



The Spoke

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary International

President

Gary C.K. Huang
Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided. **Jim Horein** rose to present a personal invocation. He said his philosophy is to treat "Every day as a treasure; pack the days full; try to help others; try to keep my body in shape; work on relationships." Jim told us that in January a member of his close family was told "You have cancer." A treatment plan was developed and followed. On Monday, April 6th, it was announced the the loved one was "clean and green". He then asked for a period of silence so each could express his concerns to his God.

Len Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rex Sims** recited the Four Way Test without notes. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Don't Fence Me In*.

Gary Price and **Peter Zahner** presented **Donna Hammang** with her hard earned blue membership badge.

Sandy announced there were still some new Rotary shirts to be picked up. Please see **Susan Schmitt**.

There will be a Rotaract picnic Sunday, April 12th, at the Bonita Bay picnic grounds. Hamburgs and hotdogs. Contact **Scott Anderson**.

The club's annual **Installation Dinner** will be Friday, April 24th, at the Barefoot Beach Club, a wonderful venue. \$70 per person. Sign up with **Tom Briers**. Pay by check or on-line.

The District 6960 Assembly will be **Saturday, April 25th**, 8 am to 12 noon, at Hodges University in Naples. "We will

conduct our business meeting to approve the budget for next year, confirm the District Governor Nominee Designate..." Registration is \$30 including continental breakfast. Signup on the District web site.

The Naples Rotaract Club will be having a social at Boston Beer Garden, Saturday April 25th. \$30/person for a cocktail hour event. Tom Briers will be held in jail at this event unless \$500 bail can be raised. Show your support for Tom with an on-line contribution at the club web site.

The annual District Conference will be held at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva, May 14-17. We will be hosting Saturday lunch. **Nancy Ross** will have a booth for "Josh the Otter" and needs people to man the booth.

Scott Vail was acting Sergeant-at-Arms. He saluted visitors and managed a confused birthday shout-out/singing for **Jim O'Leary**. Scott left us with this request, "Keep George in your thoughts as he's home recovering from attending one meeting in a row."

The program was a Powerpoint presentation of the club's achievements by Sandy and Nancy Ross. Before starting, Sandy said, "As I began to put the presentation together, **I realized again what an awesome club we have. I'm so proud of this club.** I'm unable to get everything into the presentation so much we have done just this year. **It is amazing.**"

State of the Club

Club Administration

- 98 Members (July, 2014 we had 97)
- 7 new members
- Applied for RI Membership Pilot
- Ethics in Leadership Awards- Susan Acuña, Bob Gillette
- 69 Paul Harris Fellows (71% of club)
- 3 new major donors (6 total in our club) \$10K
- Club Foundation is a major donor too!
- Club Polio Plus Goal- \$3,395
 - Currently donated- \$3,395 (100% of goal)
- Club APF Goal- \$19,600 Donation to TRF/APF
 - Currently donated- \$13,675 (70% of goal)

Fundraising Update

Club Target is to transfer \$50,000 to the Club Foundation to use for service projects

- Currently transferred \$40,000 (80% of target)
- Firecracker 5K Run (July)
- World's Greatest Meal to End Polio (Oct)
- Poinsettia Sale (Dec)
- Christmas Tree Sale (Dec)
- Reverse Raffle (March)
- Coming Next Year- Lovers Key Nautical Flea Market

Community Service Update

- Soles for Souls- Shoe Drive (Aug)
- Shots For Tots- Ended in Sept after 20 years
- Dictionary Day (Oct)
- Halloween in the Park (Oct)
- Meals of Hope- "Holidays Without Hunger" meal packing (Dec)
- Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Game (Feb)
- Walk for Water (Feb)
- Children's Book Drive (March)
- "I Like Me" Books (March)
- CART Alzheimer's Research (Ongoing)
- Bricks for Veterans Walkway (~~April~~) — May

International Service Update

- ThirdThai School Water and Sanitation Project (Bonita Springs)
- Guatemala Water System (Estero)
- Yarrabah School Library and Literacy Project (Bonita Springs)
- Gift of Life El Salvador Cardiac Surgery Project (Bonita Springs)
- Jamaica Sustainable Agriculture (Naples North)

New Generations

- Estero High School Honorees- Jack Powers
- Interact Club- Steve McIntosh
- Rotaract Club- Tom Burgess
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)- Kae Moore
- Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL)

Club Fellowship

- Beach Social (July)
- Rotary- Rotaract BBQ (Sept)
- Charter Day- 36 years (Nov)
- Holiday Party (Dec)
- Area 3 Social- Momentum Brew House (Feb)
- Reverse Raffle (March)
- Installation Dinner (April)
- New Member- Get Acquainted Social (May)
- Saturday Golf Outings (Ongoing)

State of the Foundation

Local Grant Activity

July 1, 2014- March 31, 20

• I like Me Book Program	\$3,150.	Books for local elementary studen
• Literacy Council	2,500.	Moms & Tots program
• New Horizons	2,500.	Super Girls program
• Foundation of Rotary Noon	3,000.	Grant Y Community Garden
• Ft. Myers Rotary Trust	1,225.	Dictionary Day
• FGCU	1,000.	Roberto Guido Rotaract Scholarsh
• FGCU	1,000.	Evelyn Philistin Rotaract Scholarsh
• FGCU	1,000.	Emily Sladicka Rotaract Scholarshij
• FGCU	1,000.	Jazminn Williams Rotaract "
• Victoria Matthews	1,500.	Interact Scholarship
• Amanda Libby	1,500.	Interact Scholarship
• Katie Larkin	1,500.	Interact Scholarship
• Courtney Larkin	1,500.	Interact Scholarship
• Gimma Hinkson	1,500.	Interact Scholarship
• Bonita Springs YMCA	5,000.	"Y Reads" Bonita Elementary
• City of Bonita Springs	1,000.	Bonita Middle School
• Transfer to Educational Fund	25,000.	Transfer to our Rotary Educational
•		"Endowment" Fund**
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• Total Local	\$54,875*	

International Grant Activity

July 1, 2014- March 31, 2015

• Rotary International	264.	Presidents "Speakers Honorarium"
• Rotary International	2,400.	Polio Plus Commitment
• Wounded Warrior Proj.	15,000.	Pass thru Paddling For A Purpose
• Rotary Foundation	4,000.	Annual Prog. Fund Australia Grant
• Rotary Foundation	6,000.	Thailand- water/sanitation/edu.
• Rotary Foundation	500.	Gift of Life Grant
• Rotary Foundation	2,500.	Gift of Life Grant Annual Program
• Rotary Foundation	5,000.	Jamaican Agricultural Grant
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• Total International	\$35,664 **	

Regional Grant Activity

July 1, 2014- March 31, 2015

• Meals of Hope	2,500.	Holidays w/o Hunger
• Rotary District 6960	550.	2 RYLA Students
• Friends of The Salvation Army	2,000.	Bonita/Estero Programs
• Disabled Veterans Ins. Careers development	2,500.	Assist Veteran's career
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• Total Regional	\$7,550.	

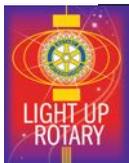
Summary

Grand Total Granted \$98,089

Foundation Grant Activity

- **Local = 55.9 % of total**
- **Regional = 7.7 % of total**
- **International = 36.4 % of total ***
- Current balance in our Rotary Club Educational Fund is \$185,500.
- ****Includes \$15,000 pass-thru from Paddling For A Purpos for Wounded Warrior Project.**

The Foundation has \$423,000 with \$238,000 in the General Fund; \$185,000 in Education Endowment.



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 website www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. **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. **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.

**Last Week: Kae Moore
Expectantly drew the
10♠ to win \$5.**



The 50/50 Still

\$500

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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Rotary Sings: Sweet Caroline

Where it began
I can't begin to know it
But then I know it's
growing strong
Was in the spring
And spring became a
summer
Who'd believe you'd
come along

Hands
Touching hands
Reaching out
Touching me
Touching 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've believed they never
could

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed
so good

This Week:

**Amy Snyder, Director
Holocaust Museum**

Birthdays

John Spear Apr 12

Kae Moore Apr 12

Mary Saunders Apr 12

Brian Olitsky Apr 15

This Morning's Invocation

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others. Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others.

As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence.

We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory.

Amen.