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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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February 16, 2011

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Susan Schmitt** delivered the invocation. **Ken King** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Len Eckert** led his own special version of the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led a rousing rendition of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*.

President Jim advised that our District Governor has requested that every Rotarian with an email address access the District website. (We recently received an email with information on how to access that site.) The District website serves a number of purposes—and is a primary communication resource. Please access it within the next two weeks.

Million Meal Packaging...Save The Date.

On Saturday, May 14 the District will package one million meals in support of the Kids Against Hunger Initiative. There will be three packaging centers set up in the District. We need 500 volunteers to accomplish this goal. Please register for this worthwhile—and fun—event.

Sandy Scoggins reported that a matching grant application has been filed with the Rotary Foundation to renovate a primary school in Guatemala. **Sandy** reported on and **Jay Berube** has since sent us an email providing details of a trip to Guatemala which will take place in March. Thank you **Sandy**, **Jay**, **Jessica**, and **Mike** for your generosity of time and talent with respect to this most Rotarian of projects.

Last Week's Program

Dr. James Browder "Edison State College"



Last week, we were pleased to welcome back Dr. James Browder to our Club podium. An educator since 1970, Dr. Browder has worked with the Lee County School District for more than 30 years

as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He recently accepted a position as Vice President of Operations at Edison State College where is responsible for the oversight of charter schools, facilities, public safety, technology, student housing and operational oversight for the Hendry/Glades Center in LaBelle.

Edison State College's mission is "to inspire learning; prepare a diverse population for creative and responsible participation in a global society; and serve as a leader for intellectual, economic, and cultural awareness in the community."

Dr. Browder's presentation considered each of those mission statement components and the positive impact Edison has on our entire region and its citizens. The presentation concluded with a thoughtful question and answer session focusing on a variety of issues in public education. Thanks Dr. Browder for a great presentation—we look forward to your next visit.

.From RI International

An Interview with John Hewko

Rotary International named attorney and former senior U.S. government official John Hewko as its new general secretary, beginning 1 July. RI News recently sat down with him to talk about his background and why he took the job.

Why were you interested in the job of RI general secretary?

As I mentioned during my address to the International Assembly, first and foremost, the Rotary mottoes of Service Above Self and Doing Good in the World, The Four-Way Test, the focus on integrity, and the promotion of goodwill, peace, and understanding through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders – these are all ideas and concepts that I believe in and strongly support. For me, this will not be so much a job as a passion. Second, there is no organization in the world that is better positioned to carry out that mission. Of course, my dad's involvement in Rotary sparked a keen interest. This is also an exciting time to be joining the Rotary family, as the organization tries to move to the next level through the implementation of RI's Strategic Plan and The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan. Finally, the fact that Rotary is a truly international organization dovetails with my own professional and personal background and experience.

How does Rotary's work fit in with the international development world from your perspective?

There is currently a spirited global debate in the development community on how best to deliver assistance to the world's poor. I would like to see Rotary at the discussion table, taking a leading role and making a meaningful contribution to this debate. I'd like to see Rotary partner more effectively with other foundations and strategic partners in order to better leverage our resources....This is where Rotary, with its enormous network of private-sector leaders, can play a very important role.



What are Rotary's greatest strengths?

I think the greatest strength of the organization is its membership. You have 1.2 million professionals and businesspeople around the world, all with influence, all with connections, and all with a deep grassroots presence in their communities. There are very few nongovernmental organizations in the world with that kind of global reach and global presence.

Member Spotlight

John Mathes stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A native of Washington, D.C., John and his family lived in Alexandria, Virginia before moving to St. Petersburg in 1957 and Bonita Springs in 1979. A number of good things then happened—he opened his first office and met his wife of 27 years, Mary Kay. John and Mary Kay are the proud parents of two sons.



A licensed real estate broker and certified appraiser, John owns Mathes Realty Appraisal. He also operates a vacation rental business with 30 units on Bonita Beach.

John has a long history with our Club. He has served as Club President and a member of the Board of Directors. He currently oversees our membership approval process and for the last two years was the Co-Chair of our Christmas Party. This commitment and devotion garnered him Rotarian of the Year honors in 1998.

His commitment to his community is impressive. John is the Past President of the Bonita/Estero Realtors Association and has served as on the Bonita Springs Zoning Board, being its Chairman in 2009, the Lee County Solid Waste Advisory Board, the Long Range Planning Committee of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, and a Director of Bonita Springs Utilities. Thanks John for being a great Rotarian.

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This Weeks Big Prize—\$1,908



Last week an overwhelmed **Ray Faubion** drew the Ten of Hearts to win \$5.

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

Happy Birthday

Sue Masters, February 22

The Spoke
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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!

Give My Regards To Broadway

G. M. Cohan

Give my regards to Broadway;
Remember me to Herald Square.
Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street
That I will soon be there.
Tell them of how I'm yearning
To mingle with the old time throng.
Give my regards to old Broadway
And say that I'll be there 'eer long.

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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