

# Monthly Newsletter



## Message from Heidi:

As summer winds down (at least on the calendar), it still feels like summer is here in our beautiful area. Rotary is keeping the energy going with a fantastic lineup of speakers this September and several fun socials—be sure to check the schedule so you don't miss out. Most importantly, please **buy your tickets** and **save the date** for our big fall event: **Oktoberfest on October 4th!** We need everyone's participation and plenty of volunteers to make this a success, so let's all pitch in and make it a night to remember.

Also, a quick reminder to support two of our ongoing fundraisers: **Anke will be kicking off Pints for a Purpose** again this year—dates will be announced soon, so keep an ear out! And **Janet's raffle is back**, so sign up for your chance to win \$50 every time your name is drawn. Every bit of participation helps us make a greater impact—thank you for all that you do!

*Heidi*

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## Speaker Highlights



Vanessa Alfonso (Left),  
Falon Tabares (Middle),  
Kylin Meredith (Right)

### Falon Tabares

#### The Healthy Earth Organization

Our mission is to empower young people by providing accessible avenues to contribute to SWFL's community, become stewards of the environment, and generate positive change.

Our programs are designed to cultivate professional skills, environmental stewardship, and a strong sense of community, driving positive change and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

- Sustainable Initiatives
- Community Impact
- Skill Building through Service Learning

Click for presentation:

<https://tinyurl.com/8m37esjc>



Jerry Grandey (left), District 6960  
**Rotary Youth Exchange** Inbound  
Coordinator, and Wayne Hemstead,  
Host "Grandfather" and fellow  
Rotarian, introduced us to Svea  
Wahnemuehl from Germany, one of  
this year's Youth Exchange Students.  
~ **Welcome Svea!** ~



### Alicia Farricielli

#### Helps Leaders Feel, Think, and Lead with Impact

Alicia's presentation focused on **The Science of Staying Calm: How Leaders Can Regulate Their Nervous System for Better Performance**, and included much needed guidance on simple and easy-to-implement strategies to deal with every day stressors. Click for presentation:

<https://tinyurl.com/3krm7edd>

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

- **9/4** - Rotarian Eldon Bohrofen - Rotary CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) program
- **9/11** - Lori B. - Al-Anon Family Groups
- **9/18** - Councilman Jim Fitzpatrick - What is happening in Bonita Springs
- **9/25** - Jim Fabry (RI Foundation info) and Janet DiBenedetto (Bonita Naples Rotary Club info)
- **9/17 - 5:30-7:30** - Discover Rotary! at Fresh Catch Island at Coconut Point
- **TBD - 5:30-7:30** - Area Rotary Social Event at Palm City Brewing

#### 10/4 - 3:00-8:00 Oktoberfest

- save the date and use the QR code below to buy your tickets:

## Other Happenings:

Great ideas are always appreciated. A couple of months ago, Bob Bornstein observed a Hispanic mother with three children trying to get a library card at the Bonita Springs library. Unfortunately, without proof of Lee County residence, she was not able to get one. Bob shared his frustration at one of our club meetings and asked if he could look into a solution. His determination led him to a partnership with the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, Literacy Council Gulf Coast, Cafe of Life and the Friends of the Bonita Springs Library where they came up with a program that is scheduled to begin October 1st. Interested readers will now be able to pick up special cards at participating organizations, and use it to get up to three books per month from the Bonita Springs Friends of the Library. The Youth Services District Grant will fund this project.

**Congratulations Bob on a job well done!**



**Wishing all the best to:**

9/15 - Mitchell Hakoum  
9/16 - Kathy Pickard  
9/20 - Angel Cerritos  
9/20 - Robert Grady  
9/28 - Chris Magnus

"On your birthday, take a moment to reflect on the amazing person you are and all the incredible things yet to come."



## Oktoberfest Update

Our fundraiser's success starts with YOU! Every ticket you sell brings us closer to reaching our goal and making a real difference. Let's pull together, spread the word, and sell every ticket ~ because when we succeed, our whole community wins!

Scan the QR code for more information:



**Save the fee: Buy from John V or Joerg**

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# Oktoberfest Update

With about 1 month to go, all our checkpoint milestones are being met, with the exception of one.

- Cash and in-kind donations keep on coming in ... we are now up to \$1,500 and \$2,500 respectively ... with more on the way. We even have some gift cards to be used as prizes.
- Advertisement through different channels also continues to expand. Our event is now included in the calendars of more and more on-line and print media. Grab a copy of September's Spotlight Magazine and look for the 1/4 ad which was donated by them.
- We thank our members who have been sending out emails to their friends, contacts, and communities. That will surely help with the advanced ticket sales as well as attendance.
- Considering where we are, decorations are being order and final plans are being made.
- Requests for volunteers to help out on the day will begin shortly. Remember, WE ALL AGREED to support this big event.

So, you may be wondering which milestone hasn't been met yet. **Pre-event ticket sales.** We are eager to reach our pre-event sales target of 150 tickets ... so far, we have 22! Especially our food truck will need to prepare. If you haven't already done so, please pick up tickets from John V or Joerg M for you to sell, as well as for yourself. We surely are aiming for 100% attendance of our club members and their families.



## Member Spotlight

I chose to highlight Vickie (a multi-generational Floridian) this month because she's actually the person who started our club, although she says it's not an interesting story. Through her husband Paul, Vickie was introduced to many aspects of Rotary and became more and more involved. She attended several events at her husband Paul's club, and when his club sponsored a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, they opened their home to the student for 6 months. Vickie attended several club functions with the exchange student, who was the same age as their daughter. Their daughter also took part in a Rotary Youth Exchange. Vickie and Paul attended the Rotary International Conference in England when Paul was his club's president.

At a time when Rotary first started admitting female members, Paul's club asked Vickie to help start a new club. When it was time to elect the club's first officers, she knew more about Rotary than anyone else, so she was a shoo-in to becoming the first elected president of the Rotary Club of Bonita Naples in 1992. Since then, she's belonged to three clubs and has held every position except Club Secretary. She also served as Area Governor and has served on some District committees. She completed all the RLI courses and was a Group Study Exchange Leader to Sweden. Vickie also enjoyed hosting several children who the club sponsored with the Gift of Life program. She has been honored twice as Rotarian of the Year at the Ybor Club and the Safety Harbor Club, where she also served as president.

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