Monthly Newsletter





Message from Heidi:

A Season of Gratitude and Giving

November invites us to pause and reflect with gratitude. As Rotarians, we have much to be thankful for—our families, our friendships, and the opportunity to serve together in ways that strengthen our community.

At the same time, we are reminded that many in our area continue to face hardship and rely on the care and compassion of others. The need for assistance remains great, and this season offers each of us a chance to reaffirm our commitment to Service Above Self.

May we carry the spirit of Thanksgiving into all that we do, sharing our blessings and extending kindness wherever it is needed most.

Heidi

President, Bonita Naples Rotary Club

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Other Happenings:

- On 10/23, several Paul Harris awards were handed out we our members including Kathi Pickard, Sam Black, Allen Hausman and Mitch Hakoum from the Community Garden, and Helena Nesbit from Friends of Bonita Springs Library.
- Overall, Oktoberfest on 10/4 was a success. We're still in the process of pulling everything together, like numbers, learnings, future options, etc., and will report out soon. A special thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it the wonderful event that it was.



Wishing all the best to:

11/4 - Don Ballo

11/5 - Mike Prioletti

11/7 - Joerg Meyer

11/9 - Joanne Zicarelli

11/11 - Bob Bornstein

11/28 - Frank Pisano

"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:

11/1 - Cindy Hall - 30 yrs

11/1 - Phil Roach - 32 yrs

11/9 - Joanne Ziccarelli- 6 yrs

11/16 - Jim Fabry - 8 yrs

11/21 - Lin Dvorkin - 12 yrs

11/30 - Rosi Haller - 7 yrs

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Speaker Highlights



Mark Midyett

Rotarian from Lakewood Ranch presented about Rotary's Friendship Exchange by showing fabulous photos of the recent Friendship Exchange with India. Gracious hosts delivered an outstanding experience in Delhi, Chandigarh and Amritsar.



Laurie MacKinnon

Laurie's informative presentation addressed what chiropractic care is all about, explained the difference between traditional and integrative chiropractic care, how it can help with various health issues, and what to look out for when seeking medical help.



Gayla Bowden

Gayla is the newly appointed Manager of Mission Impact & Education of the Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida (PASWFL). She oversees all aspects of their programming, including more than twenty movement, speech practice, support groups, and wellness classes for persons with PD and their care partners.



Brian MacNeel

From the Lee County Sheriffs Office provided helpful information on how to protect ourselves from identity and other thefts, as well as stay safe and avoid injury from personal attacks and emergencies.

Best tip: shred everything (Rx labels, airline luggage tags, preapproved credit card applications & envelopes) with a barcode or QR code on it.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

- 11/6 Phillip Roach The History of Firearm legislation in the United States
- 11/13 Sarah Norris -Environmental Specialist for the City of Naples
- 11/20 Liz Roach Rotaract and Rotary Working Together
- 11/27 No meeting Happy Thanksgiving



Giving Thanks

To support our community, we will be doing a weekly food drive during club meetings to help the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. Here are some items on their list:

- Canned Fruit & Vegetables (no sugar or oils added)
- Tomato Sauce
- Olive & Cooking oils
- Rice, Bagged Beans, Pasta
- Baking & Maseca Flours
- Shelf-Stable Fruits & Vegetables (Apples, Oranges, Potatoes, Onions, Garlic)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Baby Formula, Baby Wipes
- Dog & Cat Food
- Shampoo, Conditiiner, Soap
- Cleaning Supplies, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Toilet
 Paper
- Adult Diapers (SM or M)







Member Spotlight

This month's spotlight is upon Bob Bornstein who was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y. In 1937. He completed his undergraduate degree (Psychology) and graduate degrees (Public Administration/Health Care Administration). He also briefly attended law school. After/during serving in the U.S. Army (Active and Reserve) from 1959-1965, he began his private working life. Originally working in market research, retail sales and education he entered the health field. His health care administrative profession began in 1967 until his retirement in 1994. The hospitals he administered ranged from 93 beds to over a 1,000. His last hospital, from which he retired from, was the largest private for-profit hospital in N.Y.State. Just before he retired he sold the hospital to one of the largest health care systems in the country. Throughout his professional career he taught at the elementary level (children with mental disability), ESOL instructor, high school (substitute teacher) and college instructor/preceptor. Throughout his employment career he was a customs service agent, governmental mediator, health care consultant, census worker and nite club owner.

In his spare time he became a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, the American Academy of Medical Administrators and the Royal Society of Health. He was also a member of the American Hospital Association, American College of Osteopathic Hospital Administrators, American Public Health Association, the NY. Academy of Sciences, American Mensa Ltd., and Who's Who in the East/World. He also held N.Y.S Nursing Home Administrator license, Notary Public in two states and marriage officiant in one state.

Bob's love of volunteerism started in his early teens as a volunteer with Jerry's Kids. In his adult years he was a docent in four museums, driver for four Meals-On-Wheels and American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery. He was also a board member/Chair of the American Cancer Society Long Island Division, a Meals-On-Wheels board member/Chair, Mental Health Association board member/Crisis Line, a Community Planning Board N.Y.S. E.M.S. Council and Comprehensive Health Planning Board/Vice-Chair, and three H.O.A.s/Treasurer. His attention was also centered on Camp Adventure and Give Kids The World. He was also honored to be selected as a board member for a Central Florida bi-county water authority and the local city planning agency.

His experience and admiration with Rotary began in 1963 with his first of five clubs as a club member which he became President and the District Governor's Aide. Because of his moving multiple times he still has amassed approximately 50 years as a Rotarian. He owes much to Rotary and Rotarians including his involvement in his professional life, support during personal need and the acquisition of life long friendships. Bob's personal life has been enriched many times over. Including in that enrichment was the birth of his daughter and son, who died of Leukemia at just under six years of age. His daughter after having retired as a principal in an international accounting/consulting firm is following the path of her father, his father and uncles by becoming a two term president in her Westchester Rotary Club. For the past 46 years he has had enriched joy daily with his supportive and lovable wife Ingrid. He has learned much from his trials and tribulations over the years but is immeasurably thankful for all the goodness that his been part of his life.

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