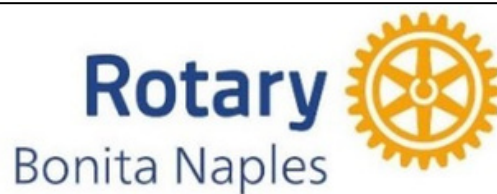


Monthly Newsletter



Message from Heidi:

Hi Everyone,

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR OCTOBER!

We're off to a busy and productive year and I am so grateful for everyone's participation and commitment – it truly makes all the difference. On October 4th, it will be all hands on deck for our Oktoberfest fundraiser! Attendance looks even better than expected, and it's sure to be a fun and memorable event. A special thanks goes out to Joerg, John and Anke for their months of hard work in planning and implementing this celebration.

There's still plenty more ahead! Our speakers continue to be engaging and informative, and as Fall arrives, our "Snowtarians" will begin returning - just in time to jump back in and help. In addition, we are preparing to welcome new members. Here's to a fun, busy, and rewarding Rotary Fall season!



Heidi

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you can expect:

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Oktoberfest 2025 Update:

Well everyone ... we have some great news. We have exceeded our initial estimate in ticket sales More than tripled our estimate in cash sponsors ... and more than doubled our overall fundraiser goal!

What a club effort, and thanks to all our sponsors as well!

Everything is ready to go, so, with the help of all our volunteers in the coming days ... all that remains is time to party!

As we have been saying all along ... **Come for the Food and the Beer ... stay for the Fun and the Dancing** ... while supporting **Maternal & Child Health**.

If you want to get in the spirit ... have a look at the live webcam of from the Munich Oktoberfest, which runs from 9/20-10/5/2025:
<https://www.oktoberfest.de/en/informationen/oktoberfest-webcams>.



Wishing all the best to:

10/3 - James Mullen

10/17 - Tamton Mustapha

10/17 - Phil Roach

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

For Sale: Biersteins

We ordered some liter Biersteins for an Oktoberfest contest. When club members saw it during our 9/25 meeting, several members wanted to know if they could buy one. So, if you're interested, send Anke an email and let her know how many you'd like to order. They cost \$25 each.
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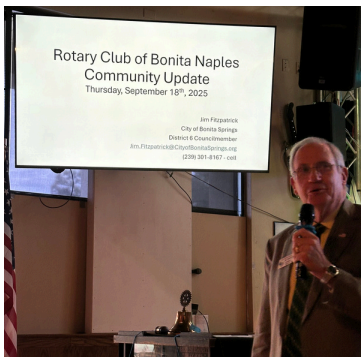


Speaker Highlights



Eldon Bohrofen

Rotary CART - Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust program is a unique fundraiser that collects loose change (or more) at weekly Rotary club meetings to support Alzheimer's research. Eldon shared how it was started and what they've accomplished. We will now have blue CART buckets at each of our meetings.



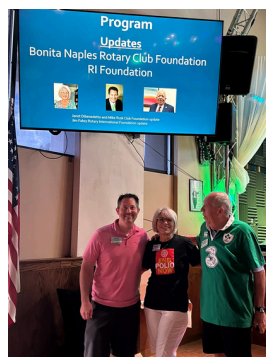
Jim Fitzpatrick

Bonita Springs City Council - Jim, who represents District 6 is also a Rotarian from our morning club. He did a great job updating us on what is happening in Bonita Springs. He covered BERT Bonita Estero Bike Trail, I-75 Widening Project, and major city projects including storm water and traffic flow improvements, beach restrooms, Banyon Tree Park renovation, and new residential complexes.



Al-Anon & Alateen

Lori B., Cindy S. and Cindy S.A. of Al-Anon Family Groups, a non-professional organization whose members (adults and teens) have been affected by someone else's drinking. They find understanding and support when they share their common experience with each other.



Janet, Jim & Mike

Janet DiBenedetto and **Mike Rusk** gave an update about our Bonita Naples Rotary Club Foundation; and **Jim Fabry** presented about the Rotary International Foundation. To find out more, ask these three experts or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Rotary-Foundation>

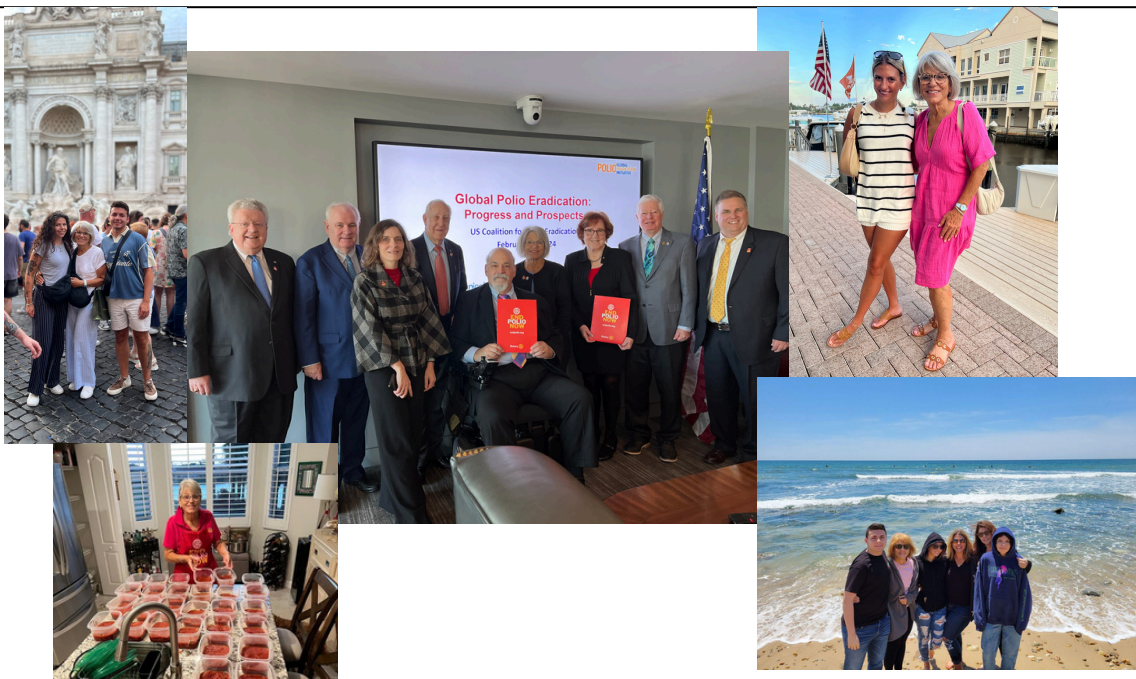
Upcoming Speakers & Events

- **10/2** - Mark Midyett - Friendship Exchange
- **10/9** - Gayle Bowden - NWFL Parkinson's Association
- **10/16** - Dr. Laurie MacKinnon - Integrative vs traditional chiropractic care
- **10/23** - Brian MacNeel - Lee County Sheriff - Identity Theft
- **10/30** - Club assembly
- **10/23 @ 5:30-7:30** - join area Rotarians and their families for a fun Social Event at **Palm City Brewing**

Oktoberfest 10/4

- save the date and ask how you can help





Member Spotlight

This month we shine the light on Janet DiBenedetto, who joined Rotary in 1990 and was a member of District 7230 in New York before moving to Bonita Springs five years ago. She has been a very active member in Rotary, and has been a past District Governor twice, as well as the Chair for Governor-Elects and Governor-Nominees, where she provided leadership training for 36 incoming District Governors throughout Canada and the Northeast. She also was a Rotary International Foundation Chair, as well as provided Foundation training at Zone meetings. She serves as the Rotary International Polio Eradication Task Force Vice Chair, which involves attending Washington, D.C. meetings with members of Congress, mostly from the U.S. government Appropriation Committees, to advocate for the continued support to eradicate polio.

As a licensed cosmetologist and certified vocational education teacher, Janet used to work at a residential treatment center for children with emotional disabilities. Janet has become a strong advocate for children. Her passion for children is best exemplified through her work for children with heart disease, Gift of Life International, and the eradication of polio. If you haven't yet enjoyed her Italian cooking skills, you might want to try Janet's annual fundraiser, Pasta for Polio.

For fun, Janet loves networking and meeting new people, and then connecting those people in order to accomplish Rotary goals. In her free time, she loves to spend time with family and friends, sitting around the table talking and exchanging ideas. Janet loves to travel and meet up with old friends, so it's no surprise that she regularly participates in Rotary's Friendship Exchange.

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