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The Spoke

**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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August 10, 2011

Last Meeting

President **Jim** presided. **Tom Briers** delivered the invocation. **Stephanie Kissinger** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **PDG Jerry Hearn** led the 4 Way Test. **Jim Dati**, pinch hitting for Ron Anderson, conducted a rousing rendition of *Amazing Grace*.



Surprise Visit

We were surprised and honored to have Rotary International Director John Smarge of Naples visit us to participate in our official visit by District Governor Denise Hearn!

Congratulations to our newest Members:

Chris Cole & Anthony Scrocco

John Smarge inspired us with his induction of Chris & Anthony and thanked Jay Berube for sponsoring them into Rotary! Chris & Anthony will be highlighted soon in The Spoke after their member spotlight presentations. Welcome!



District Governor Visit

Last week our speaker was our District Governor Denise Hearn for her "official visit". Denise shared with us the R.I. Theme for this year: REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY. This very powerful, and personal, message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee has three primary components.



First is **FAMILY**: very important to President Kalyan, as he sees family as the center of our universe and provides our basic values. Second is **CONTINUITY**: we build on that which is successful in our lives, your family, your business, your Rotary Club and District. Third is **CHANGE**: Although initially change sounds like a contradiction, it is through necessary changes that sustain and make continuity possible. President Kalyan's favorite quote is: The difficult is done immediately..... the impossible will take a little bit longer. Denise encouraged us to engaged in **HONOR FLIGHT**: sending 80-85 year old WW II veterans to DC for a day to visit memorials and **READ TO ME**: a literacy project that each club can design to meet the needs in their individual communities, with T-shirts that have the "Read to Me" message and our Rotary Logo and books donated by Club members. Last, but not least, Governor Denise gave us the initial information about our District Conference for 2012 on the Celebrity Cruise ship The Millennium April 12-15. More information will be forthcoming.

Shots for Tots

Ira Hawk reported on Shots for Tots where 51 families and 139 immunizations were given on Tuesday night. Our program has been in existence for 17 years and over 7,000 children have been given over 12,000 immunizations in that time. Thank you Ira!



Right to Left at Shots for Tots: Bill Banfield, Jerry & Denise Hearn, Clara Anne Graham, Ira Hawk & Bobbi Bird.

Youth Exchange

Jay & Jess Berube announce that our youth exchange student Bronislau Max Miguel Prestes has arrived from Brazil and will be attending Estero High School. Thank you Jay & Jess for hosting Bronis and we look forward to meeting him and helping him have a wonderful experience this coming school year. Please consider inviting Bronis into your home for a meal so he can meet as many of us personally as possible.

New Rotary Club Shirts

Susan Schmidt is leading the process of selecting new club shirts and will be submitting our order soon. Be sure to see Susan to discuss color, size and place your order. Thank you Susan for heading this up.

Speakers

This week: Sandy Scoggins will provide a full report of her recent Group Study Exchange trip to Poland. Next week: Mayor Ben Nelson will update us on activities, status and plans for our City of Bonita Springs.

The end of a dynasty...

is approaching as Sgt. At Arms **George M. Cohan** announced **Bill Banfield** is being groomed for Sgt. At Arms. A full report is forthcoming in future editions of The Spoke, for now, thank you George! You 'da man!

Member Spotlight

Clara Anne Graham was born in Smyrna Delaware, her mom was a Statistician and her dad a Supervisor, both in public education. Her mom was a Republican and dad a Democrat. She spent time growing up in Washington DC and developed a life long interest in public service. A high school cheerleader, recipient of Rotary scholarship, she graduated Goldey Beacom College with an Accounting and Business Administration Degree in the top 5% of her class. She was offered a position with Dupont but instead chose to work in public accounting. After her first son was born she beat cancer and was



blessed three years later with a daughter. Her family moved from the Univ. of Delaware to the Univ. of Nebraska, where she was involved with "Teachers of Teachers" and continued in accounting. She later moved to Blacksburg, VA and became President of the Blacksburg Newcomers Club, President of the Blacksburg Junior Women's Club and joined the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, VA and became the Coordinator of the Equal Rights Amendment. VT moved her to Southwest Virginia where she continued in accounting, got to meet Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and RJ Reynolds, and became a statewide supervisor of 6 Medicare nursing homes. Clara became President of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, was asked to run for city council, and became Vice President of the grassroots Citizen Initiative of Blacksburg earning a National Cities Award. In 1990 she moved to Bonita and began auditing and accounting work for NCH, Shangri-La, WBG & serving as Treasurer for the Speakers Assembly, Main Street, and the Art League. She was elected President of the League of Women Voters of Lee County was instrumental in the passage of Conservation 2020. She was appointed by the Governor to the Commission on a Sustainable Southwest Florida and lobbied to receive a US Army Corp of Engineers Environmental Impact Study and sought the District 1 Bonita Springs Council election and was a run off candidate. As President of the League of Women Voters of Lee County she lobbied for the Passage of Amendments 5 and 6 addressing redistricting. A former Treasurer of this club, Clara was also Treasurer of the Fla League of Women Of Voters Treasurer for 8 years. Clara now serves as State Treasurer for the Questers, an international historic restoration and preservation organization, a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States 11 member Climate Change Task Force, Sterling Property Services and Henson-Luke Realty. The lights of her life are her daughter, son-in law and 3 grandchildren in Blacksburg, Virginia. Honors received include: Disquished Alumni Award from Goldey Beacom College (her photo is placed next to a Former Governor) and is recognized in Who's Who's of American Woman and Who's Who's of Business Women Professionals. Thank you Clara Anne for your years of service to our Rotary club and your public service.

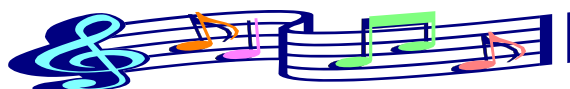
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**This Weeks
Big Prize –
\$750+**

Last week a thrilled **Chris Riesen** drew the King of Clubs of to win \$5.

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

School Days, School Days



School days, school days
Good ole golden rule days
Readin' and writin' and
'rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hick'ry
stick

You were my girl in calico,
I was your bashful, barefoot beau.
I wrote on your slate, "I love you so!"
When we were a couple of kids!

Happy Birthday

**Steve Krchniak
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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

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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