



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

Club Leaders



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Rotary Foundation
Chair



Robert A. Grady
Sergeant-at-Arms

Events and Speakers

December 5, 2019

President Gary called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Steve A., Kim A., Sam B., Dick B., Bob Bornstein, Bob Boyden, Cindy C., Joe D., Gary D., Lin D., Dee F., Jim F., Joe G., Rob G., Cindy H., Rosi H., Scott H., Chris M., Tam M., Mike P., Phil R., Stu S., Ken S., John W.

The invocation was given by DG Rich K. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve A.

Guests today: DG Rich, Fred G., Brian D., Ally M.

Club Announcements:

- Gary thanked all who worked to make our first BonitaFest 2019 a resounding success. A full report is being collated.
- **Club Raffle – Each member is responsible for a minimum of six tickets. Please see Gary, Jim, or Mike R. for tickets.**
- Gary presented the slate of new Board Members for 2020: Sam B., Dee F. (Secretary), Lin D., and Kenny S.
- At this time we have no plans for a holiday party. Gary presented some options IF the club members are interested: a) Go to a venue as we have in some previous years – i.e. Comedy Club or The Stage. This will need a committee. b) Have a social at someone's home with attendees bringing pot luck, c) Have a social at a venue such as the Trianon (drinks are served and they allow outside food to be brought in). d) open to other suggestions

Cindy C. – Foundation Minute – If you would like to either join or take your Paul Harris to the next level, the District will match your \$500. Make a check out to TRF and get it to Cindy by December 15.

Steve A. – Membership Minute – Be sure to invite potential Rotarians to a meeting.

Dee F. – Youth Services Minute – Our meeting next week will be dedicated to supporting the RotaKids Club at Bonita Springs Charter School. Channel your inner 8, 9, or 10-year-old as we will be making holiday ornaments for the staff at BSCS. Dee and Joanne will bring the kits. You bring your reading glasses (if needed) and small scissors or Swiss Army knife (to punch out the decorations). No glue is needed. While we have time at the RotaKids Club meeting on December 18 to make about 50 ornaments, we need 126 for all staff at the school. It is the RotaKids service project for December. Bring any elf helpers - your kids, grandkids, or spouses to help with this effort. We will have Christmas cookies and holiday music. Seriously, 126 is a whole lot of ornaments!

Bonita Springs Concert Band – December 15 at 2:00 pm at Riverside Park. We will be selling water and snacks.

Anne Bolger returned unexpectedly to Chicago for health reasons. Please keep her



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter
Past President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

in your thoughts. We miss you, Anne.

Dave Macarthy has resigned from the club due to increasing mobility issues. We will miss Dave. Please keep in touch with him. [Depression from isolation is a major concern for those with limited mobility. Bring a little light into his day if you can.]

District Governor Rich K. presented Gary with the Paul Harris 100% banner. Cindy C. joined Gary and Rich for a photo to commemorate this award.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Rob G.

Rob asked for a round of applause for Mike P. for his service as the Not-a-Chairman of the BonitaFest 2019 Committee. Mike, showing his usual humility, stated the success was due to the work of the entire committee, not him. But, we sure appreciate Mike's leadership.

Rob noted that it is officially 'winter' here in SW Florida since Cindy H., a longtime Floridian, was wearing boots and socks. Then he noted that Dee was wearing shorts and flip flops – an observation of her recent move to SW FL 2.5 years ago. However, he did not point out that both Jim and Kim also wore shorts and sandals.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Bob Bornstein – various items, **Gary** – BonitaFest 2019, **Ally** – Happy she moved to SW Florida from Ohio, **Dick** – Happy BonitaFest 2019 is over and it was a success, **Joe D.** – BonitaFest 2019, **Rob G.** – Commented on the success of the Rotary Stickers at BonitaFest 2019 and gave kudos to whoever thought of it (Jim's idea). **Phil** – commented on his ancestry history and a new DNA match (sometimes it is better not to know), **Tam** – Food Pantry service opportunity, **Mike P.** – Really happy to be back from his Thanksgiving trip to the rural hills of Missouri where he enjoyed local TV ! **Cindy C.** – Success of BonitaFest 2019 and her daughter, Bella, and friends' service. Also her daughter's 13th birthday! Sad for a football loss. **Rich** – Sad he and Nancy missed BonitaFest 2019 and Happy for the Paul Harris 100% award. **Lin** – Happy dollars for a fun Thanksgiving with friends and the fact that her refrigerator waited until Saturday to quit working. **Dee** - Happy to have a great RotaKids team with Joanne and Rosi. **Sam** - Sad – Her computer battery exploded and she will miss next Thursday due to dental surgery. She anted up \$5.00 as she brought jewelry for holiday gifts with a 25% discount. **Rosi** – Enjoyed selling beer with fellow Rotarians at BonitaFest 2019. **Jim** channeled **Sonny** who is absent today – Just happy to be a Rotarian.

Mike P. noted we need to remember that in addition to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), we also have a Club Foundation. Remember to donate to support our local work. Bob Bornstein noted that the Community Garden is one of the benefactors of our Club Foundation funds.

Bob Boyden announced his resignation from the club at age 88. We deeply appreciate his service. Dick made a motion to make both Bob and Dave Honorary Members. The motion was unanimously passed. We thank both Bob and Dave for their many years of service and support to the work of the Rotary.

Birthday – Bob Bornstein – Gave Dick a check. Kenny will test the club member's U.S. History knowledge next week for his birthday.

Bob Bornstein introduced our speaker – Councilman Fred Forbes (Bonita Springs) who provided us with an extensive update on ongoing and new projects. His entire PowerPoint is available to anyone who would like to review it. The club appreciated learning about the status of many construction, commercial, housing, and industrial projects that impact our community.

Phil had the 50/50 ticket but did not pull the Joker.

The club closed the meeting with the reciting of the Four-Way Test.



