



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

Club Leaders



Gary S. Dworkin
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Cindy Cedeno
Past President
Rotary Foundation
Chair

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Sergeant-at-Arms

Events and Speakers

President Gary welcomed all with the ringing of the bell at 12:01

On **September 19th Club Assembly** – please attend as we will be discussing committees' updates and the survey that we just filled out. Lots of good information will be shared at this meeting!

Steve Agius provided an invocation with thoughts and prayers for the people of Nassau.

Dee Fabry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays/Anniversaries - none noted

Gary called for **Happy Dollars**. Cindy as a Tar Heel fan was excited about their football team making 2-0 at this early in the season. Dee paid happy dollars to celebrate the great RotaKids kick-off at the charter school. Mike R. was so happy his son is enthusiastic to be a Rotary volunteer! Jim thanked our DG for the fast action in helping to get replacement bilingual dictionaries for the Dictionary Day program October 4th (we are responsible for distributing at Spring Creek Elementary School and Bonita Springs Charter School). Scott H. was happy to work with Betty Jean on the new Interact at Gulf Coast High School.

Members Attending: Steve A., Don B., Dick B., Bob B., Cindy C., Betty Jean C. Joe Di., Pres Gary D., Lin D., Dee F., James F., Joe G., Rob G., Cindy H., Scott H., David Mac., Chris M., Pdg Tam., Phil R., Mike R. Stuart S., Ken S., and Joanne Z.

Members Excused: Please remember to let us know if you are going to be away. Yes, we worry about you!

Guests: Adam Botano

Announcements



Cindy gave an update for Dictionary Day Oct 4th. Bonita Charter School and Spring Creek Elementary will be given the dictionaries. Sign-up sheets were passed around. Joanne is the captain for Bonita Charter School. The captain for Spring Creek is Joe Gellings. The captains will contact those who volunteered with additional details, including the school addresses and the schedule for the day.



Betty Jean Christensen
Youth Services Chair



Scott D. Hunter
iPast President



Jonathon McLeod
Assistant Governor



Joanne then shared the excitement about the Rotakids first meeting for this year at Bonita Charter School and the positive support from the new Vice Principal, Jamie Kirschner. The RotaKids will help with the dictionary distribution. In addition, a year-long collection at the school has been created to help homeless families. The RotaKids will participate in collecting items. The first service project this year will be to make bilingual labels for the Bonita Assistance Office food pantry.

Steve shared efforts to support the hurricane disaster victims in Bahamas islands. Monetary donations from club members were collected. Checks can be made out to the Bonita Naples Rotary Club Foundation and will be sent to East Nassau Rotary club where the PRIP Barry Rassin is a member. This Saturday Artichoke is having a dinner (\$100 per plate) and the proceeds will go to Bahamas too. Reservations are required.

Cindy C. read a letter from a Rotarian from the Bahamas describing how he lost everything in that hurricane. Folks, it could have been us and hope all the members will be generous.

We give a HUGE thanks to Don Ballo who stepped and pledged \$1000 with the challenge that the club foundation matches his pledge and the members contribute too. With about \$500 donated today we are well on our way to meeting this challenge. Additional cash and checks will be collected at our next meeting (Sept. 19).

More Club News: Gary announced that initial meetings have been held to start a new Interact Club at Gulf Coast High School. Scott will be the Bonita Naples Club liaison and is working with the sunset club. Sixty-five students already signed up and more students are interested.

Gary will have more info on the big raffle event coming up. Member shared the sponsors they have contacted for Bonita Fest. It looks like Scott will be regaling us with his tribute dance to the hula girls.

Gary invited Chef Richard to the podium and thanked him for responding to the club survey issue of improving the quality of our lunches.

Tam reminded members again to send a Rotary bio to the editor (Tam) for future compilation to share with guests and new members.

Betty Jean talked about 2 more interactors in our area sponsored by other clubs



Bob Bornstein put up a new sign at the Community Garden that was supplied by Rosi. Thanks Rosi for a great job.

Program for the Day: Our speaker Adam Botana was introduced by Gary as a former member of this club. His family owns the property near the Marina and he

got involved a few years early with Gov Scotts advisory committee on water management. Adam spoke passionately about our water problems, both drainage as well as algae issues. It all started in 1924 when “they started draining the swamp” that was the Everglades. Water contamination is directly related to population growth and development of real estate. Human septic drainage causes the nutrients for algae. We need more catch basins to absorb the nutrients before they drain into the sea.

There were a lot of questions and concerns from the members, some prompted by their own personal livelihood and others more for the common survival.

Steve Agius won the 50/50 drawing but picked the Jack of club’s card. Steve lead the recital of 4-way test. Nobody won the raffle yet. So the pot is filling up! More members can now buy more tickets!

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

News editor. I am back but may miss the next meeting.

So Jim will take care of the job as usual. (Thank God the club has a working P.E.!)

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