



The Spoke

A Time To Celebrate

Our Club Welcomes Three New Members



Last week **Howard Lemus**, **Jonathan Shaw** and **Dale Timple** joined our Club as new members. Flanked by their sponsors **President Stephanie**, **Sue Masters**, and **Jim Dati** we witnessed once again the true “cornerstone” of Rotary--its members--their talent and expertise providing Clubs such as ours the resource and opportunity to fulfill a core mission of service and leadership.

Dale is a contractor and owner of T-Square Renovations and as **Jim Dati** observed, “a great guitar player.”

Jonathan is a financial advisor and works for SunTrust.

Howard is a general contractor, having recently relocated from Miami and shared an interesting story of how our Christmas Trees provided the inspiration and impetus that led to membership.

Welcome **Dale**, **Jonathan**, and **Howard**--we’re glad you are members of our Club.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Ira Hawk** led the invocation; **Buddy Cliff** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sara McCallum** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted an interesting and novel version of "Danny Boy."

Lance Albertson

stepped into the Member Spotlight. Responsible for Public Relations and Marketing for the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida, the Center, Lance explained, engages in clinical trials for individuals struggling with memory decline. Prior to joining the Center, Lance worked for Novartis Pharmaceuticals.



Joining us from Pennsylvania where he was a Rotarian, Lance has a great love of the outdoors which stems in part from his formal academic training. Welcome to Southwest Florida and Rotary Lance--we are glad you are a member of our Club.

Congratulations...to Tom Briers and Mike Liggins on accepting new leadership positions on our Club's Executive Committee. Tom has agreed to assume position of Club Secretary, placing him in line to serve as our President in two years. Mike has agreed to take on duties of Club Treasurer. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity of time and talent. **President Stephanie** announced that Tom is forming an Audit Committee. If you are interested in serving, please let Tom know.

OUR PROGRAM: "SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION"

Last week we heard from Sarah Owen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation who joined **Nancy Ross** and Deborah "Debi" Braendle, Chair of the Board of the Bonita Springs Community Fund, for a quick photo. At the Foundation Sarah leads a team of professionals dedicated to connecting donors and their

philanthropic aspirations with evolving needs within the Southwest Florida



community. Previously Sarah spent six years as the CEO

of Community Cooperative Ministries, an agency dedicated to fighting hunger and homelessness.

Sarah shared the impact and difference giving, especially in concert with a community foundation, can have on a community now and well into the future. For more information on how you can "give differently," visit the Foundation's website annual2012.florida.



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.

CAMP FLORIDA--AN INVITATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY



As we all know, Rotary's Camp Florida, nestled on 18 acres in Brandon, caters to children with special needs and challenges. The Camp offers day and overnight rentals and consists of

air conditioned cabins, kitchen, dining and assembly hall, library, pavilion, and pool.

Susan Schmitt briefed us on how we can help Camp Rotary continue to meet its mission by participating in its upcoming Workday. On Saturday February 2, District 6960 Rotarians are being asked to donate a few hours working at the Camp or "sponsoring" donuts and coffee or lunch for the workers. Work begins at 9:00 am at the Brandon campsite.



Bring along a rake, trimmer or other lawn equipment as one of the project goals will be that of clearing a newly-acquired lot adjacent to the Camp.

The workday this year has special significance because it will also serve to prepare the Camp for a visit February 5 by Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. If you would like additional information or would like to work, contact **Susan Schmitt** who will provide all the details.

On Being Rotarian

Don't Forget...the Bonita-Springs Fire-Rescue is collecting sweatshirts to distribute through its "Bundle Up Bonita" Program. The program seeks to provide necessary clothing children in the community need to stay warm this winter.

Our Club will be collecting new sweatshirts throughout January in support of this program. All sizes are needed for children aged preschool to eighth grade. We will make our donation to the Fire-Rescue in February.



It's District Conference Time

It's not too early to make your plans to join District Governor Steve Schlueter and other Rotarian friends and colleagues at our District Conference which will take place May 16-19 at the Sarasota Hyatt.

REGISTER NOW

The Conference Agenda offers a wonderful blend of social and educational activities--so why not register now.

You can do so (and obtain more information) by going to the District website and downloading the registration form. See you in Sarasota.





"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize--\$1615

An enthralled Jim Dow drew the Nine of Spades to win \$5.00.

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

Our Upcoming Speakers

January 23, Steve Agius, The Wheelchair Foundation

January 30, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

February 6, Donn Wagner, "The Swami."

February 13, "Rotaract Update"



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Jon McLeod, January 24

Rotary "Sings"



Are You Sleeping (Frere Jacques)

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
Brother John? Brother John?

Morning bells are ringing!
Morning bells are ringing!
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

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?

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