

Monthly Newsletter



Message from Heidi:

Fellow Rotarians,

As we enter this season of celebration, reflection, and togetherness, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Whether you're observing a cherished holiday, enjoying time with loved ones, or simply taking a moment to rest and recharge, may this time bring you peace, joy, and renewal.

Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and spirit of fellowship throughout the year. It's an honor to serve alongside you.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a bright year ahead.

Heidi

UNITE FOR GOOD

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Other
Happenings

Member
Birthdays

Anniversaries

Speaker
Highlights

Upcoming
Events

Member
Spotlight



Other Happenings:

Our Club's first Oktoberfest, held on October 4th, was a resounding success. We achieved strong fundraising results, thanks in large part to the enthusiastic support and hands-on involvement of our members, who truly stepped up to ensure the event ran seamlessly. Just as importantly, the vast majority of our guests had a wonderful time and left with a very positive impression of both our Club and Rotary.

We raised more than \$6,500 from our generous sponsors, and over 240 guests enjoyed a standout evening filled with great food, drinks, and one of the finest German bands around. Riptide Brewery proved to be an excellent venue with its open layout and convenient parking. The members of the Porsche Club also turned out in force, bringing not only their exceptional cars but also a fantastic spirit of enthusiasm.

After ticket sales and raffle proceeds—minus expenses—our approximate profit totaled \$7,000. For a first-time event, the attendance, member participation, and community goodwill exceeded our expectations. We are considering hosting Oktoberfest again in 2026, provided we have the strong member support that made this year's event such a success.

A heartfelt thank-you to all who contributed their time, effort, and support!



Wishing all the best to:

12/4 - Mike Rusk

12/18 - Campbell Gault

12/23 - Al Rigoni

12/30 - Ed Ries

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." ~ Oprah Winfrey



Thank you for your years of service:

4/1974 - Tam Mustapha - 51 yrs

"Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time."
~ Paul Harris

Speaker Highlights



Phil Roach

Phil gave an enlightening talk about the history of firearm legislation in the U.S.. He highlighted pivotal moments over the past 237 years that shaped what currently exists today:

- The 2nd Amendment,
- The 14th Amendment,
- Crimes using firearms over the past 100 years,
- Statistics on gun deaths,
- State and Federal legislation changes.



Liz Roach

We enjoyed having Elizabeth Roach educate us on Rotaract, the Rotary clubs geared towards college students and young professionals, and what's happening in our district.



Sarah Norris

In her role as Environmental Specialist for the City of Naples, Sarah shared with our club the challenges facing our turtle hatchlings, and the conservation efforts underway on our beaches.



Visiting Rotarians

We enjoyed having Michael Eggenschwiler from the Rotary Club of Hamburg-Altona, and Nigel McWilliam from the Rotary Club of Barnstable Link visiting us today.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

- **12/4** - Lynda Waterhouse - The Power of the Reset: Designing Your Strategic Plan for Purpose, Health & Lasting Impact
- **12/11** - Krause Helf - The Rise & Fall of the Berlin Wall
- **12/18** - Christmas program
- **12/25** - No meeting - Merry Christmas



Holiday Celebration

Join us for a special holiday gathering. Music, lunch and Holiday cocktails will be available:

WHEN: 12/18/25 ~ 12:00pm

WHERE: The Stage Restaurant

Spouses/partners are invited to join for \$25.

Wear your favorite Holiday clothing!





Member Spotlight

Kim Anderson joined our Rotary club in 2010 and shortly after accepted the role of club Treasurer, a position he held for seven consecutive terms. Following the Treasurer's role, he served as President of the club foundation. Currently, he is the club's Sargeant-at-arms and Secretary of the club's foundation. Kim is a Paul Harris Fellow+1 and has completed the Rotary Leadership Institute program. Elements of the Rotary experience that Kim finds most rewarding are channeling good intentions into positive actions and building camaraderie with fellow Rotarians.

In his professional life, Kim worked in the wealth management unit of a leading U.S. based bank where he provided investment oversight for clients. Assisting those clients and their families was the most rewarding facet of his professional responsibilities. He transferred from St. Louis to Bonita Springs in 2002 and retired in 2018.

Prior to entering the workforce, Kim moved with his family on numerous occasions, attending ten different schools. This transient lifestyle fostered an interest in encountering new faces in new places. For example, one summer in his college years he backpacked through Europe. Due to a leg injury, he was forced to do so on crutches. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science - Finance (University of Illinois) and Master of Business Administration (University of Missouri).

In keeping with his interest in service, Kim serves his residential community on the Board of Directors and is the Managing Partner of a boating partnership. He can found fishing in the back bay, playing golf and bocce on a recreational level, and gaining a foothold in the kitchen with every other week responsibility for feeding his empty nest family of two under the tutelage of his wife of 45 years, Colleen.

Kim's highest level of satisfaction stems from his role as a parent of his daughter, Kelly, and as a grandparent to her daughter, McKinley.

<p>ROTARY CLUB OF BONITA NAPLES</p>	<p>MEETING THURSDAYS AT NOON</p>
<p>BonitaNaplesRotary.com</p> <p>Past newsletters: https://www.bonitanaplesrotary.com/newsletters-past</p>	<p>The Stage Restaurant 9144 Bonita Beach Rd Bonita Springs, FL 34135</p>