



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

January 30, 2020

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

Guests: Alfred Current (Speaker), Rich Kirschner (DG), Bob Cope, Charles Hernandez, Terry O-Hara, Dave McKee, Jerry Low, Taylor Fangman, Ken Decker, Ernie Luise (PDG), Dick Shick, Brian Alosi, Wayne Hemstead.

President Gary called the meeting to order. Steve A. led us in prayer and Mike P. the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary ask our 11 guests to introduce themselves. We are so very happy to have you with us and for those of you who are repeat guests, we love it. Gary introduced Alfred and Rich.

Club reminders and business:

- The drawing for the **Club Raffle** will be at the end of today's meeting. There are still tickets available.
- Thanks to Bob B., Ken S., and Joe D. for selling water at the **Bonita Springs Concert on Sunday**. We need volunteers for February 23rd. Gary and Jim bring the coolers, ice, and water. They set up the table. All you need to do is sell the water during the concert.
- **Gift of Life Dinner is February 15-See AD at the end of newsletter**. Don and Buffy Crost are hosting the dinner in their home. You can support this event by purchasing a ticket for the dinner for \$100.00 and attending; donating money to help defray the cost of the dinner, or donating money to The Gift of Life. The planning committee has shared some of the highlights with the CEO of Gift of Life, Rob Railman, being the guest speaker. Lou Arrechio, Chair of Gift of Life International will be there too as well as other Rotary luminaries.
- **Dee** shared the deep thanks of Dr. Marianela Rivera on behalf of the Puerto Rican community for the generous donations to the earthquake victims. Our survival and monetary donations helped in so many ways. Thanks to each of you who supported this



plea for help.

- **Dee** then asked members to sign a 'Thinking of You' card for **Dave McCarthy**. While he has resigned from our club, he remains an Honorary Member. Dave is in our hearts and he is in our prayers. A comfort blanket will be delivered by Gary and Jim. Please stop at the back table to tie a few pieces of the fringe so he knows each of us care for him.
- **Steve** shared an update and details on the Leap into Rotary event February 29. The event will be held at Artichoke and Company from 11 – 2. The brunch is free to all who attend. Invite potential and interested people who may want to join or just want to



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know more about what we do. Children are welcome! This is an all-hands event. Let's show our pride in our club.

- **Art's** birthday is February 1. We will celebrate it next week.

The Sergeant-at-Arms and Happy/Sad dollars were postponed until next week. Treasurer Dixon Blevins was sad no \$\$\$\$.

A check presentation to the Gift of Life from our club in the amount of **\$2,900** was made to our guest speaker, Alfred C. Current III. This money went towards a grant (**Rick Perry** started the grant and ask up to assist in part of the initial funding) that totaled **\$90,000**. Wayne Hemstead, Steve, and Gary made the presentation. This grant will go towards creating sustainability of the Gift of Life program by training medical personnel in Mexico and San Salvador.

Our guest speaker, **Alfred C. Current III, Chair of The Rotary Foundation**, educated us on the purpose and power of The Rotary Foundation. Highlights of his informative and motivating talk included:

- A polio historical perspective from a young boy in North Carolina
- A current update of the End Polio Now initiative
- The eradication of polio remains the #1 priority of Rotary International
- Why? It is still an issue in Pakistan and Afghanistan
- We will not stop until polio is eradicated.
- What can our club do?
 - Create an event for the October 24 World Polio Day to raise awareness
 - Know that for every dollar we (as a club or personally as a club member) designate for the End Polio Now initiative, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches it 2-1. If you have \$100 and designate it to The Rotary Foundation for End Polio Now, it becomes \$300; \$1000 becomes \$3000; \$3000 becomes \$9000 ...
- Alfred reminded us of the Rotary 6 areas of focus and what we do. He also shared that all 6 areas now have an ecological impact part integrated into it. This is in response to the ever increasing urgency of the climate change issues impacting our world at an alarming rate.

Alfred then shared how the District Designated Fund magically (ok, so it isn't magic!) makes our money multiply. And, as a reminder, the Charity Navigator watchdog group who evaluates charitable organizations, has given Rotary International and The Rotary Fund the highest possible rating year after year. We received "A #1 Among Best Charities Everyone Has Heard Of" rating. While there are many metrics for receiving this high rating; it boils down to the fact that we are careful and thoughtful stewards of the money we receive.

Learning how to leverage the Rotary Foundations takes time ...

Service above self is a feeling.

The mystery of giving is "The more you give, the more you receive!"

We are a 100% Paul Harris Club. Let's make it our goal to become a 100% Paul Harris Society Club. See Cindy Cedano for how to accomplish this. It is doable.

Charlie, our guest from the Chicago suburbs, had the winning 50-50 ticket. He did not pull the Joker.

The winners for the Club Raffle were:

Grand Prize: Amy Snodgrass (daughter of Jim and Dee Fabry)

Second Prize: Debra Bornstein (Bob's daughter)

Third Prize: Lucille (ticket sold by Ken S)

Alfred led us in the 4 way test.

Our guest speaker next week is Center For Arts Bonita Springs, Feb 13th is Richard LeBer - Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Gift of Life Fundraiser Dinner to be held February 15, 2020

By James F Fabry on Thursday, January 30, 2020

**Please come to this event, sponsored by The Bonita Naples Rotary Club,
for Gift of Life International ...it is going to be a great evening!**

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You're Invited

February 15, 2020

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

THE GIFT OF LIFE DINNER

FOOD, WINE, MUSIC, FUN

TICKETS \$100 PER PERSON



Hosted by;

Buffy & Don Crost

6480 Sandalwood Lane, Naples, FL 34109

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Meeting Pictures. Enjoy

TRF Frames:



Fun Meeting Pics:





Blanket for Dave McCarthy