



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



Gary S. Dworkin
President



James F. Fabry
President-Elect



John G. Wharton
President-Nominee
Secretary



Dixon W. Blevins
Treasurer



Kim Scott Anderson
Club Director



Linda Lee Dworkin
Club Director



Tamton Mustapha
Club Director
Public Relations Chair



Stephen C. Agius
Membership Chair



Cindy J. Cedeno
Past President
Rotary Foundation
Chair

Robert A. Grady
Sergeant-at-Arms

Events and Speakers

Meeting Notes for June 25, 2020

[Link to meeting recording: Bonita Naples Rotary Club](#)

https://www.dropbox.com/s/fba8u7dmptcvs4d/June%2025_2020.mov?dl=0

[Gary's Roast video link only:](#)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vgje4vj3g502f8i/Gary%20Roast%20.mov?dl=0>

Attendees: Jim and Dee F., Lin and Gary D., Joanne Z., Mike P., Tam M., Cindy C., Bob B., Don B #1., Don C #2., Betty Jean C., Steve A., Kim A., Dick B., Prinya S., Steve L., Barbara M., Al R., Ally M., John W., Mike R., Dave M., J. Gellings, Sonny G., Mark T., Art N., Joe G, Sonny G., Sam B

Invocation ♦ **Steve A.**

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ **Ally M.**

Gary started the meeting at noon.

Announcements:

Member Birthday ♦ **Sam Black** 6/26/50 70 years

Member Anniversary ♦ **Don Ballo** 6/30/92 28 years

Wedding Anniversary ♦ **John and Dee Wharton** 6/28/80 40 years

*****Our first face-to-face meeting will be July 9th at Artichoke and Company.*****

Next Board Meeting: Dick Blevin's Office on Monday, June 29th at 5:30 pm

Today's Program

Jim Fabry A look at our year to come ♦ Our Committees and
♦ **Something Special** ♦

Installation of officers is next week ♦ July 2nd ♦ Zoom Meeting

Bob B. shared information about speakers for the new year.

The committee PowerPoint is attached.

The club shared their favorite Gary Roast moments:

Steve ♦ Thank Phil Roach who brought Gary into our club.

Tam ♦ Met him at a district meeting and Tam is glad to be a part of this



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor



Account Leaders

Richard D. Kirschner
District Governor

Darryl Keys
DG-Elect

Andrew Lyman
DG-Nominee

Henry B. Bird
District Treasurer

Louis S. Auricchio
District Secretary

Jane L. Goble
District Executive Secretary

Alison Charney Hussey
District Membership Chair

Timothy P. Milligan
Youth Service Chair

Susan A. Haviland
District Public Image/PR Chair

Alfred C. Current III
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Karen A. Current
Assistant Governor

Erik Elsea
Assistant Governor

Victoria Gauze
Assistant Governor

Richard S. Hall
Assistant Governor

Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

Sherry Lynn Penfield
Assistant Governor

Bhuvanesh Unhelkar
Assistant Governor

Lee W. VanDegrift
Assistant Governor

Jane V. Wingate
Assistant Governor

club.

Betty Jean C. ♦ I got to ride back from a meeting in Winston. It was such fun.

Cindy C. ♦ Congratulations on an unprecedented year. Gary was so supportive of me when I was president. He is always there for me.

Dick B. ♦ Has been a pleasure having you as President. No matter how many times people insult you it goes over your head.

Don B. ♦ During this year I have poked fun at him. Gary is a great Rotarian servant.

Art N. ♦ Bonita Fest Committee meeting at Gary♦s house. I appreciated being invited. It was pouring the rain. I finally called and asked him to open the garage so I could get out.

Bob B. ♦ At one point a few months ago, we were talking with Ruth B. In between having great food and drinks we were attacked by two crazy dogs (Zekee and Lilli)♦ Dworkin wine store may be available when Total Wine talks. Gary, you did a sensational job.

Mike P. ♦ How can you not love Gary Dworkin. He has done a phenomenal job as President of this club. (Read this in slow motion and laugh!)

Sonny G. ♦ I remember Gary from the Naples Rotary Club. At one meeting we sat next to each other. Gary reserved me a seat always. Gary is a heart-warming, meaningful person. He means everything he says. I couldn♦t be more than happy to have him as a friend.

Kim A. ♦ Thank you for the Happy Dollar generosity from Winston. Every time someone says Winston, money goes into the club foundation.

Sam B. ♦ First of all ♦ you have done a great job these past four months with the challenges of COVID. If we ever get to travel again, he is such fun to travel with.

Joanne ♦ First time I met Gary and Lin at a party. Insurance was the topic. Joanne bet Lin that her husband would talk insurance more than Gary. It was a draw after several hours. David and Gary bonded and it was a great friendship. The Friendship continues with me Gary and Lin.

Joe G. ♦ Gary goes above and beyond. I was in the hospital earlier this year. Gary came to the hospital with Jim and cheered me up. It was so appreciated.

Dave M. ♦ Gary did an outstanding this year. But he has another skill. He makes a wonderful door man. He held the door open every meeting for me to get in with my walker. I really appreciate your Presidency.

John W. ♦ Gary was my sponsor at REVs. Occasionally I get to watch Gary give a tour. His goes on a little longer especially when he shows Winston photos.

Mike R. ♦ Gary has a unique ability to turn a 3-minute story into 30 minutes. Mike shared some other things that are slow (crock pot, sloth, etc).

Don C. ♦ Prior to joining this club I checked out some others, the one thing they did not have was Gary. I met Gary and I wanted to join his club. You have the magically ability to say in 5 minutes what could be said in 2.

You are the older brother I never had.

Lin ♦ What can I say? I am happy it is over. I am happy we can assist Jim and Dee. I never expected it to end on Zoom. Gary♦s verbosity is well known. It has gone so quickly. I love all of you. I have been tempted to join other Rotary Clubs. I am stuck with him and you. We are going to do great things.

Steve L. ♦ I was at WalMart with my daughter who was watching an older man having trouble navigating. That man was Gary and I joined so we could help him.

Ally M. I am glad to be here at this time. It is a great group. Thank you for your calls and concern.

DG Rich K - All I can say about Gary is that his heart is as big as his smile and that I cherish his goodwill and friendship. He is an outstanding Rotarian and proved to be a terrific club president!

Gerard Sola -Gary is the epitome of what it means to put Service Above Self. He truly dedicates a lot of time and passion to doing good across the board. All of his work relating to wheelchairs and Gift of Life is significant. He has personally hosted fundraising dinners and has put forth an abundance of his time, talent and treasure. Him stepping up to lead the Bonita - Naples Rotary club this year as President is just another example of his passion for Rotary, Rotary projects/programs and his want to continue to give back whenever possible! And I will always be grateful for his partnership in starting the new Interact Club at Gulf Coast HS this year. This Interact club will touch many young lives for years to come.

If I missed anyone the video of the Roast is above.

Gary led us in the 4 way test. He had to read it from his coin so he owes \$5.

*****Gary is now an IPP. Immediate Past President!!*****

