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ROTARY CLUBS IN LEE COUNTY

MONDAY
Fort Myers South / 12 N / Holiday Inn / Bell Tower
TUESDAY
Fort Myers / 12 N / Royal Palm Yacht Club
Estero / 12 N / Elks Club / Coconut Road
WEDNESDAY
Cape Coral / 8:00 AM / La Venezia
Fort Myers Sunrise / 7:30 AM / Hilton Garden Inn
Bonita Springs / 7:30 AM / Highland Woods C.C.
Fort Myers East / 7:00 AM / Verandah CC.
Cape Coral North / 6:30 PM / Palmetto Pines C.C.
THURSDAY
Fort Myers Beach / 7.30 AM / Pink Shell
Lehigh Acres / 7:30 AM / Westminster CC.
North Fort Myers / 8:00 AM / L' Amore Italian Rest.
Bonita Springs / 12 N / Community Cong. Church
FRIDAY
Sanibel-Capiva / 7:30 AM / Dunes Country Club
Cape Coral Gold Cast / 12 N / Power Squadron

ROTARYAK

INVOCATION
MIKE BASISTA

PROGRAM TODAY
Speaker: US Rep. CONNIE MACK
Subject: Foggy Bottom Update
Introduction: John McGee

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK
Speaker: TAMMY HALL
Subject: Lee County Government
Introduction: Tom Orthman

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE
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Since January is **ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH** we thought that we would check into our *awareness*. What better place to start than the R.I. Web site <rotary.org>. Are you aware of it and the fact that it is so vast? From the home page you have multiple choices - let's start with:

- "About Rotary." Here we read what Rotary is, about membership, the main objective of Rotary, a bit about The Rotary Foundation, the R.I. Mission Statement, the Four Avenues of Service, etc.
- "The Rotary Foundation." You can spend the next month here reading about TRF and the programs and services it provides to so many. The educational programs alone are much larger and benefit more people than any others, by far. And PolioPlus! And programs that return a lot of funds and services right back to the Clubs and their communities.
- Click "Shop" on the upper line of choices. Here you'll read, "Make The World Better One Purchase at a Time." It explains the program set up with a number of first class merchants so that Rotarians can make on line purchases at discounted prices with a commission on each purchase going to TRF. Included is Dell Computers, priced at their employees cost. We've made several purchases from a couple of these firms and have found the service to be totally reliable.
- Way over on the far right of the first line of choices on the home page you'll find "Member Access." Click it and a page headed "Rotary Business Online" will come up. To get into it you will have to register. Simply follow instructions. You will need your Rotary ID number, so if you don't have it give us a call and we can give it to you. This is the location that we use to conduct business and exchange information with R.I. that is not available to everyone. If you find that you need something that you can't get to, give us a call.
- Take a look at "Newsroom" to see some of the worldwide activities of Rotary.

OK, enough about the R.I. web site for the time being, but return often. The Club web site is <rotaryfortmyers.org> thanks to David Yates. You'll find quite a bit of information here, including the Yak, and brand new this week you can sign-up for parking at the Red Sox spring games. The District web site is <rotary6960.org>.

Another source of "Rotary Awareness" that we're all familiar with is the *ROTARIAN* magazine. We all get it, or should. Because 'large bodies move slowly' it sometimes takes several months from the time of induction until delivery of the magazine begins. Just be aware that you're a Rotarian - a member of the best organization in the world.

Take Your Choice ~ Just Do It

1. What? Sign-up to participate in our 2006 Boston Red Sox Spring Training Games Parking Project.
2. How? Either on a form available from the business table - they are yellow, or on the Club web site <rotaryfortmyers.org>. Just follow instructions, choose the games and shifts that you will work, make sure that your name is on it and turn it in. Or from the web site - fill in your name, e-mail address and phone number then choose the games that you'll work by clicking the little down arrow on the right side of the "I'm not available tab" and choose the time and shift. After you've selected the games click "submit" and you're all set for fun in the parking lots.
3. Questions? 332-8158.
4. **Just Do It !**

New Member Proposal

If no objection is received within ten days membership will be extended to:

DANIEL PETERSON Retired Former Electronic & Appliance Business
 Classification: Home Appliances Sponsor: Hal Abelson
 Rotarian since mid 60's.

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Smile, and the world smiles with you,
 Sing a song.
 Don't be weary, just be cheery all day long.
 Whenever your trials,
 Your troubles and your cares
 Seem to be more than you can really bear,
 Smile, and the world smiles with you,
 Sing a song !

Important Dates

District Mid Year Meeting: Jan. 18, 2006 / RPYC / Required for all Presidents and Presidents Elect.

Fort Myers High School Day: Jan. 24, 2006 / Regular meeting.

BRS Spring Training Games: March 3 - 30, 2006 / Sign-ups now ready.

R. I. Convention: June 11 - 14, 2006 / Copenhagen, Denmark..

Birthdays ~ Darlene Grossman 11 / John Noland 13 / John Kagan 15 / Larry Bowman 16. All Baby Boomers - Total age = \$230.

Make-ups ~ Highlands, NC - Bill Newman. Lehigh Acres - Bill Opp. Fort Myers Beach - Robert Garland. North Fort Myers - Hal Abelson, Wayne Daltry. Fort Myers South - Samira Beckwith, Dave Springer.