



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

Rotasphere

Club Meeting

Bonita Naples Rotary Club
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



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Club Director



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Club Director
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Cindy J. Cedeno
Past President
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Robert A. Grady
Sergeant-at-Arms

Events and Speakers

January 23, 2020 Rotasphere

Members Attending: Steve A, Don#1 B, Sam B, Dick B, Anne B, Bob B, Cindy C, Joe D, Gary D, Lin D, Jim F, Dee F, Campbell G, Sonny G, Cindy H, Rosi H, Scott H, Tam M, Art N, Mike P, Joenne Z.

Guests: Bob C, Dave M, Charles H, Brian A, Bill D, Ernie L, Dick S, PDG Janet D, Ken D,

President Gary called the meeting to order and our nine guests introduced themselves. We are so happy to have each of you join us.

Jim led us in prayer and the Pledge was led by Mike P

Reminders:

Our Board meeting has been rescheduled for February 3.

Our annual raffle drawing is next Thursday. The prizes are really topnotch so sell more tickets. Gary has 90 left.

Bonita Band Concert is next Sunday, January 26. Bob B., Ken S., Brian A., and Joe D. will be there to sell water. Sam and Johnny have signed up for March. We still need volunteers for February 23.

The Gift of Life dinner is Saturday, February 15. You are cordially invited to the dinner which will be hosted by Don and Buffy Crost. Tickets for dinner, wine, and fellowship are \$100. The Gift of Life has reached a milestone of saving 36,400 lives in 20 years. Help us to continue this life changing work. Steve A., noted that Rob. R., Board Chair of Gift of Life will be our guest speaker at the dinner.

Dee updated the club on the **Backpacks for Puerto Rico** drive. We collected \$660.00 last week and Dr. Rivera provided Dee with a receipt and photos of the items purchased. In addition, the survival donations collected January 16th were taken to FGCU and then went to Puerto Rico Saturday the 18th. This week's donations brought by club members will go out Saturday, Jan. 25. Dr. Rivera is deeply appreciative of the response and support. While the wealthy north side of Puerto Rico was not affected by the earthquakes, the south side was devastated.

February 29 has been designated by Rotary International as Leap into Rotary Day. Each club is asked to have a special event to increase awareness of Rotary in the community. Steve and Cindy C. are planning the event and will provide details next week.

Tam reminded the club to put the What is Rotary tri-folds to good use. When you have a prospective Rotarian, give them one.

Don B. served as Sargeant at Arms.



Betty Jean
Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter
Past President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

Happy/Sad Dollars:

Bob B. was happy Sam won the Rotarian quiz this week and both admonished the club for not reading the magazine.

Sam will miss next week. She is celebrating her aunt's 92nd birthday next week. She was happy she won the Rotarian quiz.

Guest – He is 90 years old and his great grandson who is one will be coming to celebrate birthdays.

PDG Janet – Encouraged participation in the Gift of Life dinner. The Gift of Life board meeting was Monday night and she went. She has been active with Gift of Life for many years and knows the miracles they perform. She also gave \$5.00 for a cellphone violation.

Anne – Happy to be here dollars.

Sonny – Glad to be a Rotarian dollars.

JoAnne – Happy her heart procedure went well and enjoying her Bride of Frankenstein designation.

Mike P. – Shared his medical story – a uroscan (not a euroscan). Glad all is well in uro land.

Tam – Didn't want to show off his Rotarian magazine knowledge this time, but suggested we all take our copies and put in our doctor's offices.

Cindy C. – Birthday dollars

Ernie – Happy to be back. Gave a shout out for Gift of Life. [Are you beginning to understand the impact of Gift of Life – not only on the patients, but on Rotarians?]

Jim – Proud of his wife and her work on behalf of Puerto Rico earthquake victims.

Dick – Noted that Tam didn't sign in. (Fine time!) Glad his mom, brother and sister-in-law are here visiting. Really happy the Chiefs are in the Super Bowl.

Scott – Reported he totally enjoyed his much needed cruise.

Bob (guest) – Go Chiefs!

Don #1 B. – Fined anyone who wore a coat or jacket the last three days \$1.00. We did have a 'cold spell'!

Campbell – Graced us with a yarn and a chuckle.

Our guest speaker, David Filner, is the Executive VP of Artistic Operations for Artis Naples.

He shared many insights about Artis Naples including:

- the \$26 million expansion and plans for the use of the new spaces. There will be an open air space and courtyard on the third floor open to the public for drinks and food. The second floor will have rental space for weddings and events, and the first floor for education.
- The inside story about the Broadway productions that come to Naples. Negotiations for Hamilton began 3 years ago. These productions are very expensive and 90% of the revenue goes to the production company.
- The Naples Philharmonic had 26 concerts in schools during the Hamilton run since they could not use the Hayes facility.

Artis Naples provides our community with visual and performing arts opportunities and outreach to our schools. Support their work.

Steve A. had the winning 50-50 draw but did not pull the Joker.

The meeting ended with the 4-Way test.

Next week's speaker is: Alfred Current - Rotary International Foundation
Pictures from meeting:





Pictures from Interact Club Service Project "Fences and Fellowship" project at NAPLES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER:



