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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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May 25, 2011

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Mark Generales** delivered the invocation. **Dick Fredrickson** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dick Hamlin** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted a rousing rendition of *I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover*.

President Jim announced that the District Conference is 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.

Our Club installation banquet is June 4. Invitations have been mailed —please respond and reserve your place for a wonderful evening as we welcome our new **President Jim**. This year we will be joined by Past District Governors Jerry Hearn and Gary Israel as well as incoming District Governor Denise Hearn of the Sarasota Lakewood Ranch club. We will recognize two of our club members who have achieved Major Donor status to Rotary International.

Last Week's Program

This past week we heard from Sue Stewart from the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

This Week's Program

This week we will hear from our great veterans, including a veteran of Pearl Harbor, who will share with us their stories and service to our beloved USA.

Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the

last Monday of May (May 30 in 2011). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.



Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 (since 1911) and the Coca-Cola 600 (since 1960) auto races.

From RI International

“The Importance of Our Magazines”

Not too long ago, the telegram was the way to communicate internationally. The telegram was replaced by the telex machine, which was followed by the facsimile. Now the Internet is the way of daily communication. Yet newspapers, books, and magazines are difficult to replace.

The Rotarian is our official magazine and a good source of information. We can read about Board decisions, upcoming events, possible changes within the administration, and projects from all over the world. According to our *Manual of Procedure*, the purpose of the official magazine shall be to serve as a medium to assist the Board in furthering the purpose of RI and the Object of Rotary.

Our official magazine is surrounded by 30 regional magazines, from *Rotary Down Under* to *Rotary Norden* and from *El Rotario de Chile* to *The Rotary-No-Tomo*. In addition to printing some of the same contents as our official magazine, these magazines bring a local touch to the reader. This is essential in light of the internationality of our organization.

The printed press is today threatened by a world getting more and more digital – a development we cannot halt. Today we have more and more conference calls, but these can never totally take over face-to-face meetings. In the same way, it is my hope that the printed press will still remain and the digital world will be complementary to it. There is something very special in holding a book or a magazine in the hands. May therefore the Rotary magazines never disappear into cyberspace for good – the printed word is needed today and in the future just as it has been in the past.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair



International Convention



The Rotary International Convention is this week in New Orleans. Your PE Jim O’Leary will be in attendance along with thousands of Rotarians from across the world. Our theme for the next Rotary year is “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.”

Our incoming president, Kaylan Banerjee will give a key note address along with Bill Gates who will speak about his foundation’s partnership with Rotary International to eradicate Polio. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has already awarded \$555 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio.

Will this year bring a new major contribution from the Gates Foundation to Rotary? Jim will report back to us with news on the convention and his hopeful meeting with Bill Gates to discuss the state of our world. :)

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This Weeks Big Prize

Last week a proud **Dick Hamlin** drew the Nine of Hearts to win \$5.00.

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

*“Life's battles don't always go
 To the stronger or faster man,
 But soon or late the man who wins
 Is the man WHO THINKS HE CAN!”*

- Walter D. Wintle - 1905

Happy Birthday

Debra Quade, May 25
Dick Fredrickson, May 28
Ray Faubion, May 29

The Spoke
 Editor - **Greg Holtz**
 Issue Editor—**Jim O'Leary**

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!



America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed His
 grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
 Whose stern impassion'd stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat
 Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,
 Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved,
 And mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness,
 And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream
 That sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam,
 Undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!

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