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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



June 1, 2011

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Dick Fredrickson** delivered the invocation. **Jonathan Gopman** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Ray Faubion** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** lead us in singing *America The Beautiful*.

Register for the District Conference in **Cape Coral** June 9, 10, and 11. There is no cost attend this very worthwhile event which will allow you meet Rotarians representing various areas of Southwest Florida and learn about Rotary!

Last Week's Program

We heard from Russel Winsett, a veteran of the attack at Pearl Harbor, and actually witnessed the Japanese planes as they swooped down into the harbor, even seeing the pilots' faces. We were honored to hear from our fellow Rotarian Veterans Gene Hoyt, Rex Sims, Gerry Myers, Bob Lombardo, Bob Lorenz, Dick Fredrickson, John Warfield, Russel Winsett



(speaker), Carl Bals, Mark Generales, Kenny King, Steve Krchniak, Rick Barber, Harold Cooper, Steven Slachta, Tom Burgess and Steve

In Honor of our Veterans

An excerpt from Lincoln's
Gettysburg Address

*"But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that **government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.**"*

This Week's Program

Gail Lamarche, Director of Marketing Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., will talk about how professionals use of social media, especially LinkedIn, can enhance marketing efforts.

Poland GSE Team Update

Navigate your browser to the district web site www.district6960.org and click on GSE Team Blog under "Current News" to check in on Sandy Scoggins, the Team Leader, as they travel

International Service Update

Rotarian **Jay Berube** reports that our club is currently working to develop a school in Canabaj, Guatemala. Our district 6960 has raised \$9,000 for this project. District 6970 has \$5,000 raised, \$2,000 of which is coming from student efforts at the University of North Florida, bring the overall total to \$14,000 to help educate children, promote literacy, and develop a sustainable community.



Jay also advises that we are also in the midst of a water filter project and Rotarian David Langendorfer has coordinated 3 Rotary clubs to contribute \$2,300. Additionally, the Oceanside club in Jacksonville has also committed \$3,000 towards this project. This project will be an international matching grant through District 6970 for the 2012 year. This is \$5,300 which will be matched by District 6970 to equal \$10,600. This will then be matched by Rotary International to equal \$21,200. At \$65 each for a water filter, this should bring us to roughly 326 water filters.

Rotarian **Mike Liggins** has just returned from Prague, Czech Republic, as part of his studies with the University of Florida Executive MBA program. The EMBA study tour is designed to give students an overview of European business practices and the global constraints within which businesses must operate. By visiting various businesses and organizations, as well as participating in academic lectures, Mike gained a more practical understanding of international business problems and practices from individuals who actually work within the EU business and government environment. Mike's dedication to continuing education and excellence in his field exemplifies his vocational service as a Rotarian.

Member Spotlight: John Spear

John was born and raised in Quincy, IL and attended St. James Lutheran Grade School; Quincy Junior High School, Quincy Senior High School; Valparaiso (IN) University; and the University of Illinois Law School. Growing up John was a



Deckhand on "Quinsippi Queen", a 50 passenger excursion boat on the Mississippi river operated by the Quincy Park District. He studied for and applied for a riverboat captain license but his uncorrected eyesight disqualified him (had he gotten the license, he probably would not have gone to college or law school).

John opened his Law practice on 12/26/82 upstairs in the Naples Federal branch in Bonita Springs (now City Hall!), he is most proud of being one of 439 Florida Board Certified Real Estate attorneys by the Florida Bar out of over 90,000 active attorneys, representing sellers and buyers of real estate (noting, all sellers want is their money and no "come backs" like lawsuits, claims and all buyers want is what they paid for and no surprises. The highest compliments his clients have made are that "that was the easiest, most hassle-free transaction I have ever been involved in." As recently this week, I received a complaint about the size of my bill; the client wanted to triple it (and John said "yes"! John served as Club President in 1988-1989. He was 33 years old, and the club was much younger then, mostly in 30s-50s (Even Rex!) and had about 45 members. RI started Polio Plus that year. John Mathes, Steve Kaskie and John were summoned to the District Governor's home in Cape Coral for dinner and were given the goal of raising \$25,000 for Polio Plus. The three were stunned and had no idea how to do it but we ended up exceeding the goal by 10-15%, and over 20 years later the mission of Polio Plus has finally been almost completely realized. (Editor's note: Bill Gates just indicated at last week's RI convention that eliminating the final 1% of Polio cases and permanently eradicating the disease is now his personal and his foundation's #1 goal). John also presided over the first year of the Christmas Tree project in 1988, raising between \$250,000-\$400,000 over 23 years. Bob Brown, Harv Humphrey and Jacob Hammerle fronted the seed money the first year to buy the inventory. The last decision John had the board of directors make was to institute the practice of sending the incoming President to the RI International Convention. John was the last President to go at his own expense and went during the year he was President rather than the year before. Thank you John for your unending service to our club, our community and to Rotary International.

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On May 18 a lucky **Fred Partin** drew an Ace to win \$100.00. Last week Harold Eames won \$5. We have \$500 in the pot. As always, the real winner is our Foundation which gets half the prize!

*A loving heart is the truest wisdom.
Charles Dickens - Walter D. Wintle - 1905*

Happy Birthday

Dick Hamlin, June 2
Brian Zamorski, June 5

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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!



My Country ‘Tis of Thee

My country, ‘tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring!

2

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

3

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

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