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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
Chartered November 3, 1978



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at Bonita Bay Club**

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March 16, 2011

This Week: Rotary Regulars

This week's meeting will be presided over by the Rotary Regulars. This is the 11th season of the program started by club president **Diane Lepola**.

Last Week: #36

President **Jim Dati** presided; **Kevin Bradley** gave the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jay Berube** led the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Steve Krchniak** led the singing of "Ro-Ro-Rotary". The song composed on a cold "Christmas Tree Tent" night by Rotarians **Briers, Bals, Horein, Lorenz, and Krchniak**.

Announcements

Scott Anderson is looking for two mentors for FGCU Rotaract students.

The Blues Festival is this weekend. The Festival is supporting the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

Jim O'Leary is coordinating handing out of 5K Run brochures at the Susan Komen event.

Gerry Myers reported that "Red Wings" were available at the front table. These signify that the club is a Paul Harris Society Club.

George Cohan Time

George Cohan has started distributing the Reverse Raffle tickets. The event will be April 30 at St John the Evangelist Hall. There will be an open bar, sitdown meal, dancing and entertainment. The big prize is \$15,000. Club members are expected to sell 3 tickets each.

George recognized **Don Manley** who introduced his father, a Rotarian since 1972. The senior Manley reported in the interest of full disclosure, "Had I a quarter 58 years ago,

we wouldn't have this member today." The elder Manley then donated \$100 for a wheelchair. George also recognized **Don Thompson** ..er **Johnson** who has finally made his way here from Winnipeg. Don has been visiting the club for 30 years.

Peter Zahner, PHF Plus One

Gerry Myers introduced **Peter Zahner** saying that Peter's contributions have earned him Paul Harris Fellow Plus One recognition and the right to designate the recipient of an Honorary Paul Harris award. Peter introduced **Therese**, his wife of 41 years, the recipient of the Honorary PHF award.



Steve Agius: Wheelchairs

Steve Agius was our first speaker. He is a member of the Noon Club and active in the Wheelchair Foundation and the Gift of Life. The Wheelchair Foundation was founded in 2000 by Ken Behring after finishing a

successful international business career. He had seen the number of people in developing countries that were “crawlers” as the result of polio, injury, wounds, or other problems. Every dollar collected goes for delivered wheelchairs. So far 850,000 chairs have been delivered. Currently, about 10,000 per month are being delivered with the plan of supplying 1 million in the next 5 years. The Foundation goal is to provide a free wheelchair for everyone in the world that needs one.

Our club is one of 14 in the district that has contributed to buying two containers, 560 chairs, to be delivered to Haiti. These will be delivered this spring by a US Navy hospital ship. \$29,000 of the needed \$56,000 has been collected so there is **still an opportunity to contribute**. In order to facilitate this effort, the club’s foundation has agreed to **match member’s donations** for the chairs. A \$50 contribution will be matched to provide one wheelchair. **Mark Generales** is handling the collections.

Steve urged members to attend at least the Saturday session of the District Conference on June 9,10, and 11. **Ken Behring** of the Wheelchair Foundation will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.

Greg Poss: Everblades Coach

Greg Poss spoke about Leadership and Team Building in Hockey. Greg is 45 years old and has been coaching for about 20 years after a knee injury ended his professional playing career. Last June, he was named the fourth coach in the Everblades 13 year history. Much of his coaching experience has been in Sweden and Germany. He says he has a great passion for coaching and enjoys coaching more than playing. His goal is to get to the NHL as a coach. Now his mission, as coach of an AA league team, is to develop talent, win, and get players ready for the next professional



level.

He related some advice he received from his first assistant coach in Sweden. “Players are like baby birds. Hold them too tight and they suffocate and die; too loose and they fly away and you lose them. In the end, either way, they will sh*t in your hand.”

Greg believes the key to coaching is communicating with the players. It’s not important what the coach thinks, it’s important what the player thinks as he goes out on the ice. He presented an ambiguous picture to demonstrate how people can view the same thing differently.

He says there will be three new teams in the league next year to replace some of the ailing franchises. For him, this is no problem as he has mastered sleeping in buses and planes.

Upcoming Events:

Rotary Run. Saturday, April 2nd, 7:30 AM. Riverside Park.

Relay for Life. Friday & Saturday April 8 & 9.

Reverse Raffle. Saturday, April 30th, at St John the Evangelist Hall. \$100 ticket per couple gets open bar, sitdown meal, chance to win the big prize.

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

This Week's Big Prize: about
\$1,300

Last week a smiling Fred Partin drew the
Jack of Diamonds.



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

Happy Birthday!

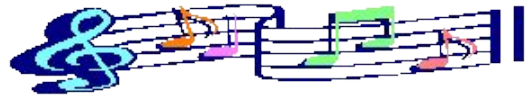
Len Eckert March 9
Frank Ogden March 10
Bob Lorenz March 19
Patti Dennis March 21

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!

Smile, Sing a Song

Smile and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song.
Don't be weary,
Just be cheery all day long.
Whenever your trials,
Your troubles and your care
Seem to be more
Than you can really bear,
Smile and the world smiles with you.
Sing a song.

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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