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**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**
Frank Mann
State of the County

TO THINK UPON:

"Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."

~ **Vince Lombardi**

This Week's Program:
THE STATE OF THE STATE
WITH LT GOV. JEFF KOTTKAMP

Jeffrey D. Kottkamp took the oath of office as Florida's 17th Lieutenant Governor on January 2, 2007. As Lt. Governor, he serves as Chairman of the Board of Space Florida, Chairman of Florida's Children's and Youth Cabinet and oversees the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, among many other duties.



Kottkamp was born on November 12, 1960, in Martinsville, Indiana. He moved to Cape Coral in Southwest Florida in 1977. Kottkamp graduated from North Fort Myers High School in 1979. At Edison College he received an Associate of Arts degree in 1982. He then attended Florida State University, receiving his B.S. in Political Science from FSU in 1984. In 2007. He attended the University of Florida College of Law and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1987.

After serving two stints as a judicial law clerk, Kottkamp returned home to Southwest Florida to practice law. Lt. Governor Kottkamp first ran for public office in 2000, when he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. He was subsequently re-elected in 2002 and 2004. During his service as a member of the House of Representatives, Lt. Governor Kottkamp received many honors and awards including the Florida Catholic Conference "Defender of Life" award, the "Faith and Family" Award from the Christian Coalition of Florida and the Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers "Outstanding Representative Award,".

Lt. Governor Kottkamp's wife Cyndie is a fourth generation Floridian. Kottkamp and his wife were married in 1995. They have one son, Jeffrey.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB	25th	Spring Training Parking Begins	@ Red Sox Stadium <i>Sign-Up Sheets will be available soon</i>
	28th	Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest	@ Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club <i>Volunteers needed</i>
	28th	District Training	@ Port Charlotte Cultural Arts Center
APR	5th	Rotary Club Italian Festival	@ Downtown Fort Myers <i>Contact Natalie VanHorn to volunteer</i>
	18th	District Assembly	@ Port Charlotte Cultural Arts Center

Happy Birthday

*Allen Katzman 5th
Nick Thompson 7th
Charlotte Rafferty 8th*



MEETING MAKE-UPS

*Laura Hamel-Jones 2 @ eClub
Jeff Mudgett @ Board Mtg.
Dharmesh Patel @ Sun City Center – 100%
John McGee @ Board Mtg. – 100%
T. Wayne Miller @ Sunrise – 100%
Pat Mann @ SFM – 100%
Samira Beckwith @ SFM*

Keep those make-ups coming!

OH BOY!! IT'S TIME TO PARK CARS !

By Bob Beville & Mark Stichter

The Boston Red Sox begin their return to the World Series with the first pitch of Spring training 2009 in less than four weeks. As you all know our club is contracted to handle all the parking duties at City Of Palms park and are paid handsomely for that opportunity. It is our biggest fundraiser and probably one of the best times you can have as a Rotarian.

Today on the table are sign up sheets. If each Rotarian can sign up for a minimum of 4 "shifts" we can cover all the games.

The attire is casual... khaki shorts or pants and a Boston Red Sox polo and cap. We will be getting shirts and caps for those that don't have them.

Believe it or not for 1pm start day games we need to be at the park at 8:45am as fans arrive early to watch batting practice and get autographs. There are two parking lots we cover, the west or **Rusty Robson Field** and the east lot. From start to finish it takes about 22 Rotarians per game to adequately staff the fields. **Wally Faber** is there every morning at 7:30a and he supplies all the drinks for us gratis.

Can't wait to see you, and thanks for helping!

ITALIAN FEST NEEDS YOU

By Gary Bryant

With our main fundraising project, the "Rotary Club of Ft Myers Italian Fest", on Sunday 5 April 09, rapidly approaching we have had a change in leadership at the top of our event committee. Our hard working Chairperson, Shelly Lund, has just been promoted to become the General Manager of Naples Florida Weekly, and we congratulate her on that accomplishment. However, with her now having to spend most of her time in Naples, she will not be able to continue as our event chairperson.

We are very fortunate to have a great Rotarian and an extremely capable young leader in the person of Natalie Van Horn to graciously volunteer to step up and take charge of this very important project. She will be assisted by another great leader and new Rotarian Angelia Schivinski who will serve as her First Vice Deputy Co-Chairperson.

GOLF TOURNEY RETURNS

By Chris Tritt

The infamous Downtown Rotary Golf Tournament will be back again this year, better than ever.

We have procured The Forest Country Club for our event on **June 6, 2009**. More details to follow and they will be announced at upcoming meetings and here (the YAK!) and online (www.RotaryFortMyers.org).

BLOODMOBILE COMING TO THE YACHT CLUB

The Royal Palm Yacht Club has their annual Blood Drive on February 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm, so there is plenty of time before the meeting to stop in and donate.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I grew up in a small village, the same village where my family had lived for many generations. I lived close to many members of my extended family, and our family traditions were very strong. In those days, few Koreans ever traveled abroad, and there was very little Western influence. My home, my language, and my culture were all I knew.

When I was in my 20s, I made a decision that would shape the rest of my life. With my father's encouragement, I traveled to the United States to work and to study. I chose San Francisco as my destination and spent nearly two years there, taking classes and learning English. I made my way working at several entry-level jobs.

It is difficult even today to describe what an impact that experience had on me. Everything, and everyone, was different. I was used to seeing only Korean faces; in San Francisco, I saw people from all over the world. I worked hard on my English and in my job. I learned what it was like to be the person who did not understand, who cleaned up after others, who took orders but never gave them. I learned how large the world outside my village really was. And those experiences sent me back to Korea changed.

When I returned to join my father's business in Seoul, I knew what it was like to be a worker at the bottom of an organizational hierarchy – and that affected how I treated my employees. I knew what it was like to do physical labor all day – and that gave me increased respect for those who worked in every kind of job. Perhaps most important, I knew how much of the world lay beyond my own experience. I knew that there were so many different countries and cultures, so many different people in the world. I knew that as much as we are all different, we are all essentially the same. And I knew that everyone, everywhere, sometimes needs help from others.

In Rotary, February is World Understanding Month – a time to focus on the importance of goodwill and understanding for peace. It is a time for all of us to pause and consider how we are pursuing Rotary's fourth Avenue of Service – International Service – because it is our international service, and our international fellowship, that will do the most to help us all build a more peaceful tomorrow.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International



Club Business

DUES ARE DUE

Semi-annual Dues statements are out and now due and payable. A new program for handling make-ups on the statement has been implemented. If you have any questions about this or anything else that appears on your invoice, don't hesitate to ask Treasurer **John McGee**, or contact Cherry at the Rotary Office.

**DOING YOUR PART TO
"MAKE DREAMS REAL"**
**Resolve to Sponsor a
NEW MEMBER
THIS YEAR**

*Thank You from your Club's
Membership Committee*

SMILE AND THE WORLD SMILES WITH YOU

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.

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ROTARY CLUBS IN LEE COUNTY

MONDAY

- Fort Myers South / 12:00PM /
Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower

TUESDAY

- Fort Myers / 12:00PM / Royal Palm Yacht Club
- Estero / 12:00PM / Elks Club on Coconut Road

WEDNESDAY

- Fort Myers East / 7:30AM / Verandah C.C.

- Fort Myers Sunrise / 7:30AM /

Hilton Garden Inn

- Bonita Springs / 7:30AM /

Spring Run Clubhouse

- Cape Coral / 8:00AM / La Venezia

- Cape Coral N. / 6:30PM / Cosmopolitan Grill

THURSDAY

- Lehigh Acres / 7:30AM / Westminster C.C.

- North Fort Myers / 8:00AM / Del Tura C.C.

- Bonita Springs / 12:00PM / Spanish Wells C.C.

FRIDAY

- Sanibel-Captiva / 7:30AM / Beachview

- Cape Coral Gold Coast / 12:00PM /

Gulf Coast Village

MISSED IT? MAKE IT UP!

LINKS TO ONLINE MAKE-UPS

www.RotaryFortMyers.org

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