



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

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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

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Events and Speakers

Meeting Agenda September 24, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Zoom meeting Video recording:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/6ibw9oquoy8prLi/September%2024_2020%20Zoom%20Meeting.mov?dl=0

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

Attendees: Jim F., Dee F., Lin D., Rob G., Cindy C., Kim A., Betty Jean C., Sam B., Dick B., Joanne Z., Dhruv B., Tam M., Bob B., Barb M., Al R., Steve A., Prinya S., Stuart, Cindy H., Ally M., Art N., John W., Steve L., Mark T., Don B., Mike P.,

Open Meeting at Noon ♦ Jim Fabry

Invocation ♦ Betty Jean

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ Joanne

Health and Welfare information- No updates

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
- **October 17th RLI** ♦ **all sessions 1,2, and 3 Graduate courses.** Signup on DACdb or send Jim an email. [Ally](#), [Prinya](#), [Dhruv](#) and [Mark](#) you may want to consider RLI 1. \$100 to attend and the club will reimburse you the \$100 after completion. Steve L has signed up already. Dee and I will be going also. Dee to RLI 2 and Jim to Foundation graduate course.

Learning Opportunity of the Day:

Ron Grady spoke for Martin Diehr/Minimum Wage Discussion against the ammendment. There is an ammendment on the ballot to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00. Rob shared that we need to delve into the details. Most ammendments came about as a ballot issue. This wasn't done that way. John Morgan presented it as a Constitutional Ammendment to get around us voting on it directly. The conversation is about minimum wage and living wage.

Minimum wage was never designed to be a living wage. We would be one of the five states to have a \$15.00 minimum wage. Those five states are trying to repeal it. The impact is huge. Small businesses will have a 77% labor increase if this passes. Service industries are moving to self-service. Technology is being used to get around labor wage increases. Many restaurants are moving to ordering by iPads. So, this is driven from an economic viewpoint. Morgan is pushing this and wants to run for Governor.



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District Rotary Foundation
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This is one of his two political platforms. His other is medical marijuana. If this passes tourism, service, and other industries will be negatively impacted. Large employers will have to cut staff by 1/3. Please, whichever way you vote on this issue, get informed about both sides.

Dhruv asked for links so that he can investigate.

For information on both sides of the amendment:

Web sites:

Florida Amendment 2, \$15 Minimum Wage Initiative (2020):

[https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_Amendment_2,_\\$15_Minimum_Wage_Initiative_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_Amendment_2,_$15_Minimum_Wage_Initiative_(2020))

or


<https://minimum-wage.procon.org/>

or


<https://www.amendment2hurtsyou.com/>


Tam stated that political issues are allowed as long as we present both sides of an issue. Rob stated that was what he was trying to do. **Everyone, please read all sides and make an informed decision.**


Getting to know your members This week Jim Fabry


I grew up in Brookfield, Ohio. I lived in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Colorado, Georgia, Virginia, California, and now here. My educational background is a B.A. from Youngstown State University and an MBA from University of Phoenix. I got involved in the United States Association of Blind Athletes. We went to the US Paralympics in Barcelona, Spain in 1992. Dee and I got to walk into the stadium in the athletes  uniforms for the opening ceremonies. The stadium had 100,000 supporters. We were paired with an athlete. When the fireworks went off, the athletes asked us to describe what fireworks looked like. What a challenge! How do you describe the beauty of fireworks to someone who has never seen them! It was truly transformative. It was definitely a "Steve Agius Wheelchair moment" for both of us.

Happy/Sad Dollars Led by Kim Anderson

Dick  Dorie is coming back Saturday with Lorraine, her mom. I am slammed at work. It is a challenge, but a good one.

Steve L.  My brother is a survival of a traumatic brain injury. Thanks to all who are supporting him at Donate Lives. And I also enjoyed time with family and friends in Ecuador.

Betty Jean  Thanks to Dick for the refinance.

Mark  I had my two-year brain scans. They are all crystal clear.

Barb M. - I became a great-aunt. Hannah was born early but is doing well.

Rotary Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHBg3WcCai8>

Attendance Raffle won by Steve A

4 Way test  led by Steve A.