



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

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Club Meeting

Bonita Naples Rotary Club
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

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Events and Speakers

September 10_2020 Zoom Meeting

[Link to video recording of Zoom meeting:](#)

https://www.dropbox.com/s/jel7snmzi3a9b88/Sept%2010_2020%20Zoom%20Meeting?dl=0

Greeting and social minutes from 11:45 to noon- Gary

Attendees: Jim F., Dee F., Gary D., Lin D. Dave M., Cindy C., Don B., Sam B., Bob B., Kim A., Tam M., Betty J., Dick B., Sonny G., Steve L., Joanne Z., Janet D., Art N., Cindy H., Al R., Barbara M, Phil R., Mike R., Prinya S., John W., Mark T., Don C.

Guests: Dhruv B., Chris Patricca,

Open Meeting at Noon ♦ Jim Fabry

Invocation ♦ Dee F.

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ Phil Roach

Health and Welfare information-

Dave McCarthy is out of the hospital.

Marilyn Thompson has been diagnosed with MAC. She is following up at U Mass, Boston. She will be taking about 2 years of antibiotics.

Don C., His daughter is healing well. She is already walking a mile. My brother-in-law is also doing well with his new kidney.

Gary ♦ My brother, Jan just went through a kidney transplant. And he is just about to be released from Advent in Orlando. He is heading back to Miami.

District News:

- September 25, 1 pm with Speaker Past Rotary International VP Dean Rohrs, Hosted by Past Rotary International Director John Smarge and Past District Governor Cyndi Doragh
- RLI is back to face-to-face in October 17 at Port Charlotte Cultural Center. Get on DACdb and sign up or send Jim a message and he will sign you up. New members this is a great opportunity to learn more about your Rotary!

Youth Services update ♦ Betty Jean C. - We (Dee and Joanne) have been over to the YMCA. They are onboard with RotaKids and Books for Kids. They have a new Early Learning Center. We are in need of volunteers for RotaKids. We will be expanding to the middle school. I need help! 239-273-6377. Please call me today or tomorrow.



Kim Scott Anderson
Sergeant-at-Arms



Cindy J. Cedeno
Past President
Rotary
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Chair



Gary S. Dworkin
Past President



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Area Governor

Account Leaders

RotaKids update ♦ Joanne Z. We officially kick off the year next Wednesday. The classroom teacher is again, Deanna B.

Books for Kids update ♦ Dee F.

Call for Volunteers

Who? You, your spouses/partners and friends

What? Literacy Ambassadors

Where? Bonita Springs Charter School, 25380 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135. 239-992-6932 www.bonitaspringscharter.org

When? Wednesdays: October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 24, April 21, and May 19.

*******Time: 1:30 ♦ 2:30 PM Contact Dee at deefabry@comcast.net 760-470-2088*******

Cindy C., - There is going to be a Paul Harris night. I will send more information. Please check your profile in DACdb so you can receive an invitation.

Learning Opportunity of the day:

Chris Patricca ♦ Lee County School Board

Chris Patricca has been on the School Board for about 4 years. She and her husband, Tom, live in Estero with their 4 children, all of whom attend Lee County Public Schools. Tom is a former President of the Estero Rotary Club. Chris earned her law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She teaches in the Justice Studies Department of the College of Arts and Sciences. Chris is the President Elect of the Florida School Boards Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida High School Athletic Association. Chris is here today to update us on the new school year.

Right now Chris is focusing on helping Lee County schools to re-open. Thank you for the reading assistance to children. We have the second lowest readiness rate for Kinders in the state.

ReopeningSchools ♦ We Are Stronger Together. This really is a community effort.

Chris Patricca - chrisnp@leeschools.net

Chris Patricca - 518-281-2283

Call me when you have questions or direct people to me.

Lee offered 4 models in reopening: Face to Face, Lee Home Connect (teacher is teaching via virtual). Using Zoom you can have breakout rooms for small group learning and teaching. Students are on a period schedule. It is live synchronous learning. Lee Virtual is a full-time virtual school and has been in existence for 4 years. We have about 700 students. We now have about 6,000. It is all asynchronous. Homeschool ♦ Has been in existence for some time.

Numbers right now:

Face to face: 41,766

Home School 2,587

Lee Home Connect ♦ 36,221

Lee Virtual 6,169

We do have a mask requirement, hand washing and sanitation, lots of cleaning in the buildings, classrooms, all materials, etc. For students who refuse to wear a mask ♦ we educate them and invite the parents. If the student and family still persists, they will be required to attend virtually. We are self-monitoring for symptoms. We are using personal

protective equipment ♦ masks, gowns as needed, shields. The district is providing it for teachers who need it.

She shared the Health and Safety Protocols Lee County Schools are following. We have listed on the Web site any student cases, not by name however.

Safe Reopening Plan: https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/covid-19/school_reintroduction/safe_reopening_plan

Organization Agility ♦ It is important that we keep making decisions based on the most current data. We have to be flexible.

We have served in excess of 1.8 million meals. We changed our opening date due to data. Schools did open on August 31.

Support for Teachers ♦ Human Resources are matching teachers with the 4 teaching and learning models. We consider the medical and personal situations to assign classrooms. We offer Professional Development. The New Teacher Orientation (350 new ones) were drive through.

Fall Sports ♦ High school sports are back. We are allowing spectators. Two tickets per player.

Middle school sports have not restarted.

Questions:

What is the starting salary? \$47,500 starting salary for new teachers. However, our veteran teachers are still underpaid.

How do you handle bathroom sanitation? Students request a bathroom pass via Chromebook. The software tracks the student and time away. We have custodians available all day. Our system also tracks students who may be confrontational (gangs) and does not allow them to have passes at the same time.

If there is a presumptive case, the entire building is fogged with a thorough cleaning.

Lunchrooms ♦ We are doing grab and go lunches. They stand in line 6 feet apart and pick up their lunch. They then eat 6 feet apart.

Flu Shots ♦ We do not have the authority to mandate vaccines. We have to follow state guidelines.

How does a quarantined student learn? It depends on the teacher and how the class is being delivered. We have multiple options.

Are teachers required to put assignments online? Not required, but most seem to put assignments on Google Classroom.

How are schools funded? The state portion of our budget comes from state sales tax, and a portion comes from real estate.

How are teachers doing with the Zoom teaching? It has its challenges. We are learning as we go.

We have limitations in this environment. No cooperative learning groups are permitted. And research shows us that learning is a socially mediated construct.

Attendance Raffle Led by Dee Fabry - Prinya Sommala won

4 Way test ♦ led by Prinya and Gary

Adjourn

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