



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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Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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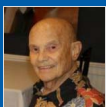
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Events and Speakers

September 17_2020 Zoom Meeting

Zoom meeting video recording Link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/fvxqmjv50dw7vct/September%2017_2020%20Zoomn.mov?dl=0

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

Open Meeting at Noon ♦ **Jim Fabry**

Attendees: Jim F., Dee F., Gary D., Lin D., Dick B., Betty Jean C., Joanne Z., Sam B., Tam M. Kim A., Mark T., Mike R., Stuart S., Art N., Ken S., Steve L., Prinya S., John W., Dhruv B., Don C.,

Invocation ♦ Joanne Ziccarelli

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ Don Crost

Health and Welfare information- Lin D. is recuperating from a heart attack. We are so glad she is out of the hospital. Marilyn T is progressing slowly.

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

Learning Opportunity of the Day:

Bob introduced our speaker, Kara Laufer.

Kara Laufer ♦ **Naples Botanical Gardens**

She has been with the garden for 8 years. She shared a Power Point. The garden just had their 10th anniversary. We are 170 acres. We have 250,000 visitors each year. The gardens have won numerous awards. A small group of 8 people came together to create and develop our garden.

We designed the gardens with multiple latitudes and longitudes in mind. We are now open. We re-opened in July. Our horticulture staff worked throughout the closure.

We are 170 acres so when you visit, you need to purchase tickets in advanced. We are following all CDC guidelines. You need to wear a mask.

As an anchor in the community, we support our community. We partnered with a



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District Rotary Foundation Chair

food group and gave out food in our parking lot. We also partnered with the Community Foundation of Collier County to give out trees to be planted.

We launched a community appreciation plan that allows free admission to workers.

We are taking the garden out to people. We have moved activities online for use by families and children.

If you have a Bank of America card, you can get free admission once a month. See the website for details.

She then shared photos of the Brazilian Garden, the Asian Garden, Caribbean Garden, Florida Garden and unique and rare plants. There are fruits and palms. We even have rescued trees that were set to be destroyed. We call them our legacy trees.

We have a space called the garden of ideas and empowerment. It is a space to have hands-on experiences. We are taking this out now to people with dementia.

The red tags mean it is a threatened species. We are working with gardens throughout the globe to save these plants.

The Children's Garden is currently closed. We plant with families and harvest the crops. The butterfly house is being re-created.

The water gardens are gorgeous. We have hybrids not found anywhere else.

Plants = Food! Check Jack Raben uses ingredients grown on site in the Fogg Caf on premise.

What is coming up? Steve Tobin Nature Underground. He creates monumental sculptures. This will be in place October 1. His creations are based on plant roots.

Night Lights is an amazing experience, open during the holiday season. If you are a member you have first dibs on the tickets for Night Lights.

The garden began as a major restoration project. The land was filled with discarded appliances and invasive plants. The preserve lands are 90 acres of natural land with 5 SWFL habitats.

We have storm water treatment to provide clean water. We work with FGCU in water research.

We work diligently to save threatened plant species. We participate in global conversation to conserve species. We are working to restore the plants we lost in Irma.

We have a horticulture campus in progress. The purpose is deepening our commitment to conversation, public education, community involvement and the Garden's continual evolution.

Tell us about the store that sells plants. We have a retail space that sells Garden related items and plants.

Would you consider sending someone out to work with those planting in our community garden at the YMCA? Yes.

Getting to know your members This week Don Crost

I am coming to you from Evanston, Illinois. I have been stuck here since March. I was born in Evanston, Illinois. I am married to Buffy Crost. I never knew what I wanted to be when I grew up so I have always had both a day job and a nice job. I don't think I am retired. I am a fourth generation antique dealer and appraiser. I

am one of the founders of the International Association of Appraisers. My night job was with Second City. I am a charity auctioneer.

I am involved in sustainable design using reclaimed materials.

I have been a member of the Rotary for years and have been a President of Winnetka Club.

The two most significant events in my life (after the birth of my children and grandchildren): I met His Holiness, the Dali Lama in India. And I did the NID program and did polio vaccinations. We built a women's center and a computer center as well as a water system.

My hobbies are vintage car collecting, I have a 53 Chevy pick-up.

My youngest daughter Loren donated a kidney to my brother-in-law. Everyone is doing remarkably well. Anne Bolger has been a total support to us. It really was a life-changing event.

Club News ♦ Dhruv will be inducted into the club October 8 by Darrell Keyes. Welcome to our newest member.

Dick ♦ Quarterly dues notifications are going out.

Happy/Sad Dollars ♦ Led by Kim Anderson

Don ♦ Because of my kids in volunteering the kidney ♦ I am donating \$400 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of my kids.

Dee ♦ So glad Lin is back.

Gary ♦ Following Dee, I am thrilled she is back. \$50.00 for celebrating Lin's return.

Sam ♦ \$5.00 I am almost closed. I sold most of it. And Habitat for Humanity is taking the rest.

Art ♦ Today is Marilyn's birthday. So we are celebrating tomorrow.

Attendance Raffle Led by Dee Fabry ♦ Tam M.

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Adjourn

Fun Pictures : RotaKids First Day

