



The Spoke



November 22nd, 2017

Last Week Program

Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker **Teri Lamaine**, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

The Bonita Springs Assistance Office has served the greater Bonita Springs area since 1979, helping ordinary people who encounter temporary financial hardships. The agency works to foster independence and self-reliance through education and by bridging financial needs such as rent, mortgage, utilities, clothing, food or health expenses. BSAO is a United Way partner and maintains a food pantry, provides money management classes and makes referrals to other social service organizations.



Teri has been a South-west Florida resident since 1991 and has been active in the Bonita Springs community since 2000. She and husband, **Dale Timple** were honored as Citizens of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Teri and Dale co-own T Squared Renovations Inc., a Bonita Springs general contracting company, specializing in residential and commercial renovations since 2011. She has professional experience as a patient care coordinator and in sales and marketing in the hospitality industry, including a 10 years as national sales manager with The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

She told us of some of the support the BSAO brought to the city's residents in the flooded area behind CVS starting after Labor Day before Hurricane Irma. BSAO brought a mobile pantry and 250 catered meals to the Flamingo Flea Market parking lot. The pantry had food as well as supplies needed to prepare for Irma.

On Friday, September 8th, BSAO partnered with CVS, and Bonita Community Health Center to get 35 individuals their necessary medications and medical supplies to survive the storm.

Teri says, "Lots of people assume we are city or state funded. I have to tell you, we get no money from city, no money from state, no money from federal government. We get all of our income from wonderful people like you and from special events."

There were 158 at the door on Thursday after the storm. The volunteers began processing FEMA applications. By the next Tuesday, thank you's were being received from people who had FEMA deposits in their bank accounts.

For the last six weeks BSAO has been open 7 days/week. RaceTrac donated gas for Bonita residents being housed at the Estero Recreation Center. Some residents were there for 46 days.

BSAO partnered with FEMA and 5 local hotels to get extended hotel vouchers for residents. “This is a very emotional time at BSAO. We still have folks who don’t know where they are going to live.”

Other partnering contributions have been made by Chico’s, Rooms to Go, and local hotels. Local landlords forgave September rents, BSU and FPL are cooperating with hard pressed customers.

“There was an outpouring of donations from every part of the country. There were 10,000 pound deliveries every Saturday in October...We encourage people with our moto..**A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out.**”

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Ding. President **Jon**, “The Spokes are on the way”, **McLeod** was at the helm. **Wayne Hemstead** asked us to join our hearts and minds in prayer; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Next President **Claudie Delgado** recited the Four Way Test authoritatively.



We were treated to a special trumpet solo of ***On the Sunny Side of the Street*** by **Thomas Driving** our guest from Sweden. Thomas got an enthusiastic response from the crowd.

Jon announced that **Donna Marcotte** is taking over as **The Spoke** editor starting next week. Thank you Donna for stepping up to keep The Spoke tradition alive.

Past President **Steve Slachta** reported on a recent News Press article about a dog saving procedure performed by **Wendy Arsenault** on Angus, the Gulf Coast Humane Society's rescue puppy. Wendy was able to improve the dog's heart function by 50%.



Wendy Spivy came forward to present her 3 minute biography to complete her check list for a blue badge. Wendy, her husband, and two children moved to Naples 6 years ago. They were residents of small town Michigan when Wendy and Randy lost their jobs.

Wendy is now officially a retired teacher and has taken on a full time position as the President of Marketing at Retallick Financial Group where she has worked for the past 3 years.

At Retallick Financial she plans and manages client events, educational seminars for "Understanding Retirement Solutions", and assists our clients and guests in keeping their money safe from market declines while protecting their principle.

The company believes in giving back to the community. She hosts special client events that evolve around this premise of giving back. Along with their clients, they have partnered with Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, Toys For Tots, The Salvation Army, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.

Wendy says, "I am proud to become a Rotarian and look forward to contributing many years as a productive member." She has already contributed at Dictionary Day and serving beer ing the park.

GT Tasso was the spokesperson for the Christmas Tree Sale. The tent will be installed. Help will be needed to unload the first load of trees Thanksgiving week. Mary Saunders has created a really good sign up system using *SignUpGenius*. Follow the link in Mary's emails or give her a call to volunteer your share of shifts.

Mark Generales said, “The dates for the Lover’s Key Nautical Market are strong. We are going to do a better job of publicizing in FMB and we are looking to 25-30% increase in traffic.” The event will be February 9, 10, and 11.

Jon announced that the **November 29th** Club Assembly, there will be committee meetings including the new **Spirits of Bonita** campaign and **Sandy Hemstead** will be leading an Irma Recovery group at that meeting.

Steve McIntosh came forward to present the monthly Student/Teacher of the Month awards.



Maggie Struble, junior in the Cambridge Program at Estero High School, was selected as Student of the Month. Her favorite subject is pre-calculus. Maggie excels as a high-GPA student and as an athlete. Her parents were on hand to help celebrate the honor.



Jen Browlee was honored as the Estero High School Teacher of the month. Steve praised her as a “phenomenal teacher who brings kids to the best they can be and for co-sponsoring the Interact Club.” Jen thanked the club, “We appreciate everything you do and hope you continue to support Estero High School even with the new Bonita Springs High School.”



District Governor **Bobbi Bird** says, “We all know that money sent to RF comes back three years later for local district grants. This year it’s \$175,000.

Bobbi and Past President Steve Slachta accepted a **Count Down to History** certificate from TRF for financial support to End Polio Now. This year there are just 13 polio cases worldwide.

Roger Brunswick Time

Roger introduced guests and circulated Thank You notes received from 3rd graders for Dictionary Day.

Roger organized a belated Birthday shout-out for **Bob Lombardo**.

Adam Botana announced the annual boat parade on Saturday, December 9th. The parade will start at the Bay Water Compound with a band, and food trucks. In addition, Bay Water announces that it is getting into the Jet Ski Tour business.

Bob Lombardo reported we will sponsor the U.S. Army **Jazz Ambassadors** free concert on Wednesday, March 14th. This will be “an absolutely phenomenal show.” The club will sell food and beer.



Roger Brunswick presented President Jon McLeod with a \$3,050 check for Irma Relief from the **Bonita Springs-Estero Women's Council of Realtors**.

From: *The Spoke* archives:
10 Years ago

Dave Shellenbarger, Foundation Chair, gave us an update and reported that \$86,742 has been given to 6 Rotary projects, 22 local organizations and to two international projects.

5 Years ago

Jon McLeod reported the football pool has raised between \$500-600 for the YMCA. He gave special recognition to **Sandy Scoggins** for having the worst card ever and he returned her \$5. **Joe Murgallo** was the winner again. Joe has won more than \$150 and graciously donated his winnings to the Y. Thank you, Joe.

This Week Kitty Green Habitat for Humanity

Upcoming Programs

Tue. Nov 28th. Club Social Momentum
BrewHouse. 5 pm. \$25/pp.

Wed. Nov 29th. Jon McLeod. Club Assembly

Wed. Dec 6th. Dr. Larry Antonucci President
& CEO Lee Health Systems

Sat. Dec 9th. Annual Boat Parade. Starts at Bay
Water Compound. Band, Food.

Wed. Dec 13th. Paul Gavin, Esq. You are in
charge, You decide.

Wed. Dec 20th. Dr. Alan Weiss President &
CEO NCH Health Care Systems

Wed. December 20th Christmas party at the
Colony Bay Club starting at 5pm for cocktails
and dinner at 6pm. Marc Vee will be supplying
holiday music for your enjoyment :)



50/50 \$914

27 Cards Left

Including 1 Ace, Joker

**Bobbi Bird drew the A
♠ for \$100**



The 50/50 is \$914

Birthdays

Dave Langendorfer (rr) Nov 24

Rotary Sings:
Over the River and Through the Woods

Over the river and thru the woods,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh,
Thru the white and drifted snow,

oh! Over the river and thru the woods,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes,
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, in this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect upon what life would be like were it not for Your immeasurable love, grace, and generosity. We give thanks for life itself, for minds to use in creative ways, and for hearts which generate compassion and love. We are grateful for the capacity to worship, to work, and to use those gifts to bring honor and glory to Your name.

As we share today the material gift of food in the context of meaningful relationships, we are grateful for the spiritual realities of life which supersede the material, giving satisfaction to the soul. With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.

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