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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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**Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am
at Bonita Bay Club**

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November 10, 2010

Last Week

Jim Dati presided; **Ira Hawk** gave the Invocation; **Jim Horein** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Stephanie Kissinger** led the 4-Way Test. Song leader/historian **Steve Krchniak** led the singing of God Bless America.

Joys and Concerns

Fred Partin was happy to have been elected to the Estero Fire Commission. **Jim Horein** wants to meet somebody who knows something about the University of Oregon where his grandson may attend. **Bobbi Bird** reported **Rex** has one more doctor appointment. He is doing well and thanks the members for their cards, letters, emails, and prayers. He expects to be back next week. **Sandy Scoggins** is going to visit her granddaughter on her first birthday next week.

Students/Faculty of the Month

Steve Slatchta introduced the students and faculty of the month. **Donna May Vigorito** of the office staff has been with the district for 26 years. She has been called the "silent wonder" in the front office for her cheerful manner and accounting skills. **Jeff Sommer**, Estero High Athletic Director and coach, was honored for 3 state championship cross country teams, 3 state runner up teams, and 10 individual state champions. Jeff took the opportunity to thank the Club for its support of EHS. **Lisa Dunphy** was presented with the academic award. She has a high class standing, is JROTC Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and hopes to study in the medical field after graduation. **Christina Hill** received the service award this month. Her mom, dad, and little brother were present to see her honored. She is planning to attend Edison State College after graduation.

Notes

Scott Gerrish (rr) reported that he and his wife, **Amalia**, had attended **Shots for Tots**. Fifty five shots were given to 31 children from 19 families.

Gerry Myers updated us on The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus challenge program. The foundation had agreed to match any donations on a 2 for 1 basis. The original goal of the program was to raise \$1 million for Polio Plus. Unofficially it looks as if amount raised will be close to \$3 million. Club members donated \$2,900. This was more than any other club in the district.

Hal Cooper (rr) announced the first Concert in the Park will be Sunday, November 7, at 2 PM. The finale of the program will be a salute to veterans. There will be seven more programs this season.

Dave Shellenbarger pitched the Poinsettia Sale fund raiser. There are only 10 days left. He told us that now is a great opportunity to explain Rotary, make sales, and meet people.

Jay Berube noted that this year we will selling only 450 trees and sponsorships have become an important part of this fund raising. **Ike Lichtenstein** pitched sponsorships for \$100, \$300, or \$500. Depending on the level of sponsorship, logos will be on the tent, web advertising, a banner on the Bonita Beach Road side of tent, in all newsprint advertising, and on any radio ads. Ike says that a contract has been made for \$7,000 of newsprint advertising providing plenty of exposure for sponsors.

John Mathis reported that the Christmas Party will be December 18th, at St John the Evangelist Church hall. The cost will be \$70/couple for meal, appetizers, and open bar. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped \$30 gift or give \$30 for the committee to get items for auctioning.

Bob Lombardo, chairman of the Gift of Life Golf project, reported \$2,230 raised from the event. He thanked members of the committee and asked for members to, "Pay promptly please!"



Sandy Scoggins said, “I think computer technology is overrated” as the computer/projector combination failed before she could give a presentation of slides from her Guatemala trip. The presentation will be given at a later date. She did report that the club has now participated in 8 projects in Guatemala helping 80,000 people. There are 3 projects currently underway:

A water tank project to benefit 5 villages.

Building a school with collaboration of several other clubs.

A water project in Bangalore, India to benefit 20,000 children.

Sandy also brought a selection of Guatemala handcrafts for showing.

Jim O’Leary went over the procedures for getting a new member into the club. First get the application form from the website. After completing the form, return it to Jim or **Stephanie Kissinger** to get the process started.

Don Thompson is preparing a list of all alumni Rotarians in the area to invite to the first annual club alumni meeting.

Member Spotlight

Ben Nelson is a marine and general contractor



specializing in turnkey boat docks, lifts, sea and retaining walls projects including environmental permitting. Ben says has built up a great business that was really going well in 2006, but not quite so well

now although he has recently added 3 employees and is able to keep 3 crews going.

Ben believes that doing well in business requires hiring of good people, paying and treating them well. He never expects his employees to do anything he would not do himself.

In addition to the contracting business, he has a business retailing dock and shore marine lumber and supplies and has a patent on a floating boat lift that is licensed to another company. And he has

the Survey Café which is helping to attract people to downtown Bonita Springs. Ben credits his wife, Lori, for his success.

When questioned, Ben admitted, “I am the Mayor of Bonita Springs as well.”

New Member: Tara Chapin

Don Thompson introduced new member



Tara Chapin.

President Jim promised a new member badge for the next week and gave Tara several items “suitable for framing”. Tara was born and grew up

near Columbus, Ohio. (Go Bucks!). She came to Florida to attend FGCU and to be near her father and other family members.

Tara graduated from FGCU in 2006 with a degree in communications. She recently began a new position as the Program Director for the YMCA of the Palms serving both the Bonita Springs and Naples Y’s.

Tara says, “The Y is a great place to work and I enjoy waking up every day and supporting my community.” She enjoys spending time with her family, community involvement, water activities, playing sports, and being active. Welcome to Rotary!

Upcoming Events:

Member Social Wednesday, Nov 17th at the Bonita Bay Beach Club.

Christmas Party. Saturday, Dec 18th at St John the Evangelist hall. \$70/couple for meal, appetizer, open bar. Bring a \$30 wrapped gift for auctioning.

\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$

This Week's Big Prize: \$1,216

Last week Peter Zahner drew the 10 of Spades to win \$5.



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

None

The Spoke Folk

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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?



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

This Land is My Land

Chorus:

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking a ribbon of highway
I saw above me an endless skyway
I saw below me a golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

Repeat Chorus

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Noon	Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon	Estero. Elk's Lodge.
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
	12:15 PM	Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
Thursday	7:30AM	Naples North-Collier Athletic Club
	Noon	Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells Country Club
Friday	7:30 AM	Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay.

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