



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



Gary S. Dworkin
President



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President-Elect



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Secretary



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Club Director



Linda Lee Dworkin
Club Director



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Cindy Cedeno
Past President
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Robert A. Grady
Sergeant-at-Arms

Events and Speakers

December 19, 2019 Bonita Naples Rotary Club Meeting – Club Assembly

President Gary called the meeting to order. Steve led the prayer and Sonny the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Attending: Steve A., Sam B., Dick B., Bob B., Cindy C., Betty Jean C., Don C., Gary D., Lin D., Dee F., Jim F., Campbell G., Sonny G., Cindy H., Rose H., Scott H., Chris M., Art N., Mike P., Phil R., Mike R., Ken S., John W., and Joanne Z.

Guest: Dave McKee, Granite Falls, NC

Today's meeting was a **club assembly** with reports on year-to-date activities. Due to the many reports, the Sergeant-at-Arms activities were suspended. Happy/Sad dollars were collected.

- **Bonita Fest** – Sam pulled out those pompoms and led us in one more rousing Bonita Fest cheer and we have much to cheer about. Total made on Bonita Fest 2019 was \$19,900 just \$100 short of our \$20,000 goal. Gary gave a heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to make this a success. And, now, we start planning for Bonita Fests 2020. (We will have 2 in 2020.)
- **Club Raffle** – We have a total of 500 raffle tickets to sell. Each member is responsible for a minimum of 6 tickets. Please see Gary for the tickets.
- **Holiday Party** – Join in an evening of fellowship, good food, and fun entertainment. Wednesday, January 8th at The Stage with the Jersey Boys. \$39.95 per person. Let Gary or Jim know of your interest. 17 signed up to date. You have until **December 31** to let Jim know so he can submit to Campbell.

Reports:

- **Youth Services** – Betty Jean led the team report.
- **Essay Contest** – Chris shared that the winners will be announced at the Bonita Springs Charter School 8th grade graduation. First Prize is \$100, Second is \$50 and Third is \$25. The first place winners name will be added to the plaque that was purchased last year. The contest is open to all district students.
- **RotaKids** – Joanne provided a month-by-month summary of the service activities the students have completed in 2019 and the cost analysis. The Christmas Appreciation Ornaments were finished this past Wednesday and the Vice Principal gave them to the staff on Thursday. Photos below of the students. Activities for 2020 – HomeBase will be the January speaker and the students will make red, white, and blue thank you cards for military members. February is Hope Hospice and the service is making lap blankets. March is to be determined. April and May are Josh the Otter, Water Safety. The RotaKids will be introduced to the story, learn the song, and make invitations for the kindergarten students in April. In May, Josh will make his appearance and the



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D. Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

RotaKids will facilitate the event along with Joanne and Dee. In June we will wrap up the school year with an awards ceremony with each RotaKid receiving a certificate of participation from the Bonita Naples Rotary Club and a Rotary coin with the 4-way test. The students will present the highlights of the year. We need more Rotary volunteers to keep this level of activity up. Rosi, Dee, and Joanne support this club with planning, preparing, and implementing each service project. Let Joanne know if you are interested in joining the RotaKids team.

- **Interact** – The new club at Gulf Coast High School is in its first year. Tam is leading this club. Right now students meet during a very short lunch time which does not allow for in-depth participation. The students service projects are building team spirit. They are working with the equestrian center including mucking stalls. An event is planned to paint the stalls and we will receive more information on this.
- **RYLA** – Betty Jean shared the impact of the conference on students and encouraged us to encourage participation. Applications are being accepted through January. Go to You Tube RYLA 2018 (or any other year) to hear from students on this life changing event. The Interact Club normally selects the students.
- **Bonita Springs Concert Band** – Jim shared that Jim, Dee, Gary, and Lin set up a refreshment table at the Sunday afternoon event with set up at 1:00 pm. The concert goes from 2:00 – 3:30. This is our first appearance at the concert. We sold water, soda, candy canes, and chips and netted \$100. There are 3 more opportunities: January 26, February 23, and March 22. We need volunteers for those days. Because of the large size of the venue (with about 700 people in attendance) it would probably be better to have carts or wagons that we pull through the crowd. And, obtaining a beer license and selling it along with the water would net more for this event. Sam and Jonnie volunteered for March 22. Sign up with Jim at jimfabry@comcast.net for January, February and March. **We need 3-4 helpers/per even.**
- **Dictionary Day** – Cindy C. reported on the process for making Dictionary Day happen. The President receives an e-mail in August on this event with dates for the packing and distribution. This all needs coordinated (we need volunteers for both days). All third graders in Lee and Collier counties receive dictionaries. This tradition is fun and much appreciated by the students.
- **Wheelchair Dinner and Gift of Life Dinner** – Gary reported on the success of the Wheelchair Dinner and the plans for the Gift of Life Dinner on February 15. The Wheelchair Dinner was hosted by Gary and Lin Dworkin and the goal of 280 wheelchairs for Trinidad and Tobago was met. The Gift of Life Dinner is being hosted by Don and Buffy Crost. More details to come.
- **The Rotary Foundation** – Cindy C. reported on the status of TRF. The Rotary Club of Bonita Naples is a 36-member club with 3 members on LOA. We have 2 honorary members (now at 4) and 1 corporate member. We are also very proud to have the 100% Paul Harris Club distinction; this honor was achieved last year but we are proud to report that all new members have also achieved Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. Last year our club's contribution to TRF was \$140,995, of which \$58,714 was to the Annual Fund. Because of these totals our club has the distinct honor of being part of the Share Committee for our District. Our President, Gary, sits on this committee. All our active members participate in EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) and we have the honor of having 3 Major Donors and two members becoming Major Donors this year. One member is part of the Arch Klumpf Trustees Circle and 2 members are part of the Bequest Society. AS you can see by this summary our club is small but mighty with a huge heart for the Rotary Foundation, even though membership has declined, contributions have increased. The local Bonita Naples Foundation has a total of \$480,000 in the overall account.
- **Bob B.** passed out a questionnaire based on the content in this month's Rotarian magazine. He is running a contest each month. Answer the questions

and send your completed quiz to Bob at bornsteinrobert25@gmail.com the first one to answer wins. (Mike P won this one as he ran back to his office and re-read the issue). You may win a \$5.00 gift card to Culvers.

- Scott called for a **state of the financial health of the club** from treasurer, Dick. Dick proudly reported that with the change in our model (from collecting each month for social activities to dues only) the operational account is solid. We will not need to use any funds from Bonita Fest 2019 for operations. Our operating account now is at \$15,575. Great planning and great results.
- **Membership** – Steve announced that Rotary International has requested that all clubs plan a membership event, Leap into Rotary, on February 29 – Leap Year. We will have an event that day and all members are encouraged to invite family and friend and potential Rotarians. More to come.
- **Committees for 2020** – President-elect Jim announced that he is asking each member to select the committee on which they will serve for the 2020 – 2021 Rotary Year (Goal is to have everyone on a committee). Think about your passion, strengths and interests and be ready to fully participate. Jim will be speaking with each club member between now and June. The six committees are
 - Membership
 - Administration
 - Public Image
 - Rotary Foundation
 - Finance
 - Youth Services
 - Bonita Fests 2020

Sam had the winning 50/50 ticket but did not pull the Joker.

She led us in the 4-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

Remember meetings for the holidays are cancelled. Our next meeting is January 9. Have a wonderful holiday!

Pictures from RotaKids Day December 18, 2019:





Pictures from Club Assembly:



