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The Spoke

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Chartered November 3, 1978



Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am
at the Highland Woods Golf & C. C.

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Last Meeting

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Gary Colecchio** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Nancy Wyckoff** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed us in *The Yankee Doodle Boy*.

Francis Dixon and Gerry Myers received well deserved recognition as Paul Harris Fellows.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visting Rotarians

Al Conners, Aurora, OH
Kjell Hagemark, Norway
Bob Feider, Sheboygan, WI
Dan Barrett, Bloomington, MN
Wilson Wheeler, Ft Myers, South
Bob Andreasen, Clemson, SC
John Iacone, Ft Myers

Guests

Susan O Neil (Guest of Mike Grover)
Mary Feider (Guest of Bob Feider)
Kevin Robbins (Guest of Ray Fabion)
Ugo Assi, (Guest of Roger Brunswick)

Editor's Corner

Rotary Fun Fact... During the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky's 58th benefit auction. you can join a "club" commemorating an item that was bought and sold 72 times during the 1952 auction. Can you guess what this "item" was? Answer next week.

From the Spoke Sports Department—early line—Giants by 7 1/2.

Last Week's Program

Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida...A Community Resource

We heard from Dr. John Iacone, MD, Executive Director (pictured below) of the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The Hospital, which opened its doors in 1994 serves all children in Southwest Florida.



The Hospital is a unique, regional resource. Opening with 67 beds, the hospital now provides 106 with additional resources on the way.

The Hospital distinguishes itself in other ways. For example, the Hospital staffs 50 pediatric sub specialists, a music therapist (only one of two in the entire State of Florida), and 6 child life therapists.

The Hospital has also been designated a regional intensive care unit and cancer care center (the designated Children's Oncology Group Center for Southwest Florida).

Dr. Iacone emphasized the importance philanthropy plays in continuing the Hospital's mission and the attempts made at creating a "home" environment for the children as patients. In other words emphasis is placed on the "gentle touch" aspect of medicine.

A lively question and answered followed Dr. Iacone's excellent presentation.

A Profile in Courage and Inspiration

We were privileged to meet Sue O'Neil (pictured below). She shared a profoundly sad chapter of her life as we learned that her husband died of pancreatic cancer over a year ago. In response and as a tribute to his life, Sue created Luv Your



Hat to honor his memory and save precious lives in the future. Net proceeds from the sale of Sue's hats will be donated to Lustgarten, a private foundation for pancreatic cancer research. Kudos to our esteemed Sergeant at Arms for his leadership in buying a few hats for wear by our members. If you would like more information on this program visit Sue's website at www.luvyourhat.com.

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Let's Welcome Our Youngest Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to Lucia Ross (left) and Caitlyn Masters (right) earning the honor of our Club's Youngest Paul Harris Fellows. Lucia is the 2 year old granddaughter of Nancy Ross and become a Fellow at the age of 6 months. Caitlyn is 16 months old and the granddaughter of Sue Masters. She became a Fellow at 4 months old. Congratulations all—a great, story.



A Rotarian Profile...Francis Dixon



Frances Dixon became a member of the Bonita Springs Rotary Club in 1994. She has served as the club's World Community Service Chair for four years

and as a World Community Service Chair for District 6960. She is a multiple Paul Harris fellow, (having been recognized again this past week) a sustaining member, and a Rotary alumna. She has been awarded the District Rotary Foundation Service Award. She has hosted Rotarians from some 20 clubs to a remote northwest region of Guatemala to oversee Rotary/Adopt-a-Village projects.

A veteran traveler, Frances worked her way around the world from the time she left school. Twenty years ago, her lifelong wanderlust focused on Guatemala during the last decade of that country's civil war. She witnessed the profound suffering of the Mayan Indian people and their desperate attempts to survive in the midst of those 36-years of genocidal warfare.

As a result of her experiences, Frances founded Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala in 1991, an international non-profit organization, dedicated to empowering the indigenous people in their quest for improved education, health, and economic conditions. Since then, she has served as a full time volunteer and has been responsible for initiating and managing over 60 major infrastructure projects for the Mayan people. Many of these projects, which directly support the peace process of post-war Guatemala, have been in partnership with Rotary.