



Rotasphere

Club Meeting

Bonita Naples Rotary
Meets at Artichoke & Company -
11920 Saradrienne Ln, Bonita
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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Events and Speakers

October 3, 2019

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

Steve led the invocation and **Don B.** the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Steve A, Kim A, Don B, Dick B, Bob B, Betty Jean, Joe D, Gary D, Lin D, Jim F, Dee F, Campbell G, Rob G, Sonny G, Rosi H, Scott H, Dave Mc, Chris M, Tam M, Art N, Mike P, Mike R, Stu S, Ken S, John W, and Joanne Z.

Guests today are: **Vicki Gauze, Sandra Hemstead, PDG, Bobbi Bird, Wayne Hemstead, and David Lusty, PDG.**

Steve reported that our club's Bahama relief collection totaled \$7,000 and that money has been wired by Kim A. Thanks to those who contributed this effort. And we did that much in 3-weeks. Kudos!

After a delicious lunch by Artichoke and Co. and time for fellowship, the meeting reconvened.

Reports:

- **Club Raffle** – Gary reported that the art work was sent to Rosie and the tickets are in the process of being printed. Individual tickets will sell for \$20.00 or 3 for \$50. There are three levels of prizes in this raffle with the top prize value of \$3,200. Get ready to sell these valuable tickets.
- **Dictionary Day** – Friday, October 4 is Dictionary Day. Dictionaries are given to each third grader in Lee and Collier Counties. Joanne, Rotary Captain Bonita Springs Charter School, asked the Bonita Springs Charter School volunteers to meet at 8:30 AM in the school office lobby. The new VP, Jamie Kirschner and four members of the RotaKids Club will meet the group there. We are not sure how the Spanish dictionary replacements are being handled, but just know that some had damages spines and will need to be replaced. Replacements were sent to the district by the manufacturer. Joanne stated that Betty Jean has procured dictionaries for the RotaKids Club, too.

Joe G. is the Rotary Captain for Spring Creek Elementary School.

A Special Newsletter supplement will be provided.

• Tam had several announcements –

1. He is looking for "Rotary moments" from members to share and would like to start next week. Rob G. volunteered to present his Rotary moment next week. Think about the 'Rotary moment' you want to share with the club this year.
2. When you are finished reading your Rotary magazine, please bring it to Tam. It will be repurposed in a variety of ways to increase more understanding of Rotary.



Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

Bonita Fest Committee – Sponsors to date \$10,000. The committee will meet after our regular club meeting today.

- **Fellowship Opportunity** – Gary invited members to join the morning club at the First Thursday October Fest happy hour from 6:00 – 8:00 PM today at the Trianon Hotel. If you can't make this one, join the group when you can. When? – The first Thursday of every month.
- **Pints for Polio** – Sponsored by the Bonita Springs Morning Club. October 24th at the Bonehook Brewery on Immokalee Road. No, you won't be drinking pints of blood and donating craft beers. You will be drinking craft beers and donating blood. Unless you have vampire ancestry.
- **Fellowship of the Wheel Dinner, Saturday, November 2.** Gary and Lin Dworkin are hosting this event at their home. Printed invitations were available at each table. Dee explained that the club is experimenting with some new fund raising efforts this year that go beyond club member's pockets. This is one of them.
 - Club members, are, of course invited. All proceeds and donations from this event will go directly to the Wheelchair Foundation. Steve shared that these wheelchairs will be going to Trinidad and Tobago. This is a matching funds endeavor. Our goal for the dinner is \$10,200 to match other funds. This will results in 280 wheelchairs For Trinidad and Tobago

This is technically NOT a club sponsored event. However, if you would like to support this event here are some options:

1. Purchase a ticket to the dinner and silent auction. Each ticket is \$100.
2. Silent Auction Items #1: We are creating a variety of gift baskets including an Italian-themed, an Italian wine selection (Brunello, Vin Nobile, and Chianti Reserva), a fine bottle of tequila, and others. If you want to sponsor one of these baskets, we will share the retail cost with you at a future meeting. Write a check and your name will be on the basket as the donor.
3. Donate a gift basket or silent auction item.
 4. Write a check for the operating cost of this event. (Catering, moving – unloading, setting up, and picking up – tables).
- **Rotary Foundation District Dinner** – Tam encouraged every member to attend the dinner on Thursday, November 14 (only \$45). It is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians and learn more about our Rotary Foundation. Car pooling available. You can register on DACdb under District Events <https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm> . Call Jim if you have problems registering.
- **Local Volunteer Events** – Bobbi talked about

Rob called on Scott to update us on the Bonita Fest sponsorships and since the pom-poms were passed from Sam to Scott this week, we were once again regaled with Scott's best impression of a cheerleader. Leading us in the F-E-S-T cheer, Scott reported we have hit the \$10,000 sponsorship mark. We are half-way to our \$20,000 goal. He challenged each member to go out this week and find one sponsor. However, he is retiring his cheerleading career.

Happy/Sad Dollars – This was a very happy week. Happy dollars outpaced sad dollars significantly.

Joanne – Looking forward to her first Dictionary Day as a distributor. Her students have been recipients previously, so nice change of roles. Sad when she woke up to a nonfunctioning bathroom due to a water main issue. Happy she has an excuse to go shopping all afternoon.

Jim – Happy to be here.

Campbell – Happy to be back.

Bob – Looking for his toenail.

Dave – Sad that he has moved to assisted living. We are happy he is joining us for our weekly meetings.

Sonny – Happy to be a Rotarian and be here

Scott – Happy his son accepted a sales position. Sad because the real estate work is now on Scott.

Wayne Hemstead– Happy about the new Interact Club.

Mike – Happy to be back this week.

Bobbi Bird– Meals of Hope Volunteers needed. Details to come later on dates and times.

Ken – Happy that a foxy lady bought his lunch at the British Open Pub this week. Got to watch out for those cougars Ken!

Betty Jean – Had a great visit with grand and great-grandchildren.

Tam – Happy Jim has taken over the newsletter. Tam will be focusing on his role as the Chair of PR. His first task is to work on club member's bios. If you have not, please remember to send Tam your bio.

John – Gave us laughter with a nostalgia joke.

Rob noted that Joanne had referenced her students as 'my kids' and stated don't we all wish our own kids had such a caring teacher. Joanne is an inspired educator.

Guest Speaker

Jim introduced **David Lusty, PDG**, who provided us with insights and benefits of attending the 2020 Convention being held in Hawaii this year. He shared his personal Rotary 'aha' moment at his first convention," I went in as a Rotary member and come out a Rotarian." Go to the <https://www.Rotary.org/convention> site to see all the information. The cost is \$395.00 for the early birds who sign up before December 31, 2019.

Tam had the winning ticket, but did not pull the Joker. The members recited the

4-Way Test.

Gary adjourned the meeting.

Photos from the meeting:





Written and edited by Dee, Published by Jim