



The “Ladies Man” of the club, **Gary Murphy** was our highlighted speaker for the Member Moment. A loyal member of our club since 1984, Gary is one of the most generous Rotarians in our club, always offering to assist in support of events, including donating the use of boats as parade floats, donating the use of the infamous Christmas tree flatbed truck, and donating boats for the Mardi Gras auctions.

Gary is the brainchild of the new “Nautical Flea Market” fundraiser which raised over \$15,000 for our club’s foundation. Gary and his wife of 47 years, Diane, opened a tavern in Bonita in the 1970’s when he was 23, did carpentry work and ultimately opened Back Bay Marina in 1977. After selling Back Bay, he and his son Michael have been operating “Marina Mike’s” and have a large inventory of boats for sale. A native of Miami, Florida, Gary loves the Florida Keys and of course supporting our Rotary Club. Thank you Gary for over 32 years of faithful Rotary service!

**The 50/50**  
 Last Week’s Winner:  
**Tom Briers**  
 The Pot is now **\$1,122±**

### This Morning’s Invocation

Dear God, Lord of Life and Source of Truth, at the outset of this month in which young people experience graduation, we offer our prayers in their behalf. May their commencement be to new levels of moral and ethical maturity and to increased social responsibility. Help them to appreciate their heritage in family and nation, and the price of preserving it.

Help us by word and example to encourage our young people as they make transitions in life.

Bless now our food and fellowship and all aspects of club life and service. May all we do and say be in accord with Your will for us. In the name of Him who promised to be with and to bless those who serve. Amen.

New member, **Justin Washburn**, is from Green, Ohio. He now owns Full Throttle Marketing here in Bonita Springs. He is married and has a four



year old son. He was a cheerleader at Kent State University and is now an Assistant Coach at FGCU. Justin is a car racing enthusiast, a big fan of the National Hot Rod Association, and looking forward to serving in our club. Welcome Justin!

### “I Like Me” Book Distribution



Dr. Steve McIntosh with Estero High School Interact officers at the Spring Creek Elementary I Like Me book reading. On the left are principal Sherman and assistant principal Forsythe. Jayne Klinker, EHS Interact sponsor.

### This Week’s Speaker

Mark Dahlberg  
 Golden Retriever Rescue Charity  
 Organization saving purebred goldens from  
 South Korean dog-meat industry.

### Rotary Sings: By the Light of the Silvery Moon

By the light, (By the light, By the light),  
 Of the silvery moon, (The silvery moon).  
 I want to spoon, (Want to spoon, Want to spoon)  
 To my honey I'll croon love's tune.  
 Honeymoon, (Honeymoon, Honeymoon),  
 Keep on shining in June. (Keep on shining in June)  
 Your silvery beams will bring love dreams,  
 We'll be cuddling soon,  
 By the silvery moon.  
 Your silvery beams will bring love dreams,  
 We'll be cuddling soon,  
 By the silvery moon. (The silvery moon).

## Club Donates \$5,000 to YMCA



Our club foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Bonita Springs YMCA. The club also approved the new slate of foundation directors: **Jim Dati**, **Mark McCaw** and **Jason Dolle**. Rotarian **Don Thomson** was on hand as a YMCA Board Member to accept the award. Thank you for your service!

## Youth Exchange Update



Rotary Youth Exchange student **Romi Ohashi** from Japan exchanges club banners with President, Tom Briers. Romi is the RYE student of the Estero club.



Our club's RYE student, **Eva Herreros-Navarro**, gave a stirring and heartfelt overview of her experiences and feelings this past year. A huge thank you to Rotarians **Jay & Jessica Berube** for hosting Eva and to all who assisted and supported her stay. According to Eva, this was the best year of her life.

## Club Assembly

President **Tom Briers**, before winning \$100 in the 50/50 drawing, teed off at his 18<sup>th</sup> hole, leading us in the last Club Assembly of this Rotary year. Thanks Tom for a great year of Rotary fun, fellowship and service!



Tom thanked **Marjorie Rubacky** for an outstanding year as our Program Chair!



**Mark McCaw** reported the next golf outings are June 11 and July 9, contact Mark to golf. **Adam Botana** reported he is hosting a Sunset Cruise on June 23. **Jon McLeod**, in addition to playing guitar for us, is updating the District & Club Database (DaCdb), contact Jon to update your profile. **Mark Generales** reported the Nautical Flea Market committee is meeting to plan for next year's event. **Bob Lombardo** is looking for people interested in bringing back the Congo River Mini Golf tournament. **Sandy Hemstead** reported the RI Pilot Program we have operated under has now finished. Sandy also shared an idea for us to consider hosting a scholarship dinner next year.

## Past President Dick Fredrickson turns 90! (and still going strong)

