



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

Rotasphere

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

January 16, 2020 Rotasphere

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

Guests: Terry H., Juan, Bob C. PDG, Bill D., Janet D. PDG, and Ken D. PDG

President Gary called the meeting to order at Noon

Gary began the meeting by welcoming back Steve A. who had a heart procedure last Thursday and is already back with us! So glad it went well, Steve.

Sonny led us in prayer and **Mike P.** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reminders: *The Club Raffle ends January 31. Gary has about 90 tickets left. The raffle prizes are quite nice, so let's get the rest of the tickets sold.*

Bonita Springs Concert Band – Jan. 26 – Bob B. Joe D. and Ken S. have volunteered for that Sunday. Gary and Jim will meet you to set up. We need volunteers for Feb 23 and March 22. Sam and Johnny have volunteered for March 22 but additional help would be great. Let Jim or Gary know of your availability.

Gift of Life Dinner is Saturday, February 15.

Carolyn Pitt is back in Indiana dealing with a medical issue. Please send thoughts and prayers for her healing.

A brief intermission was taken for lunch and fellowship.

Gary returned and **Dee** shared the efforts to support our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico who are being highly impacted by the earthquakes this week. Dee shared information from Dr. Marinela Rivera, Spanish Professor, FGCU. The towns of Guánica, Guayanilla, Yauco, Penuelas, and Ponce are devastated by the series of earthquakes this past week. Dr. Marinela Rivera, of Puerto Rico, is leading a collection for those in need. Dee shared a flyer, Backpacks for Puerto Rico Earthquake Victims and asked for backpack donations. If you prefer to give cash, that is great. She will give it to Dr. Rivera. See the flyer below. Bring any additional cash donations or backpack donations to next week's meeting. Dee will deliver it all to Dr. Rivera. See Flyer at the end of Newsletter

[Update: Dee took the \$660.00 in cash, as well as blankets she had, to Dr. Rivera on Friday at FGCU. Marinela was overcome with emotions for the caring support extended by those club members who generously donated. She commented, "Dee, you have no idea what this means. These people are left with nothing and this means everything to them."]

The first delivery of donations from the entire area will be flown out this Saturday (January 18). Then second flight will go out next Saturday.



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

Rob G. took over his Sergeant-at-Arms duties.

His first business was to comment on Gary's Florida winter ensemble. White socks and white tennis shoes.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Bob B. – Be sure to compete in the Rotarian magazine quiz. Bob sent via email for those not attending to participate in the contest.

Don B. – His Medicare seminars are going so well he is hiring additional help. Let him know if you have someone who might be interested.

Steve A. – Has many happy dollars today. He thanked everyone for their support this past week and shared his truly amazing journey.

Sonny G. – So glad to be a Rotarian. We are so glad to have him in our club.

PDG Janet B. – Commented on the Gift of Life, her great friend Tam, and our warm and welcoming club. Janet, we are so glad to have you with us.

Art N. – He was in cold Michigan at the beginning of the year and is glad to be back.

Mike R. – Colin turns 4! The family will be celebrating next week.

Mike P. – Share his x-rated stories of his Key West adventures. Trying to corrupt his family.

Ken S. – Welcomed Steve back and told a few stories about him. Then shared one his own tales that always brings laughter. Thank you, Ken.

Jim F. – Happy to be married to Dee who is passionate about helping others.

Rosi H. – Happy for Steve. Said she and her husband opened and drank a bottle of wine on his behalf. She also indulged in one of the monster cookies we had today. Hard to resist.

Gary D. - \$5.00 for the 5 Rotarians guests joining us today. So glad to have you here.

Tam M. – Janet is back this week because she so enjoyed our fellowship and warm welcome. We are glad to have her.

PDG Guest Ken – Looking forward to grandkid time this week. (Fined for cell phone!)

Anne B – “So glad to be here. I love you guys.” And her sister is coming to visit for the weekend which will turn into 9 days. And glad to have left the cold.

Speaker: Jim introduced Juan Fra who is the General Manager of the Naples Dog Racing Track. Juan is a huge supporter of the activities of our club. He has been a platinum sponsor of TOB in the past and now Bonita Fest. He updated us on the changes that are taking place to the facility since Greyhound racing ends May 3 this year.

A new facility is being built with a poker room and other betting areas and a restaurant – The Brass Tap.

Cindy C. had the winning raffle number but did not pull the Joker. She led us in the 4-Way Test.

The meeting was adjourned.

Speaker for Next Week: David Filner ARTIS Naples

Backpacks for Puerto Rico Earthquake Victims

The towns of Guánica, Guayanilla, Yauco, Penuelas, and Ponce are devastated by the series of earthquakes this past week. Dr. Marinela Rivera, Spanish Professor and native of Puerto Rico, is leading a collection for those in need.

Let's support our neighbors with filled backpacks. **Fill a backpack with these items and bring to the January 23 meeting.** They will be delivered to the victims via a local connection, Miguel A. Vazquez.

- . Diapers (adult and children)
- . Toiletries (men and women) such as:
 - o Wipes
 - o Toilet paper
 - o Toothpaste
 - o Toothbrushes
 - o Soap
 - o Hand sanitizer
 - o Feminine hygiene products
 - o Deodorant
- . Face and hand towels
- . Blankets
- . Batteries

If you just want to donate items, bring them and we will put together backpacks.

Meeting Pictures for your enjoyment:





