided. **Brad Piotrowski** delivered the invocation; **Len Eckert** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Michael Poff** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in an dramatic, theatrical version of "Oh What A Beautiful Morning."

### A Summer Golf Tradition Continues



Congratulations to **Mark McCaw** and his Committee for adding a new, cosmopolitan edge to this Summer's Golf Program. In addition to having the opportunity to play and enjoy some of Southwest Florida's most renowned and challenging tracks, golf outing participants have been treated to lessons and special luncheons. Don't miss out on the fun—our Rotary golf outings are being held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Watch your email or see Mark for details.

### Save The Date

**Adam Botana** advised that our next Member Social will be Thursday September 24 at 6 pm at the Bay Water Boat Club. Participants will be treated to an extraordinary sunset cruise. Food and refreshments will be provided so please plan on attending.



## Celebrating Our Foundation



Last week we paused to celebrate and congratulate our Foundation on its philanthropic achievements as outgoing Foundation President **Nancy Ross** announced that **Jim Dati** would be serving as the Foundation's new President and **Stephanie Kissinger** its new Secretary. Congratulations Jim and Stephanie. Our Club's fundraising efforts helps our Club Foundation make a positive impact locally and internationally through grant activity supporting numerous causes and initiatives such as the Literacy Council; I Like Me Reading Program; Rotary Youth Exchange; Meals of Hope; Polio Plus; and Shelter Box. It is a partnership of which can we all be most proud.

### Thanks for Your Support

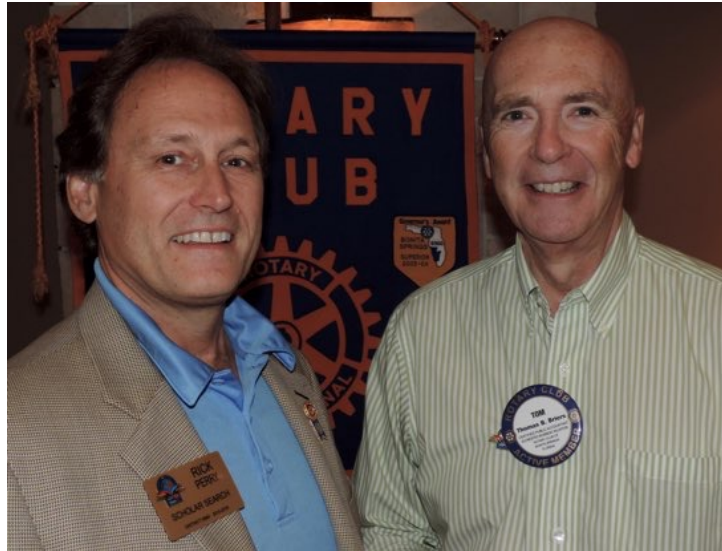
Each time a Rotarian contributes to the Blue Bucket prominently gracing our tables each and every week, he or she supports a noble cause, namely the CART Fund, a project of the Rotary Clubs of North America, whose purpose it is to provide funding for leading edge research for the cure and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease. Through 2015 the Fund had awarded over 5.2 million dollars to recognized research institutions. And 100% of donated funds support such research as all administrative expenses of the Fund are paid from interest earned from invested contributions. Thanks for your continuing support.





## RYLA: “On Leadership and Service”

Last week we welcomed our good friend and Rotary leader Rick Perry. Rick has been a Rotarian for thirteen years, belonging first to the Farmington, Michigan Club and now the Bonita Springs Noon Club. He is immediate past Assistant Governor for Area



3 and currently chairs the Scholar Search Committee for District 6960. In that capacity, Rick and his Committee are responsible for identifying potential Global Grant Scholars and Peace Fellows.

**Rick himself is a Rotary alumnus as he was selected in 1985 as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for graduate studies at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Drawing on this impressive Rotary tradition, Rick addressed us on RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).**

RYLA is a leadership program which is coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the world. Each year, thousands participate in this program. In our District RYLA participant/delegates attended a Leadership

Experience this past April. The brochure describing the experience suggested that “delegates will be encouraged to tear down walls by trying new things and exploring new roles.” Rick’s presentation described that experience, offering examples

highlighting the fundamentals of leadership; the importance of communication skills in effective leadership; and Rotary’s purpose and service of the community. Next year’s RYLA District event will take in April at Camp Lake Placid, Florida. Please contact Rick if you would more information in support of this most Rotarian of initiatives. And thanks Rick for a great presentation. Visit us again soon.



**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 [BonitaSpoke@aol.com](mailto:BonitaSpoke@aol.com).



### "The Fifty-Fifty"

This Week's Big Prize—\$970

For the second week in a row Adam Botana delighted and amazed assembled Rotarians by drawing the winning ticket—this week the Five of Clubs for another \$500.

As always, we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.



*It's A Birthday Celebration!*

*John Warfield, August 2  
Steve Krchniak, August 5*



**This Morning's Speaker**

Christine Ross, Executive Director  
Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council

**"Rotary Sings"**  
*Sweet Caroline*  
Where it began,  
I can't begin to knowin'.  
But then I know it's growing strong  
Was in the spring  
And spring became the summer,  
Who'd have believed you'd come along.  
Hands, touchin' hands  
Reachin' out, touchin' me,  
touchin' you  
Sweet Caroline  
Good times never seemed so good.  
I've been inclined,  
To believe they never would  
Oh, no no.  
Sweet Caroline  
Good times never seemed so good. Sweet Caroline,  
I believe they never could.  
Sweet Caroline  
Good times never seemed so good. Sweet Caroline....

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**

Eternal God, whose existence we acknowledge, whose continued blessings we seek and on whom we depend in faith, we invoke Your blessings upon us in this gathering today. We have come from a variety of places and tasks, to share in fellowship and in renewal of our commitment to the Rotarian ideals and standards to which we have pledged our selves and substance.

Accept now our gratitude for food, for table fellowship, and for all blessings from Your beneficent hand. Amen.

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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