



Rotary Club  
of Bonita Naples

# Rotasphere

## Club Meeting

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

## Club Leaders



Gary S. Dworkin  
President



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Past President  
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Robert A. Grady  
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Christensen

## Events and Speakers

### October 10, 2019

President Gary called the meeting to order at noon.

Mike led the invocation and Phil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary thanked Rosi for printing the club raffle tickets which will be available next week. Individual tickets will sell for \$20.00. There are three levels of prizes in this raffle with the top prize value of \$3,200. Get ready to sell these valuable tickets.

The Bonita Fest Committee will meet after today's regular meeting.

Members enjoyed fellowship during lunch.

### Reports:

- **Service Opportunity from PDG Bobbi Bird:** Pantry hours at Bonita Elementary School. Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-4:00. Beginning October 16. Need 10-12 people. Pantry is outdoors, rain or shine. Must wear closed toe shoes. Call 239-596-8990 Ex 104 for more information.
- Four Wednesday's from 9-11 am at the 2nd warehouse. 2161 J & C Blvd in Naples. October 23 & 30; November 6 & 13. Need 15 people to fill bags of groceries for our satellite pantries. All hours qualify towards the 10 Million Meal Challenge. Sign up on Eventbrite to pack the bags.
- **Pints for Polio** – Sponsored by the Bonita Springs Morning Club. October 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Dee and Lin brought two baskets for the silent auction in need of sponsors: The Italian Basket and the "Green" Salad basket – filled with bills of various denominations and raffle tickets. They passed around a sponsorship donor sign-up sheet for those as well as one to help defray the operating costs of the event. [A HUGE thank you to those club members who so generously responded. Both baskets have sponsors and we made considerable progress towards the operating cost today! You will be prominently acknowledged in the program.] And, yes, we will gladly accept gift baskets from you. Please give them to Lin.
- **Rotary Foundation District Dinner** –The dinner on Thursday, November 14. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians and learn more about our Rotary Foundation. Tam has room if you want to car pool with him.

### Sargent-at-Arms Time

Rob performed his role with great enthusiasm. He collected a birthday 'toll' from Chris and reminded Stuart that his birthday will be celebrated next week.



Youth Services Chair



Scott D Hunter  
Past President



Jonathon McLeod  
Assistant Governor

Rotary Anniversaries noted: Steve with 36 years; Gary with 22 years, and Phil with 26 years. Congratulations to all for their ongoing commitment.

Last week Tam asked that we re-visit the tradition of sharing our ‘Rotary Moments’ – those events that truly transformed us from being Rotary members to Rotarians.

Rob shared his first Dictionary Day distribution. Seeing the excitement of children receiving their very own personal dictionary touched his heart. For many of these students, this was the first book that was really their own. That wonderful tradition continues today.

### Happy Sad Dollars

**Chris** – He loves watching the kids who just four short months ago were struggling with athletic skills blossoming this season. They already have more wins than they did all last year.

And Chris shared it is Essay Contest time. More on this next week.

**Cindy C.** – Gave a shout-out to Joe G. and Joanne for their leadership in organizing the Dictionary Day distribution at Bonita Beach Charter School and Spring Creek Elementary. Thanks to each of you who made the day such a success. We shared photos in last week’s newsletter.

**Joanne** – Happy dollars for the successful dictionary distribution at Bonita Beach Charter School and a huge thanks to the members who supported this event.

**Joanne** then took the microphone to share highlights of the October RotaKids Club meeting which was yesterday - Wednesday. Teri LaMaine, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, came and spoke with the club explaining the work of the office. [Please note that a special edition of the Rotasphere newsletter this week covered the event.] The community service project the club was working on Wednesday was creating laminated labels for the food pantry. As we worked with the students, Teri remarked: “This is such a great example of strong collaboration. The Rotary is working with these students, emerging Rotarians, who are providing us with something we really need to help our clients. This just makes my week.”

**Joanne** then shared an ongoing project, initiated by the new Vice Principal, Jamie Kirscher. The People Helping People project will take place all year at the school. This project collects and distributes travel-sized hygiene and food items (think – what can be carried in a backpack!) to the homeless. Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, wipes, soap, deodorant, and portable nonperishable snacks. Check your bathroom closets to see if you have items from hotel rooms and bring them in to Joanne. She will take them to Jamie at the Charter School.

Back to Happy ☺ Sad ☹ Dollars

**Dick** – Sad \$ - Dorie is in St. Louis. Ila, their 8-year-old granddaughter is having a tonsillectomy.

**Jim** – Happy 5\$ - Dee is back from her weekend conference in Houston.

**Betty Jean** – Complimented Joanne on her leadership at Dictionary Day. Joanne managed the event, building excitement for the students. She received several offers of employment. Joanne is a stellar Rotarian and an outstanding educator. We are fortunate to have her working with our youth.

**Lin** – As Lin was ‘hunting and gathering’ items for the gift basket auction items she visited a local Thrift Shop. When she went to check out the woman asked her why she was purchasing the items. Lin explained the Wheelchair Dinner and the woman GAVE her the items for free. Generous hearts abound!

**Bob Boyden.** – He and Carol had quite a health scare, but it appears all is now well. We are really happy for her, too.

**Ken** – Ken’s humor this week came from, “How to Know You Are Getting Old.” Thanks for the laughs, Ken.

**Phil** – Updated us on the UNC – Clemson rivalry and standings. He then shared how his daughter’s Swedish boyfriend is winning over the family. The daughter and boyfriend’s Facebook picture was taken in front of the Rotary banner. Great way to suck up.

**Mike P**– Mike is carrying on Dave’s heirloom tomato legacy. He succeeded in raising plants from seed and brought them today for gardeners to take home. He also shared he will not be here next week. Going to Georgia on vacation. And finally, he succeeded in losing 12 pounds. No grains and no sugar. [Mike, don’t put the weight back on next week!]

**Sam** – One \$ for not being here last week. She enjoyed a great conference with 523 friends and colleagues. More \$\$ - She has launched a new Web site: [www.design-your-gift.com](http://www.design-your-gift.com). Go visit it!

**Joe DeSimone** – Another \$1,000 sponsor for Bonita Fest.

Jim introduced our **guest speaker, Debbie Finch, United Way Chairman** for Collier County. Debbie shared information about the good work of this group and specifically the Alice project that funds the gap services that are not normally covered by other funding sources.

Joanne had the winning raffle ticket but, alas! no Joker. She led us in the 4-Way Test.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Bonita Fest Committee met afterwards.





