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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 15, 2011

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Ron Anderson** delivered the invocation. **Bobbi Bird** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Clare Anne Graham** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted a rousing rendition of *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Our "Go To" Rotarian

Last week **President Jim** continued and concluded well-deserved awards presentations to



Rotarians who had provided distinguished service during the past year. As part of that process **President Jim** announced the institution of the "Go To" Award, presented to

the Rotarian whose contributions, in President Jim's words make the Club's activities "complete." This year's winner is **Len Eckert**. Congratulations Len. We also acknowledged and applauded winners of this year's Service Above Self and Rotarian of the Year Awards—congratulations and thanks to **Jay Berube** and **Tom Burgess**, respectively for receiving these well-deserved awards.

Ira Hawk provided a Shots for Tots update. Twenty eight families were served. Ira gratefully acknowledged the assistance of **Frank Keck**. Thanks to Ira, Frank and all Rotarians who gives of their time for this most worthy project.

A reminder...If you have not already done so, please see **Bobbi Bird** to help with beer sales during the Star Spangled Bonita celebration.

Last Week's Program

Adam Botana

"On Leadership and Life"

Last week we heard from Adam Botana, President-elect of the Noon Club. Adam's announced topic was reflecting on Leadership Bonita, a program designed to hone leadership skills and create the



opportunity for personal growth. Adam did that—and more. He offered a glimpse into his life and that of his family and suggested that leadership skills—and all that is Rotarian, can find its genesis in a number of special, human avenues. Thanks Adam for an interesting and heartfelt presentation.

Rotaract Update



It was great seeing Yan Bohyn and Benjamin Hernandez and Antoine de Maleisy at last week's meeting. Yan is the current Rotaract President and

Benjamin and Antoine will be members of next year's leadership team. Congratulations also go out to our Rotaractors as the Club was the recipient of a Presidential Citation at the District Conference. Congratulations on a job well done—onto next year!

From Rotary International
Our President's June Message
"When the Smoke Settles"

There was a time when gunpowder smoke was so thick on battlefields that it was difficult to determine the victors until the smoke settled. Evaluating the success of this year in Rotary is similar because we won't learn the final figures until the year has ended. However, there are some achievements that can be reviewed – before the smoke settles!

The major accomplishment has been the creation of a new culture of innovation, which has encouraged both Rotarians and RI staff members to review our policies and procedures at all levels and to determine if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Many changes toward more modern business methods have resulted, and I am encouraged by our progress.

Other improvements have included the new regional Rotary coordinators, whose job is to *help* our district governors to *help* our clubs to become **Bigger, Better, and Bolder**. The new Presidential Citation program has provided a score sheet for all of our clubs to test themselves against the other clubs in their districts, and the results will be very helpful to both the current and incoming governors – and to RI as well!

We also have given additional attention to our New Generations programs, particularly Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange, and we have focused more emphasis on the Reach Out to Africa initiative.

All in all, we have made some significant improvements. But the most important question is whether we have paved the way for an even better year next year. Have we done the right things to ensure that the best days of Rotary are still ahead? And we won't know that – until the smoke settles!

Ray Klinginsmith
President, Rotary International



Member Spotlight

Jessica Berube stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. Recently married to **Jay Berube** in April, Jessica is a native of Wisconsin growing up in a small town just outside of Milwaukee.



Jessica grew up with three sisters and she shared with us the fond and poignant memories she had during those special days. She was especially inspired by her parents' service to the local fire and rescue department. That service and example introduced Jessica to the value and importance of giving back to one's community.

A graduate of Carroll College, Jessica earned a degree in elementary education and taught in the Milwaukee area for four years. Upon moving to Florida, Jessica also taught in Lee County. Upon meeting Jay, Jessica left her teaching career to begin a career in real estate. She reflected on the positive impact that decision has had on her career development, enjoying the newfound freedom it has brought to her professional life.

Jessica and Jay have recently moved to Bonita Springs. Already active in a number of our Club's activities, including our international outreach, Jessica looks to becoming even more active with our Club and reflected on the commonality she shares with Jay in the area of community service.

She ended her presentation with a reflection from her Dad who observed "tell me who you walk with and I'll tell you who you are." In Jessica's view that saying exemplifies all that is Rotarian. Thanks Jessica for a thoughtful presentation—we're glad you're a member of our Club.

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This Weeks Big Prize



Last week an enthralled **John Warfield** drew the Ten of Spades to win \$5.00.

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

In The Good Old Summertime

In the good old summer time

In the good old summer time

Strolling through the shady lane

With your baby mine.

You hold her hand, and she holds yours,

And that's a very good sign,

That she's your tootsey, wootsey

In the good old summer time.



Happy Birthday

Jay Berube, June 15
Jim Horein, June 20
Bill Oehler, June 16
Don Thomson, June 17

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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?

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

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| 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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