



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

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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 17, 2019

President Gary called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Sonny graciously led the invocation and Joe D. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members enjoyed fellowship during lunch.

Members in attendance: Kim A, Sam B, Dick B, Anne B, Joe De, Gary D, Lin D, Jim F, Dee F, Campbell G, Joe G, Rob G, Sonny G, Cindy H, Chris M, Tam M, Ken S, John W, Joanne Z.

Gary asked guests to introduce themselves:

Dave Mance from the Bonita Springs Concert Band, Terry O'Hara from Ohio, and Dr Ed Boaz – US 2020 Census.

Meeting Items

- The Bonita Fest Committee will meet after today's regular meeting.
- **Chris** explained the Essay Contest. It is a district-wide opportunity for youth targeted at 8th graders, but open to middle schoolers 9 grades 6-8. All clubs are invited to have students send entries into the contest. This year the topic focused on having the student identify a real-life challenge he/she faces and how applying the 4-way test can lead to solving the challenge. These essays are due in April and will be judged on criteria that we will share in this newsletter as it becomes available. The winners are announced and presented with awards at the Bonita Springs Charter School eight-grade graduation. Prize levels: First - \$100, Second - \$50, and Third - \$25. A progressive plaque was purchased last year the winner's name is engraved and added to the plaque.
- **Joanne** shared that the Josh the Otter water safety program will be presented at the Bonita Springs Charter School in April and May of this year. The RotaKids Club will be helping with this event. The club members will make and give invitations to the Kindergarten students and will help with the presentation. Joanne explained that we are creating a curriculum that includes ALL Youth Services offerings at the Charter School. This will ensure a cohesive plan with the school and documentation of all Rotary activities. The new Vice Principal is collaborating with us to ensure this articulation.
- **Bonita Fest** – Our cheerleader is back! 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 \$12,500 mark. Go find one sponsor and help us exceed our goal.
- **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.



Youth Services Chair



Scott D. Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

- **Tam and Joe D.** volunteered this past week and helped to serve about 110 meals : 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 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.
- And, yes, we will gladly accept gift baskets and donations 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 and immediately fined Gary \$5.00 for starting the meeting late.

Happy ☺ Sad ☹ Dollars

Campbell- Happy Dollars - Noted that Sam looks better in pants than Scott looks in the skirt and wig.

Joe D. – Happy Dollars - The packing meals served around 110 meals this week. It was a very worthwhile time. Sad Dollars – Celeste was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Joe asked for prayer of love and support.

Jim – Happy Dollars that Rotary International provided each member with their DACdb user name and password. Please check your e-mail and put this information where you can easily retrieve it. And, go in and update your profile information. If you need assistance, let Jim know at jimfabry@comcast.net.

Ken – Sad Dollars – It is the fifth anniversary of the loss of his wife. We join Ken in honoring her memory.

Chris – Happy Dollars – A new member of the growing clan. His sister delivered a girl to add to the family. Congratulations Uncle Chris!

Sonny – Happy Dollars -Happy to be a Rotarian. And, we are happy you are in our club!

John – Sad dollars – His cat needs insulin and the family (and the poor cat!) are enduring John's learning curve as he gains new skills. Try not to stick your wife's fingers and torture your cat too much!

Cindy H. – Sad dollars that she was not here last week. Happy dollars that she was in Italy instead. Molto bellissima!

Tam – Happy Dollars -Tam suggested we start a new tradition. Since it is his birthday he put \$78.00 into the collection bucket. Happy Birthday, Tam!

Joanne – Sad Dollars - for the death of a dear friend to cancer. She will be attending the memorial service later today.

Sam – Penalty Dollar -- she forgot her Rotary pin.

Anne – Happy Birthday! She will follow Tam's new tradition and bring \$\$ next week.

Don #2 – Sad Dollars - Shared his concern for a dear friend's son who is in Iraq in the midst of the turmoil there. Send him prayers for his safety and for those caught in this conflict.

Gary – Sad Dollars – His dear friend, Mike Thomas, passed away from aggressive cancer. Mike was a pillar in the insurance brokerage business and he will be missed.

Dick – Happy Dollars – Dorie is still in Missouri. (Jim has blackmail photos to share when she returns. Be careful who lives next door!)

Jim introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Ed Boaz, US 2020 Census. Ed explained that there are job opportunities for both Collier and Lee counties. Go to 2020census.gov/jobs. Qualifications are: 18 years of age or over, US citizen, Social Security number, and e-mail account. Dr. Boaz can be reached at 513-543-7698 or Edward.g.boaz@2020census.gov.

Dave Mance thanked our club for donating to the Bonita Springs Concert Band. This group of musicians, ranging from 15 – 94 years of age, has a packed performance schedule. The concerts are at Riverside Park. Bring a chair and enjoy an afternoon of music beginning at 2:00PM. Also bring money for refreshments as our club will be selling items at these events. Dates: November 3, December 15, January 26, February 23, and March 22. The November concert honors our Veterans and First Responders.

Terry Ohara had the winning ticket, but alas! no Joker. He led us in the 4-Way Test.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Bonita Fest Committee met afterwards.

My apologies for not having photos from today's meeting. Your editor forgot photo journalist is one of her job responsibilities.