



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

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Events and Speakers

October 31, 2019

Members Attending: No listing available

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

Steve led the invocation and Mike P. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary asked guests to introduce themselves: Jerry O'Hara visiting Rotarian from Ohio, Guest Speakers – Armando Hernandez and Jason Cooper from Home Base SWFL.

Gary announced the Bonita Fest Committee will meet after this regular meeting.

The club raffle tickets are printed. Time to sell them!

Members enjoyed fellowship during lunch.

Paul Harris Presentations

Steve A. presentations: **Dee Fabry** was sponsored by Tam Mustapha as a Paul Harris Member and Art Noir has moved to the Major Donor Status in the Paul Harris Society.

Tam Mustapha was inducted into the Arch Klumpf Society during a 3-day ceremony at the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois October 24 – 26. This society celebrates those who contribute \$250,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Please see the Special Edition of Rotasphere, sent out this week, for coverage of this event. Congratulations to Tam whose dedication and commitment personify Rotary's creed of giving of time, treasure, and talent.

Meeting Items

- **Joanne** provided a RotaKids update: First, she thanked those members who brought hygiene items for the homeless. We are partnering with Bonita Springs Charter School to collect items such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, small soap bars, shampoo, conditioner, and non-perishable snack items. These items are being collected by BSCS to support those working with the homeless in Lee County. This is an ONGOING project, so please bring them all year long.
- She then shared the curriculum that is being developed this year in collaboration with DeAnna Blackwell, BSCS teacher and the RotaKids school sponsor. This year community members are being invited to speak to the club and share their own backgrounds and what they do in alignment with the service projects in order to help students understand some new career paths. Terri Lamaine, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, met with the club in October and after hearing about her work and the BSAO, the students made laminated labels for the food pantry. In the coming months Golisano Children's Hospital, Home Base SWFL, and Josh



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Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor

the Otter will be featured.

- **Joe D.** gave an update on the Interact Club at Estero High School projects – Café of Life and Pink Out Day.
- **Tam** share news from the newest Interact Club at Gulf Coast High School. We will have over 20 volunteers to help with Bonita Fest and the Wheelchair Foundation.
- **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 \$15,250 mark. Also, be sure to ‘Like’ Cindy C.s Facebook post and share it to invite friends to the Fest.
- **Reminder:** There are two more Wednesdays for food packing and the food pantry: Service Opportunity from PDG Bobbi Bird: 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. Tam shared they served over 100 means last week.
- **Fellowship of the Wheel Dinner**, Saturday, November 2. Gary and Lin Dworkin are hosting this event at their home. Thank you to those have supported this event through donations, auction items, and attendance.
- **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.

Sargent-at-Arms Time

Mike P. served as SAA in Rob’s absence. He did a lightening round for happy and sad dollars. I am sad to say I could not keep up with them all, but your contributions and updates are greatly appreciated.

Dick Blevins was excused for a medical procedure and was greatly missed!

Home Base Guest Speakers



Jim introduced our guest speakers, **Armando Hernandez**, Home Base SWFL Program Director and **Jason Cooper**, Assistant Director. These young men, both who served in combat, educated us on the work of this nonprofit organization which is a collaborative effort of the Boston Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital. Their mission is: To heal the invisible wounds for veterans, service members, and their families through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research. A few highlights:

- 3 million service people have deployed since 9/11. One in three return with invisible wounds resulting in mental health challenges. Most do not seek help

for their mental health-related challenges.

- Florida ranks 51st in mental health care
- We have 130,000+ veterans in SW FL

The entire **Power Point** was sent to all club members so check your e-mails if you were not here today or want to review the information they provided.

Bob Bornstein had the winning raffle ticket but, alas! no Joker. He led us in the 4-Way Test.

Reminder: District Governor Rich Kirshner will be our guest speaker next week.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Bonita Fest Committee met afterwards.

YIRS,

Dee Fabry





