



**Rotary Club**  
of Bonita Naples

# Rotasphere

## Club Meeting

Bonita Naples  
Meets at Artichoke & Company -  
11920 Saradrienne Ln, Bonita  
Springs, FL 34135  
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Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



James F. Fabry  
President



John G. Wharton  
President-Elect



Dee Fabry  
Secretary



Dixon W. Blevins  
Treasurer



Sam Black  
Club Director



Linda Lee Dworkin  
Club Director



Tamton Mustapha  
Public Relations Chair



Kenneth Strumm  
Club Director



Stephen C. Agius  
Membership Chair

Kim Scott Anderson  
Sergeant-at-Arms

## Events and Speakers



## July 30\_2020 Zoom Meeting

Zoom meeting recorded video link:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/l7gt09p0aupevxx/July%2030\\_2020%20Zoom%20Meeting.mov?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/l7gt09p0aupevxx/July%2030_2020%20Zoom%20Meeting.mov?dl=0)

**Members in Attendance:** Jim F., Dee F., Gary D., Lin D., Ken S., Dick B., Sam B., Mike P., Sonny G., Cindy C., Dave M., Bob B., Kim A., Mike R., Phil R., Tam M., Rob G., John W., Chris M., Steve A., Stu S., Betty Jean C., Janet D., Art N., Mark T., Bob C.,

**Guests:** AG Gerard Sola

**Open Meeting at Noon** ♦ **Jim Fabry**

Invocation ♦ **Sonny Grech**

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ **Kenny Strumm**

**Health notice:** Brian Alosi ♦'s wife passed away last week. Services in Plymouth, MA were held yesterday (Wednesday and burial Thursday). Flowers were sent from the club.

**The Rotary Distinguished Service Award was given to Janet D.** Tam let us know that only 50 Rotarians receive the award each year. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International award the "**Distinguished Service Award**" ♦ annually to those who have rendered outstanding service to the Foundation. This is the most prestigious of our Rotary awards. Janet works tirelessly and really serves as model for Service Above Self. We are so fortunate to have her joining our club. Congratulations!

## District News:

**July, 31, 2020** ♦ Infinite Possibilities ♦ Women in Rotary Zoom meeting.  
Sylvia Whitlock ♦ 1st Female Rotary Club President ♦ Register on DACdb.



Cindy J. Cedeno  
Past President  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Gary S. Dworkin  
iPast President

## Account Leaders

Darryl Keys  
District Governor  
Andrew Lyman  
DG-Elect  
Neil E. Snyder  
DG-Nominee  
Alison Charney Hussey  
District Membership Chair  
Cynthia L. Doragh  
District Youth Service Chair  
Donald H. Snyder Jr.  
District Treasurer  
Louis S. Auricchio  
District Secretary  
Tracie Bagans  
Area Governor  
Susan Courter  
Area Governor  
James Hinck  
Area Governor  
Fred H. Kobie  
Area Governor  
Doug Smoot  
Area Governor  
Gerard M. Sola  
Area Governor  
Suzanne Vasbinder  
Area Governor  
Dennis Wallace  
Area Governor  
Belynda Williams  
Area Governor

**August 1, 2020** District 6960 Foundation, Membership and Public Image Zoom webinar ❖ register on DACdb.

**Meals of Hope needs volunteers. Register at**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BAFAD23A7FA7-meals>

## Learning Opportunity of the day:

**Assistant Governor Area 2 Gerard Sola** ❖ Gerard and his family are in St. Petersburg this week. Tomorrow is a visit to the Titanic Museum. We truly appreciate that he interrupted his vacation to join us.

District Update: Area 2 consists of 4 clubs (Bonita Springs, Bonita Naples, Bonita Sunset and Estero). Darryl Keys will be making an official visit to your club in the near future. Darrell is a member of the Port Charlotte Club. Our new RI President, Holger Knaack is from Germany and a member of the Herzogtum Lauengurg-Molln. He chose Rotary Opens Opportunities as his theme for the year. Jim and I met Holger at the PETS training in March of this year. Holger states: ❖ We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help, ❖ He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. ❖ Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere. ❖

Our new DG, Darryl chose the flamingo as the District mascot (symbolizes balance, family, and community) and a pink shirt for this year. (Gerard, you look great in pink!) We have a multitude of opportunities to serve. He emphasized that each of us needs to seize the opportunities to better our communities and the world.

Yes, we have a new normal. Yes, we have barriers because of COVID-19 but Rotarians are breaking down the challenges. Zoom has given us a great opportunity to redefine fellowship through meetings. Our own Dave M., stated he is so glad to have these Zoom meetings. It is his weekly opportunity to connect with the outside world since he resides in a long-term care facility and the state regulations do not allow the residents to leave the facility.

This Friday - Jim mentioned the Infinite Possibilities Series. The first one is dedicated to Women in Rotary this Friday. Only 26% of our members are women. There are 1300 members signed up.

Membership Foundation and Public Image District Zoom Meeting is Saturday.

Rotary Leadership Institute ❖ Tentative scheduled for October. Most likely will be via Zoom.

World Polio Day ❖ Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be some district wide events. \$1.00 could be matched up to \$6.00.

Gerard Sola, 239-339-3489 [Gerard\\_Sola@yahoo.com](mailto:Gerard_Sola@yahoo.com)

He left us with some thoughts on Who is a Rotarian? Real happiness comes from serving others.

Thanks to Gerard for his ❖ Service Above Self ❖ as he continues to go the extra mile for us.

We have a certificate for Gerard from Bob B. Chair of Speakers Committee

**Getting to know your members** ❖ **This week Rob Grady and Chris Magnus**

**Rob** ♦ I am a Steve Martin fan and love the movie The Jerk. Those of you who know that film will understand why I reference it. I am a husband and father. I have been in commercial insurance business for years. I thought I was going to retire but I continue to work on a national level. Pre COVID I was traveling too much. I am fronting a hospitality department for this national company. We focus on hotels and large restaurants. With COVID-19 I have refocused my efforts on the hotel industry since restaurants are re-defining themselves.

**Chris** ♦ I am a family man, Type One Diabetic, my wife takes on the responsibility of managing the entire family operation for which I am so fortunate. We have four great kids ♦ Mickey 8, Elaini 5, Grady and Brook turned 3. I am in real estate. I work with my dad every day. I am fortunate to have such a close family. I opened my own brokerage firm this year. I so enjoy Rotary. I love doing the essay contest. I am thankful to all you for supporting the youth services.

Shout out to Bob C. Bob ♦ ♦ I am suffering through the mountains of Colorado. It was 48 degrees this morning. We are loving life here in Colorado. ♦

**Happy/Sad Dollars** ♦ Led by Sergeant at Arms, Kim Anderson

**Kim** ♦ Happy dollar ♦ for Gerard who started a satellite club and continues to serve.

**Bob B.** - \$5 thank those who came to the garden and helped us spread soil.

**Dave** ♦ Happy you are having these meetings on Zoom so I can get ♦ out ♦. I am in a long-term care facility and we can ♦ t go out.

**Mike P.** ♦ When Gerard first joined the club, he volunteered for everything. So, he just kept doing it. Gerard is a model for all of us as he continues to put service above self.

**Steve A.** ♦ Remember that we partnered with morning club to raise the money and send a container of wheelchairs (288) to the Bahamas. The wheelchairs were delivered in February. Some Rotarians went down in March (before CO-VID) to deliver them. The president of the Nassau Club e-mailed me. They only have 35 left. The need for chairs continues. We are working on another joint project ♦ I am trying to raise \$10,500 to match funds so we can purchase another container. I am flabbergasted they went through 244 chairs so fast. The Wheelchair Foundation is matching dollar for dollar. Please contact me if you would like to contribute towards this goal.

**John W.** ♦ Yesterday was my 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I now have my red/white and blue card.

**Attendance Raffle** Led by Dee Fabry ♦ winner was Dave M (Joanne Z was picked, but unfortunately she was not present to win).

**4 Way Test** ♦ led by Raffle winner Dave M.

**Adjourn**

**Pictures this week:**

**Steve LaPoint and Family at Steve's 39th Birthday (hah! ha!)**





Gary receives an award:



Bonita Naples Rotary Club Community Garden at YMCA Bonita Springs:

