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



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meets Wednesday at 7:30 am at Bonita Bay Club

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July 27, 2011

Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Gerry Myers** delivered the invocation. **Jonathan Gopman** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Gary Colecchio** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** conducted a rousing rendition of the *Old Folks at Home*.

President Jim recognized **Bobbi Bird** who delivered a report on our District's Rotary Foundation and Membership seminar. The meeting and deliberations were informative and helpful. We also learned that the next RLI sessions will be August 20 in Westin and September 17 in Port Charlotte. If you are interested in attending or for additional information, please see Bobbi. Finally, Bobbi, as our Secretary, requests that members email to her their makeup information by 10th of each month. This practice will insure timely and accurate maintenance of our Club's membership records.

Mark Your Calendars...**President Jim** announced that our District Governor Denise Hearn will visit our Club on August 3. Thanks to **Joe Murgalo** for generously providing lodging at the Hyatt Coconut Point for Denise and her husband Jerry during their visit. Tuesday July 26 is the day for our monthly Rotary Social with the Noon Club. Festivities get underway at 5:30 pm at Coconut Jacks on Bonita Beach Road. Plan on attending—it's a great way to meet and enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians.

President Jim advised that **Gerry Myers** will be offering a "Foundation minute" at our meetings beginning this morning. The purpose of these short presentations or "vignettes" will be to raise awareness as to the Rotary Foundation's activities and outreach throughout the world. **President Jim** also took the opportunity to challenge our Club to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. Paul Harris participation is a meaningful and tangible way to support Rotary Foundation initiatives.

Last Week's Program

James E. Croley III, M.D. "Advances in Cataract Surgery"

Last week we heard from Dr. James E. Croley, III, M.D., who updated us on advances in eye care, specifically cataract surgery. Moving to Southwest Florida in 1980, Dr. Croley is the Founder and Director of the Cataract & Refractive Institute of Florida. His professional accomplishments are numerous and extraordinary including membership and participation in the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and American Academy of Ophthalmology. His presentation offered very helpful information and insight on advances in cataract surgery. Thanks Dr. Croley.



Congratulations Brian

President Jim announced that at its recent meeting our Club Board of Directors nominated and appointed **Brian Zamorski** to fill a Board position which had become open due to resignation. Congratulations Brian—thanks for all you do for our Club. Welcome to the Board.



On Songs and Singing

When Harry Ruggles, the fifth man to join Paul Harris and his three friends in starting Rotary, jumped on a chair, urging everyone to join him in song, a long standing and revered Rotary tradition was born.



But maybe, just maybe, Ruggles knew singing, group singing, was not only fun, but would help form the basis and spirit of what is Rotarian.

Singing is one of the most human of activities. Your voice is your voice, a uniquely personal imprint, one that belongs to you and you alone. Yet every Wednesday morning at about 730 the “you” in each of us becomes “we,” singing and reminiscing as we enjoy and finish a song. Individual voices are melded into a wonderful collective—we’ve become a team, ready to start our meeting. In many ways that’s what Rotary is about, thousands of people “singing,” offering their individual hopes, talents and abilities to form a wonderful collective which does good and makes a difference in every corner of our world.

Indeed, Ruggles was on to something, as are those Rotarians who lead us in song each and every week.

So it was that one **Stefan Pavel “Steve” Krchniak** strode to the front of our Club room and led us, once again, and for the final time at least for awhile, in song. At least from this writer’s perspective, Steve was always a favorite part of our meeting. His enthusiasm, wit, and talent always transformed us into that wonderful Rotary “we.”

And later that morning, it was Steve’s turn to step into the Member Spotlight where we learned more about this remarkable Rotarian.

Steve spoke fondly of his formative years, where he thrived, enjoying music and all facets of education. He won a New York State Regents Scholarship and attended the State University of New York., graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music.

He began his musical career playing trumpet in a pit band. Being called to serve our country, and after completing basic training, Steve was sent to band school. That assignment resulted in his working on a show called “Soldier Parade,” hosted by Arlene Francis. Steve was then called overseas to Paris where he served as the principal trumpet player for a ceremonial band. It was interesting to hear about the many facets of that assignment.

Returning home after the war, Steve began his career as a trumpet player in New York City. He decided to teach and accepted a position as a Band Director on Long Island. He continued his educational career at NYU, earning his PhD and



teaching. He then accepted a new challenge at Southern Illinois University. At Southern Illinois Steve embraced numerous leadership roles, retiring as an emeritus professor of the graduate faculty.

A Rotarian for 30 years, Steve has been married to Nancy for 50. They are the proud parents of Catherine and Steven—both of whom live in the San Francisco area.

The poet once wrote, “I hear America singing...each one singing his...blithe and strong.” Some people hear that song; others don’t. Steve Krchniak certainly has heard that song—always creating that wonderful collective “we.” And our Club is all the richer for it. Thanks Steve for being a great Rotarian—and please keep on singing.

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This Weeks Big Prize —\$706



Last week a delighted **Bob Lombardo** drew the Five of Spades to win \$5.

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

Happy Birthday

John Warfield, August 2

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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!

Proud Rotarians
(Melody: Love Me Tender/Aura Lee)



Thanks for blessings in our care,
 Happy to be free!
 Our abundance we will share,
 Share thru Ro-ta-ry,
 Ro-ta-ry! Ro-ta-ry!
 Spread your message far.
 Brotherhood throughout the world
 Makes you a shining star.

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

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