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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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December 29, 2010

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Carl Bals** delivered the invocation. **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dick Fredrickson** led the 4 Way Test. **Bobbi Bird**, as guest impresario, led a rousing rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Last Week's Program

Maribel Slabaugh
"Bonita Springs
Assistance Office"

A Rousing Success



Jay Berube offered a "wrap-up" Report for our just recently concluded Christmas Tree Sale. Preliminary net revenue estimates suggest that our hard work resulted in a profit of over \$15,000. Jay offered special thanks to **Sandy Scoggins, Mike Liggins, Ike Lichtenstein** and Club members who participated. Special thanks also go out to the following sponsors—The Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank, Southwest Florida Wealth Group, The News-Press media group, Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., Island Title 5 Star Agency, Ash Brokerage, Benchmark Investment LLC, Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC, First Baptist Church of Bonita Springs, Mark E. Petrites, MD, Personal Injury Law Office of James L. O'Leary, Smile Design by Brian M. Olitsky, DMD, PA, The League of Women Voters of Lee County and William Banfield, CRPC, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC.

Last week we heard from **Maribel Slabaugh**, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.



Maribel has visited with us before and through her presentation we gained greater insight into the Assistance Office's Mission Statement which is "to provide temporary assistance to residents of Bonita Springs who have been affected by an unexpected crisis." The Assistance Office seeks "to foster independence and self reliance through education and by bridging the financial needs of the recipient."

We also received a timely update as to the activities of the Assistance Office during the past year. Maribel made special note of the profound community support that provides the funding necessary to assist and support those in need within our community. These efforts were especially helpful in allowing the Assistance Office to provide needed food during the summer.

Maribel also spoke of Assistance Office's plans to implement a "partnership pantry," which would combine all local food pantries with respect to service delivery. Thanks for another informative and thoughtful presentation.

The Tradition Continues



Sandy Scoggins announced that the Third Annual Harry Chapin Food Bank Hunger Walk will take place on January 22. Last year our Club's team, pictured above, achieved championship status. Plan now on spending a morning defending that "championship" and more importantly celebrating the drive, resiliency and beauty of the human spirit. See Sandy for details. To answer any of your "training questions" the Spoke Sports Desk will now be open on a 24 hour basis.

A Reflection for a New Year

Editor's Note: District 595 published a beautiful "Collection of Invocations." This prayer, contained in that Collection, seems to capture the essence of the "pilgrim traveler" in all of us as we approach a New Year. Happy New Year all.



On this day, Lord, help us to Mend a quarrel, Search out a forgotten friend, Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust, Write a letter to someone who misses us, Encourage a Youth who has lost faith, Keep a promise, Forget an old grudge, Examine our demands on others and vow to reduce them, Fight for a principle, Express our gratitude, Overcome an old fear, Take a few minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature, Tell someone we love them. Tell them again, and again. Amen.

Member Spotlight

Last week **Brian Olitsky** stepped into the Member Spotlight. Brian is a



"third generation" Dentist, the fifth of seven dentists in the Olitsky family, with an office in Bonita Springs. He has been practicing dentistry for 12 years, his practice focusing on general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry and implant restorations. Brian belongs to a variety of professional organizations among them the Florida Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Brian grew up in Fort Myers and graduated from Fort Myers High School in 1990. He attended the University of Florida and graduated from Florida Southern College. He graduated from the Temple University Dental School in 1998. He is married to Erin and they are the proud parents to two children, Jared and Jordan.

We learned that Brian is an "extreme athlete." He is a six time Ironman and has run multiple marathons, including the Pikes Peak Marathon to 14,115 feet and back. Brian's latest hobby is flying, with a pilot's license in the offing. Thanks Brian for being a great Rotarian.

Welcome Jon!

A warm Rotary welcome goes out to **Jon McLeod**, one of our newest members. Sponsored by Mark McCaw, Jon is a Multimedia Account Executive with the Naples Daily News. Married to Debbie for twenty years, they are the proud parents of 13 year old twins, Alex and Lauren. An avid Boston sports fan, Jon moved to Florida from Massachusetts in 1998. He enjoys fishing, cooking and playing guitar in the Mighty Quint. Welcome Jon—we're glad you're a member of our Club.



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This Weeks Big Prize—\$1,544



Last week an elated **Frank Mazzeo** drew the King of Clubs to win \$5.

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
 And never brought to mind?
 Should auld acquaintance
 be forgot
 In days of auld lang syne.



For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne;
 We'll take a cup o' kindness
 yet
 For auld lang syne.

Happy Birthday

- Scott Gerrish, (rr) December 25**
- Davis Jenkins, (rr) December 8**
- Frank Keck, (rr), December 8**
- Bob Langhans, (rr) December 29**
- Ralph Petit, (rr) December 16**

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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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