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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-Captiva / 7:30 AM / Dunes Country Club  
Cape Coral Gold Cast / 12 N / Power Squadron

# ROTARYAK

**INVOCATION**  
**ANNE ROSS**

**PROGRAM**  
**Breakfast County Commissioners**  
**TAMMY**

**Subject: Lee County Government**  
**Introduction: Tom Ortlman**

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK**  
**Next week we celebrate**  
**FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL DAY**

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### January 2006 ROTARIAN Magazine Review

The theme of the December 2005 Rotarian was - not the Holidays. The major section of "In focus" was the Family - the Rotarian members whose families work together, in businesses, while observing the Rotary principles. Three separate stories are told, after articles providing advice on family run and operated businesses.

The Holiday season did not detract from Rotary International's commitment to disaster relief and the problems of endemic poverty. From earthquake victims in South Asia, to the poverty of Nicaragua, to our own Gulf Coast, Rotary's role in providing assistance and solace are chronicled.

The monthly columns focused on pension advice, and a description of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to restore some business accountability to its shareholders. More insights on the next venue of Rotary International's Convention is provided-Malmo-Copenhagen. Field Reports from different clubs are provided - including the trek to the North Pole (with help from Russia, with love) for the English club of Sutton-On-Ashfield.

Finally, a description of Rotary International's membership growth is provided for the last 10 years is provided. There has been membership growth - but not in North America. Europe / Africa and Asia have provided virtually all the membership growth, making up declines for North America, Latin America, and South Pacific. The British Isles (apologies to Ireland for the term) has reversed its decline but not recovered to 1995 levels. Less than 1/3 of Rotary's membership is from the United States (387,331 in 2005, down from 402,774 in 1995), world wide membership up 11,000 during the same period. It is Rotary International!

Wayne Daltry  
Chm. Magazine Committee

### Information Committee Meeting

When: Monday, January 23, 2006 - 6 PM.

Where: Florida Gulf Bank - 9101 College Pointe Center.

Who: The committee and the following proposed new members and their sponsors; DAVID SHAW / Len Darsey, NORMA EVELAND and NATHAN SHEPPARD / Tara Howe, DANIEL PETERSON / Hal Abelson.

### Jane Lowman

The Club Extends Sincere Sympathy To  
Pat and Jena Mann, Family and Friends  
On The Death Of Jenna's Mother

### WELCOME SNOW BIRDS

(Or: Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow)

Oh, the weather outside's delightful,  
And the traffic's getting frightful,  
But as long as it's way up there,  
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

So our snow birds will stop their chilling,  
Bring their talents and service willing,  
Leave the cold Rotary Clubs up there,  
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

*When they finally arrive down here,  
We give out with a great big cheer,  
All look forward to Rotary,  
In the City of Palms by the Sea.*

So-ooo --

The Weather outside's delightful,  
And the traffic's getting frightful,  
But as long as it's way up there,  
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

### Important Dates

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

**Information Committee Meeting:** January 23, 2006.

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

**BRS Spring Training Games:** March 3 - 30, 2006.**R. I. Convention:** June 11 - 14, 2006 / Copenhagen, Denmark..

**Don't complain about growing old,  
many people do not have that privilege.**

**Birthdays** ~ Victoria Stephan 17 / Lin Mann 19 / Marty Redovan 21 /  
John Reingardt 21 / Paul Herring 23. \$301.00  
And, Betty Farquhar, our piano player has her 91st birthday this week.

**Make-ups** ~ North Fort Myers - Wayne Daltry. Fort Myers South - Bill Valenti, Darlene Grossman, Gary Hampton 2, Samira Beckwith. Board Meeting - Gary Bryant. eClub One - Dan Adams.