



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

November 7, 2019 Meeting

Members Attending:

Steve A., Kim A., Sam B., Dick B., Bob Bornstein, Bob Boyden, Cindy C., Betty Jean C., Don C., Joe D., Gary D., Lin D., Dee F. Jim F., Campbell G., Joe G., Rob Grady, Cindy H., Rosi H., David M., Chris M., Tam M., Art N., Carolyn P., Mike P., Mike R., Stuart S., Ken S., John W., and Joanne Z.

President Gary called the meeting to order at 11:59 AM.

Invocation by Mike P. and **Pledge of Allegiance** by Stuart.

Introduction of Guests: Joanne's family is here to celebrate her BIG birthday. Ron and Kim N. and Lori D. Sam introduced her friend Shirley.

District Governor, Rich Kirschner and District First Lady, Nancy Kirschner.

Announcements:

- **The club raffle tickets are available.** Come get them and sell, sell, sell.
- **Bonita Fest** meeting after this regular meeting.
- This evening is **the social gathering** (first Thursdays) at the Trianon Hotel beginning at 5:30 pm.
- **Last food packing event** is this Wednesday. Food packing is from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the 2nd warehouse. 2161 J & C Blvd in Naples. November 6 & 13. Need 15 people to fill bags of groceries for the satellite pantries. All hours qualify towards the 10 Million Meal Challenge. Sign up on Eventbrite to pack the bags.
- **Pantry hours at Bonita Elementary School** - Wednesday afternoons, November 6 and 13 from 1:00-4:00. Need 10-12 people. Pantry is outdoors, rain or shine. Must wear closed toe shoes. Call 239-596-8990 Ex 104 for more information.
- A huge thank you went out to everyone. The **Wheelchair Dinner** last Saturday was a success thanks to each of you and your support. We met our goal – 280 wheelchairs will be sent to Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Rotary Foundation District Dinner** –The dinner on Thursday, November 14. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians and learn more about The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Tam has room if you want to car pool with him.
- **Chris M.** share information and a sign-up sheet: The school science fair judging will be held at Bonita Middle School on Terry Street on November 20. There are two time slots: 10 – noon and noon to 2:00 PM. The teacher coordinating it all is Regina Liggins. The school address is 10141 West Terry St, Bonita Springs, Fl 34135. Just park, and go into the front office to check in. Thanks to those who signed up. Joe, Betty Jean and Joanne volunteering from 10am-12pm, and Tamton, Dee, and Rose volunteering from 12pm-2pm.
- **Bonita Fest** –Sam led us in a rousing F-E-S-T cheer and reminded members our sponsorship goal is \$20,000. We are currently at the \$18,000 mark.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Rob Grady



Cedeno
Past
President
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Robert A. Grady
Sergeant-at-Arms



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth
Services
Chair



Scott D Hunter
iPast
President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant
Governor

Happy and Sad Dollars

- **Chris** – Suggested he and Mike have a ‘children’s table’ since they are our youngest members. We will make sure they have plastic table cloths.
- **Joe D.** – His daughter was admitted to Stetson with a full scholarship. Congratulations!
- **Nancy K.** – Thank you for having the Kirschners and glad to be here.
- **Jim** - \$10 thank you to Lin for all her work on the Wheelchair Dinner
- **Sonny** – Happy to be a Rotarian
- **Lin** – Glad the Wheelchair Dinner was a success and it is over. Thanked Dee for her work and friendship.
- **Mike P.** – Happy to see Joanne’s family – since Mike is really Joanne’s brother, too.
- **Bob Boyden** – Finally got a diagnosis for Carol.
- **Dee** – Happy the Wheelchair Dinner was a success and for Lin’s friendship

Mike R. shared his Rotary Moment: Mike, as we know, is a loving father and brought his wife and kids to the Dictionary Day packing event. Colin, who is now 3 ½ enjoyed the day so much, the next time Mike announced they were going to do something fun, Colin asked if they were going volunteering. Great modeling Mike.

The club enjoyed two birthday celebrations – Mike P. and Joanne. Their birthdays are only 3 days apart! That is fitting since they are brother and sister in spirit. Mike was serenaded by the club using the whistles he provided while others attempted the paddle board activity.

JoAnne’s guests helped her by setting up a Limbo broom while JoAnne played reggae music.

Happy Birthday to our celebrates.



District 6960 for Southwest Florida

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**ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD**



DG Rich Kirschner then informed and educated us with inspirational Rotary updates. A few highlights:

Rotary Connects the World is our theme for this year and this is evident by the many projects and programs in our district. We have ample opportunities throughout the year to connect with fellow Rotarians at club meetings and events, district trainings, conferences, and beyond. We leave our religions and politics outside when we come to a meeting and embrace our diversity.

The model for peace throughout the world will be Rotary. Our graduates from our Peace Programs will lead this. Did you know that Rotary has one of the two permanent seats on the United Nations and Rotarians wrote the charter for the United Nations? Now you do.

There are 6 official areas of focus from Rotary International to maximize our impact. These six areas encompass some of the world's most critical needs, and we have a proven record of success in addressing them:

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water, sanitation and hygiene
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development

Rich noted that \$3.00 a day from each Rotarian has the potential to impact the world. Our District goal is \$1.00 per day. Let's exceed the expectations.

Just a few projects to note (there were many he shared)

Rotary has joined with Florida Gulf Coast University on solving the water issues here in Florida and beyond

Hanwash is a 12-year project to bring clean water and sanitation to the island of Haiti

End Polio Now – We have not crossed the finish line yet. Outbreaks in Pakistan and Afghanistan are problematic. Our District Goal is \$50.00 per member to End Polio Now. (And, remember that every dollar we donate is matched 2 – 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.)

Together We Will Rebuild is focused on the Hurricane Dorian Relief. Over \$200,00 has been raised so far in our District. This is an ongoing need.

Fight Hunger – Food packing and food serving is an ongoing commitment. The \$10 Million Meal Challenge continues.

Rotary Scholarships are available for our Youth Exchange Students. The goal is a more peaceful world through understanding.

Youth Service opportunities often provide those special Rotary moments, including Josh the Otter (that our RotaKids Club at Bonita Charter School will be assisting with this spring) and

Dictionary Day.

CART – Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust is a project that touches many of us with family members diagnosed with this frightful disease. It impacts the entire family and healthcare system. Funds donated support Alzheimer’s Research.

Addictions and Mental Health issues continue to grow as the stresses in our chaotic world impact more and more families.

And, finally, two opportunities for your service:

Create a fun family oriented event for Leap Year in February and invite non-Rotarians to join in the fun and fellowship.

The District Conference is May 7 – 9, 2020. Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Resort, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd, N., Naples, Florida. Go the District Website for details and to sign up. www.rotarydistrict6960.org.

Dee had the winning number but did not pull the Joker. We did the 4-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

Written and edited by Dee



