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**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
Chartered November 3, 1978**



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

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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



November 17, 2010

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Ron Anderson** delivered the invocation. **Frank Mazzeo** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Ed Houck** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led a rousing rendition of *This Land is My Land*.

A Reminder...our Prospective Member and Club Social is this evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Bonita Bay Beach Club on Hickory Boulevard. Please attend and bring a guest—not only will you be supporting our Club’s membership recruitment efforts, you and your guest will enjoy seeing your \$5.00 “cover charge” waived.

Dave Shellenbarger reported that the Poinsettia Sale is completely sold out. Although an attempt is being made to add to our supply, it likely that some pending orders will not be filled. Thanks for your understanding and support

A Historic Moment



Last week we witnessed Club history as **Ike Lichtenstein** became our poet laureate. Reciting elegantly and effortlessly *The Night Before Christmas*, Ike reported that as of last Wednesday’s meeting, we had \$3200 in sponsorship dollars.. The proceeds of our sponsorship initiative will facilitate the placement of local advertising insuring that the local community is well aware of our Christmas Tree Sale. Thanks Ike for your hard work and leadership.

Last Week’s Program

“YMCA Update”

Brandon Dowdy



Last week we heard from Brandon Dowdy, President and CEO of the YMCA of the Palms. Brandon began his career with the Y as a Camp Counselor and Program Director in St.

Louis. He is a graduate of Missouri Valley College and Springfield College in Massachusetts where he has received both a bachelors and Masters degree in Human Service Agency Management.

Brandon offered a comprehensive overview of the work of the YMCA of the Palms which operates both the Naples and Bonita Y branches. We learned how the Y touches the lives of thousands of children and families on a daily basis, delivering more than \$2.2 million in free, subsidized or sponsored programs to more than 25,000 children, individuals and families.

Thanks Brandon for a great presentation—and for all you do.

It’s Time...

To sign up for your Christmas Tree Sales shift. **Mike Liggins** announced that the sign up sheet was making its way through the clubroom last week. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for your shifts as soon as you can.



Our President's November Message

Reach Out to Africa

I was a Rotary Scholar at the University of Cape Town in 1961. During my year there, I traveled 16,000 miles through South Africa and the countries now known as Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Namibia. I visited 35 Rotary clubs, met countless Rotarians, and became immersed in the rich culture of Southern Africa.

During my initial visit, I developed a deep appreciation for both the traditions and the challenges of life in Africa, and my respect and admiration for the land and people have caused me to return several times as a Rotarian. Now - almost amazingly - I have a unique opportunity to use my experience as a Rotary Scholar to enhance the role of Rotary in Africa!



This is the fourth year of the Reach Out to Africa (ROTA) initiative, and the ROTA Committee for this year has been streamlined to move more quickly and efficiently to achieve its goals. We need to increase the number of Rotarians in Africa! I also hope to see a substantial increase in international service projects for Africa, particularly those projects with assistance from The Rotary Foundation. The ROTA Committee has an excellent website, and I encourage all Rotarians to review it at www.reachouttoafrika.org.

I have implemented two new activities this year to make it easier for Rotarians to visit Africa and to increase their involvement in international service projects. The first is Ray's Rotary Reunions, to be held in Cape Town 3-5 February, and I hope many Rotarians will join me in the Fairest Cape for that event. The second, Rotary Project Safaris, will facilitate visits by Rotarians to the areas of the world where poverty is prevalent, and where local Rotarians have developed many beneficial projects that need financial assistance. More information about the reunions and the safaris is available on the RI president's pages at www.rotary.org/president.

Help me to complete the circle from being a Rotary Foundation Scholar in Africa to helping Rotary in Africa to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder!

RI President
Ray Klingensmith

Holiday Opportunities

George Cohan briefed on our Holiday Party which will take place Saturday, December 18.



The Party will feature dinner, open bar and a gift auction. The cost for this extraordinary evening of entertainment is \$70 per couple. An additional \$30 donation will cover the cost of the auction items. The party will be held at St. John Evangelist Church hall. Invitations will be sent shortly. Please plan on attending. Who knows—you may even have an opportunity to chat with the gentleman pictured on the left.

Gary Price sought our support of the Holiday in the Park Toy Initiative. In keeping with tradition, the City of Bonita Springs and the Lee County Sheriff's Office have been giving away toys at the Holiday in the Park event taking place this year on December 7. Gary reports there is a need for additional toys this year. Please bring unwrapped toys for boys and girls up to the age of 14 to any of our meetings. Or, if you prefer you can drop off toys at City Hall or the Sheriff's Substation on Old 41. The deadline is December 2. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

Member Spotlight

Fred Partin stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. Fred's family moved to Naples in 1958 when he was three years old and Fred shared with us interesting recollections growing up in Southwest Florida. Fred has three children, Nicole, Todd and Kyle and currently serves as the Executive Director of Bonita Springs Utilities. He spoke proudly of its contribution to the growth of our region. Fred is also deeply committed to our community having served as the Past president of our Club and current Chair of our Foundation Board. He is also an accomplished kegler. Thanks Fred for being a great Rotarian.



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This Weeks Big Prize—\$1,291



Last week a buoyant **Don Manley** drew the Queen of Hearts to win \$5.

As always...the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the prize purse.



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Sing Out A Song of Rot'ry

Sing out a song of
 Ro-t'ry
 Echoing through out
 the land.
 Give of yourself to



serve another
 With a helpful Ro-try hand.
 Working together helps us
 To remember our purpose grand.
 Sing out a song of RO-TA-RY,
 And let it echo through out the land.

Happy Birthday

Richard Garner, November 20

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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?

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

- Monday Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
- Tuesday Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
- Wednesday Naples Gulf Shore 730 am
 Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm
 Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
- Thursday Naples North Collier Athletic Club 7:30 am
 Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC (Noon)
- Friday Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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