



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

Rotasphere

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



James F. Fabry
President



John G. Wharton
President-Elect
Public Relations Chair



Dee Fabry
Secretary



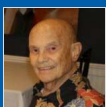
Dixon W. Blevins
Treasurer



Sam Black
Club Director



Linda Lee Dworkin
Club Director



Kenneth Strumm
Club Director



Stephen C. Agius
Membership Chair



Kim Scott Anderson
Sergeant-at-Arms



Cindy J. Cedeno
Past President
Rotary Foundation
Chair

Betty Jean
Christensen

Events and Speakers

April 29_2021 Newsletter

Attendees:

Artichokes: Jim, Dee, Gary, Tam, Steve A., Kim A., Don B., Don C., Sam, Betty Jean, Sonny, Cindy H., Art, Frank, Mike P., Phil, Kenney, Joanne, Ally and Terry

Zoom: Bob B., Cindy C., Bob C., Dave, Mike R., Prinya, Stu, and Mark

Guests: Pam Akins and Gail Harper

Greeting and social minutes from 11:45 to noon- Gary

Open Meeting at Noon ♦ Jim

Invocation ♦ Dee

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ Don B.

Club News:

1. BonitaFest 2021 - November 20, 2021 at Riverside Park. Committee meeting after today's meeting.
2. Read and respond to the e-mail on matching Paul Harris Funds
3. Janet DeBenedetto is recuperating from cancer surgery. Please send cards to: 38 Wolden Rd. Ossing, NY 10562
4. News Club The Rotary Club of Naples North Sunset. May 11 celebration at The Quarry Golf Club \$50 for dinner. Our club is presenting a check for \$200 for startup.
5. John finished RLI part 3 and now is a RLI Graduate. Art completed RLI Part 2.

*****Great to see Mike P in person after 1 year*****

District News:

1. **Infinite Possibilities** ♦ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ♦ RI President Holger Knaack April 30th register on DACdb
2. **Night of 1000 Paul Harris** ♦ May 21, 2021 Charlotte Harbor Event Center, Punta Gorda. Register on DAcdb. Jim and Dee, Gary and Lin, Art and Marilyn, Steve A and Janet, Don Crost, Joanne Z, Betty Jean and Wilson, Sam and Johnnie. **14 total- can we get any more!!!** Let me know of any others so I can reserve additional Bonita Naples tables.

Frank Pisano was presented with a Paul Harris Award by Pam Akins (PDG).

Dick Blevins received his Paul Harris +1 Pin from Pam.

Learning Opportunity of the day: Introduced by Tam

Pam Akins- pamakins@akinsmarketing.com Rotary Peace Fellows

Pam has a long and distinguished history with Rotary being one of the first women Rotarians. She has continued to be a trailblazer in Rotary, including District Governor. Pam is a member of the prestigious Arch Klump Society. She is the RI



Pam
Youth Services Chair



Gary S. Dworkin
Past President



Gerard M. Sola
Area Governor

Account Leaders

Darryl Keys
District Governor

Andrew Lyman
DG-Elect

Neil E. Snyder
DG-Nominee

Alison Charney Hussey
District Membership Chair

Traci Hamill
District Public Image Chair

Donald H. Snyder Jr.
District Treasurer

Louis S. Auricchio
District Secretary

Belynda Williams
Area Governor Area 1

Gerard M. Sola
Area Governor Area 2

Tracie Bagans
Area Governor Area 3

Suzanne Vasbinder
Area Governor Area 4

Fred H. Kobie
Area Governor Area 5

Dennis Wallace
Area Governor Area 6

Doug Smoot
Area Governor Area 8


Susan Courter
Area Governor Area 9

Jane L. Goble
District Executive Secretary

Alfred C. Current III
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Chair of the Peace Initiative. In her private life, Pam is an award winning poet and author of both fiction and nonfiction books.


The mission of Rotary: We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance word understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Our vision statement: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change  across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Promoting Peace is one of the seven focus areas of Rotary International. Rotary does this through several avenues. Over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with skills to resolve conflicts.

Peace is not just the absence of conflict. Rotary has a four-fold approach to promote peace:

1. Practitioners: We fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, improve the health of mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies. In this way we help to create optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
2. Educators: Eight universities around the world host Rotary Peace Centers. Over 1300 peace fellows are effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.
3. Meditation: Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.
4. Advocates: Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

The Rotary Peace Centers programs have a vision of sustainable peace = encompassing a network of peacebuilders. The Peace Centers are 8 universities across the world. There are 5 Master s degrees (with 50 peace fellows each year) and 2 Professional Certificates (with 80 peace fellows per year).

The newest Peace Center is at the Makerere University in Africa. It is the first on the African continent. It opened in January 2021. We have a \$12 million goal to support the Makerere Peace Fellowships. This unique program is presented by Africans for Africans in order to solve the problems unique to that continent.

Fellows learn how to influence policy and initiate action to transform solely through positive peace. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. Underlying and contributing conditions must be responded to in order to build an environment conducive to peace. The 8 pillars of peace are taught.

Rotary has announced the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center which will be housed in either the Middle East or Northern Africa. This will be a professional peace certificate. The Walter Foundation has pledged \$15.5 million dollars to this endeavor. This contribution is the second largest to Rotary; the first being the Polio

Eradication initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Alumni of the Peace Scholar Programs include Elisabeth Abeson who worked at the UN, Human Rights Law Network, Save the Children, partners in Change and UNICEF.

Ana Patel has worked with Youth in Peace in Action, Outward Bound Peacebuilding, and as a Rotary Representative to the UN.

Captain Nicholas Millward is in the United States Marine Corp serving in the Pacific in the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team. He completed the professional certificate and is working on his Master's degree. His vision is to implement peace building skills in the military.

You can be involved by sponsoring a Peace Fellow and donating to the Peace Initiative.

District 6960 Waldo at ufoundwaldo1213@gmail.com

Happy Sad Dollars ♦ Kim A Sergeant at Arms. Many great Happy/ Sad dollars.

**4 Way test ♦ led by Mike P.
Adjourn**

BontaFest Planning Meeting followed the regular meeting.