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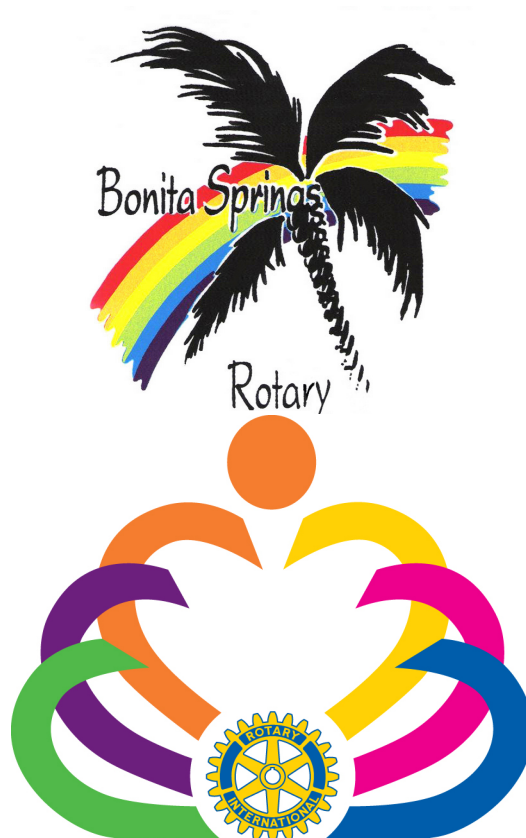
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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**
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The Spoke

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
Chartered November 3, 1978**



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July 20, 2011

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation. **Ira Hawk** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Ray Faubion** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted a rousing rendition of the *Beer Barrel Polka*.

President Jim announced that we are in search of an Assistant Editor (or two) for the Spoke primarily to back up and from time to time step in for your humble Editor. These "career track" positions offer an excellent opportunity to channel one's creative and journalistic talents in service of our Club and Rotary. If you are interested in more information, please see **President Jim** or your humble Editor.

Transition Time



President Jim advised that our Foundation has nominated and elected **Ray Faubion** as its President for the coming year. Congratulations to Ray and thanks to outgoing President **Fred Partin** for your devotion and service to our Club's Foundation and its good works.

Last Week's Program Sheri Samotin "Life Bridge Solutions"



Last week **Roger Brunswick**, our July Speaker Chair, introduced us to Sheri L. Samotin, a Certified Professional Coach, who founded Life Bridge Solutions. As President of LifeBridge Solutions, Sheri has developed skills and expertise enabling her to assist and guide clients as they make necessary life "transition" decisions.

Sheri is a graduate of Wesleyan University with a degree in economics and also holds a Master of Business Administration from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Her discussion was thought provoking and enlightening. We considered various issues inherent in life "transition." Sheri challenged us to make certain our circumstances and those of our loved ones were in good order. Thanks for a very good and helpful presentation.

From Rotary International

Why July 1st?

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910.

The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."



Member Spotlight

On his birthday, **Ira Hawk** stepped into the Member Spotlight and offered us the essence of what it means to be Rotarian. A member of our Club for 21 years, Ira has been a Rotarian for 60 years, joining Rotary in 1951.

Ira grew up in Southwestern Ohio. At the age of eleven he battled polio. Turning an affliction and challenge into a positive, he began writing and publishing a magazine called "The Salem Echo." The Echo was published for seven years and garnered a great deal of national attention. For example, one of Ira's editorials was read into "The Congressional Record," the "Echo" was featured in "Newsweek Magazine" and Dale Carnegie wrote an entire column on Ira's efforts which column was published in hundreds of newspapers coast to coast. The "Echo's" circulation grew and at its peak,

had 2300 paid subscribers in all 48 states several foreign countries, including at one time six U.S. Senators and a Supreme Court Justice.



Rotary Clubs were among Ira's biggest boosters. Given his work with the national foundation to help raise funds for polio re-

search, Ira received and accepted many invitations to address Rotary Clubs. This experience helped him develop a keen appreciation for Rotary's goals and objectives, so when some years later when he received an invitation to join Ira gladly accepted, being, in his words "gratified to be a part of Rotary ever since."

He began his career as a journalist, securing various positions, including work with Scripps Howard at "The Columbus Citizen." Completing his graduate studies at Ohio State University, Ira left the newspaper business and accepted a position at Wilmington College. It was during this time that Ira met his beloved wife Clarice, with whom he was married 61 years. His career then took him to General Motors, with most of his work being with Frigidaire where he held a variety of executive positions, retiring in 1989.

Ira has always been deeply engaged in our Club and our community. His tireless work with projects such as Shots for Tots and recognition as a Love of Bonita Award recipient underscore his efforts and his commitment. Thank you Ira for being such a good, great, and inspirational Rotarian. Happy Birthday from us all.

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This Weeks Big Prize —\$666



Last week an amazed **Gary Colecchio** drew the Jack of Diamonds to win \$5.

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Old Folks At Home

Way down upon the Suwannee River
 Far, far away,
 There's where my heart is turning ever,
 There's where the old folks stay.
 All up and down the whole creation,
 Sadly I roam,
 Still longing for that old plantation,
 And for the old folks at home.

Chorus:

All the world is sad and dreary,
 Everywhere I roam,
 O, brothers, how my heart grows weary,
 Far from the old folks at home.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

- Monday Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
- Tuesday Estero Elk's Club (Noon)
- Wednesday Naples Gulf Shore 7:30 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

Happy Birthday

Jim Dati, July 25
Ben Nelson, July 25

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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?

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