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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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January 5, 2011

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Nancy Ross** delivered the invocation. **John Warfield** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sue Masters** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led a rousing, emotional and nostalgic rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*.

A Christmas Story



Two great documentary films which shape the Christmas Season, "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Polar Express" emphasize the fact that December is a very

busy month for Santa with scheduling conflicts being unavoidable.

So it is always good to hear stories of kind and generous souls who bring the Spirit of Christmas to others. Such it was as **Ron Anderson** related the wonderful story of how his five year old granddaughter hoped Santa would be able to visit her if for only a few minutes.



Christmas has a way of making dreams come true—

and **Herb Barnes (rr)** did just that for Sammi, creating a memory for her to cherish not only this Christmas, but Christmases yet to come.

Last Week's Program

Andrew DeSalvo

"Commercial Real Estate Update"

Last week we heard from Andrew DeSalvo, an Accredited Land Consultant with Premier Properties. Andy has resided in Lee County since 1959 and specializes in land sales, income producing properties, site selection and 1031 exchanges.



He has served as President and Chairman of both the Bonita Springs Board of Realtors and the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University and a Master of Business Administration degree from FGCU.

Andy offered an interesting and wide ranging overview of the commercial real estate market in Southwest Florida. Currently commercial vacancy levels exceed historical norms and are likely remain so over the next twenty four months. Retail and industrial vacancy levels are also exceeding historical norms.

Offering insight into future market activity, Andy suggested that the "Bank owned" sale phenomenon would probably continue into 2012. However, long term our market is poised to recover quicker than others as the national economy improves. Thanks Andy for visiting again—and a very thoughtful discussion.

From Rotary International

Rotary at the Rose Parade

Since 1890, the Tournament of Roses has been ushering in the new year with a parade of spectacular floats and enthusiastic marching bands down the streets of Pasadena, California, USA.

Rotary became a part of the pageantry in 1923, when the Rotary Club of Pasadena entered a float in the 34th annual Rose Parade.

The club participated in three more Rose Parades - 1927, 1946, and 1966 - before making it an annual tradition in 1980. That year, recognizing the parade's potential for promoting Rotary to an audience of millions worldwide, clubs in the western United States



decided to sponsor a float in honor of the organization's 75th anniversary. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee was later formed and continues to coordinate the fundraising for and construction of the float today.

Putting together a float is an ambitious undertaking, not least because parade rules dictate that the entire surface be covered with organic materials such as flowers, fruits and vegetables, or seeds. Hundreds of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact club members from the United States, as well as Canada and Mexico, donate their time to build and decorate the float.

The 2001 theme, "Recognizing Tomorrow's Leaders," celebrated the many young people Rotary has channeled into positive leadership roles through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program.

On 1 January, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee will celebrate 32 consecutive years in the parade with a float proclaiming the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities - Bridging Continents*.

Member Spotlight



Last week **Bob Lorenz** stepped into the Member Spotlight. A native of the great city of Cleveland, Ohio, Bob graduated from Baldwin Wallace College. He fondly recalled his days

growing up in Cleveland and especially his stint as a Cleveland Press carrier. After completing his military service Bob took a job at Alcoa which provided him very diverse business experience. He worked for Alcas from 1972 to 1995 promoting and selling the Cutco product line. Bob poignantly shared with us the touching story of his first wife and how he was instrumental in the development and building of the Marie Lorenz Dialysis Center in Olean, New York. Understanding the importance of volunteerism, Bob devotes his time to a variety of organizations and causes, among them the Salvation Army, his Church, and the Olean General Hospital. Thanks Bob for an inspiring story and for being a great Rotarian.

The Tradition Continues

Sandy Scoggins reminded us that the Third Annual Harry Chapin Food Bank Hunger Walk will take place on January 22. Last year our Club's team, pictured right, defended its championship status by raising the most money for the second year in a row. Plan now on spending a morning defending that "championship" and more importantly celebrating the drive, resiliency and beauty of the human spirit.

Sandy is looking for people to walk with and sponsor her that morning. Proceeds go the Harry Chapin Food Bank. See you there—its great fun for a great cause.



\$\$\$50/50\$\$
This Weeks Big Prize—\$1,583



Last week a delighted **Sandy Scoggins** drew the Seven of Hearts to win \$5.

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

Happy Birthday

Peter Zahner, January 3
Ron Anderson, January 8

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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!

All Hail to Rotary

All Hail to Rotary!
Steadfast and strong
We'll strive to hold our course
Though days seem dark
And things go wrong
Service in all we do
Friends ever free
Until we meet once more
Here's health to all our friends'
In Rotary

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday	Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
Wednesday	Naples Gulf Shore 7:30 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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