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**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**
*White Badge
Transition Talks*

TO THINK UPON:
“If you as parents cut corners, your children will too. If you lie, they will too. If you spend all your money on yourselves and tithed no portion of it for charities, colleges, churches, synagogues, and civic causes, your children won't either. And if parents snicker at racial and gender jokes, another generation will pass on the poison adults still have not had the courage to snuff out.”
~ Marian Wright Edelman

This Week's Program:
THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
Presented by Diane Connell

By Shirley Furry

Since 1981, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC) has advocated for a healthy, safe community for children through a multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse and neglect. Their mission is to assess and treat kids believed to have been physically or sexually abused, or “at-risk” of such abuse, and to provide a safe place for them to come and be heard.



CAC provides abuse determination services, as well as therapeutic counseling, parenting education, and prevention and offender programs to the residents of Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry Counties. It is accredited by the National Children's Alliance, and is one of the largest children's advocacy centers in the State of Florida.

In the last two years, the demand for services has grown 40%. In 2008, Children's Advocacy Center served 3,662 unduplicated clients. This increase prompted the decision to launch a capital campaign to purchase and renovate a larger facility. The new location will remain centrally located in Fort Myers, easily accessible via public transportation.

Diane Connell, the Development Director for CAC, will provide us with more information about this very important agency.

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS:

APRIL	05	CLUB ITALIAN FEST	Downtown Fort Myers— <i>Volunteers Needed!</i>
	18	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	Port Charlotte Cultural Center
MAY	7-9	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	Naples Beach Hotel
JUNE	06	CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT	The Forest Country Club

Happy Birthday

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8th



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Mark Stichter @ Board Mtg.- 100%
Wayne Miller @ Sunrise - 100%
Bill deDeugd @ Board Mtg.
Patricia Bell @ Board Mtg. - 100%
John McGee 2) @ Board mtgs. - 100%
Pat Mann @ SFM - 100%
Bobbie Duggins @) @ eClub
Dianne Anderson @ eClub
Samira Beckwith @ SFM

Keep those make-ups coming!

SW FLORIDA WINE FEST REPORTS \$500k FOR CHARITY

The Southwest Florida Wine and Food Fest auction Saturday (28 FEB) at Miromar Lakes in Estero raised over \$500,000; with over \$700,000 coming from the two-day event. Proceeds go to benefit the Children's Hospital of SW Florida and Edison State College - Pediatric Nursing Program. Our club volunteering to assist in the Wine Fest brought a donation of \$10,000 to our club. Event photos (right) compliments News-Press.



IF YOU MISSED LAST WEEK:

Noted naturalist Rae Ann Wessell speaking on the Caloosahatchee and the proposed U.S. Sugar Purchase.



SPRING TRAINING 2009

Last week we started our 17th year handling the parking duties for the Boston Red Sox. We all get to the ball park about four hours before game time and direct fans into spaces on two grass fields adjacent to City of Palms Park. We meet at the gate at the corner of Edison Avenue and Grand Avenue, in the parking lot to the west of City of Palms Park. This is "**Rusty Robson**

Field," named for the Iron Horse of parking and a member of our club for over 50 years.

A couple of benefits are yours for helping. First, you get to spend a few hours in beautiful weather with some great Rotarians. Second, you can attend the game after your shift and see a major league baseball game in a fantastic setting. Additionally, you can count this as a "make-up" for a missed meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

At the International Assembly in January, we were privileged to host a special guest from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Microsoft founder Bill Gates Jr., who had come to speak to the incoming Rotary officers on the Gates Foundation's involvement in PolioPlus. A few moments into his remarks, the room erupted in cheers at the announcement that Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge had become Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge: The Gates Foundation would commit an additional \$250 million of funding, over and above its initial \$100 million contribution, and Rotary would agree to raise an additional \$100 million match by 30 June 2012.



This is a tremendous vote of confidence in our work, and its implications are spectacular. When we succeed in meeting this challenge, Rotary and the Gates Foundation will have brought an additional \$555 million of new funding to the polio eradication effort, at the time when it is most needed. Only four countries are still polio endemic, but those four present the greatest practical and epidemiological challenges. We are close to the final hurdle of this race – but the final hurdle is also the highest and will require the greatest effort from us all.

This money will be used for operational support, surveillance, and social mobilization – vital aspects for the success of the campaign. In order to make the world polio-free, we must be vigilant for signs of new cases, we must coordinate well-planned and well-executed immunization days, and we must keep all our efforts organized for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. The hiring of town criers, the purchase of megaphones, the transportation of lab samples and vaccines, the mapping of villages to be sure not one child is missed – all of these needs are being met with the support of this challenge grant.

We are already close to halfway to raising our first \$100 million; in the three years ahead, we must, and will, raise a full \$200 million. We ask every Rotary club to carry out at least one fundraising event for polio eradication in each of these three years, and we especially ask newer Rotarians, and newer clubs, to be a strong part of this effort. We are so close to eradicating polio. We are so close to making this Rotary dream real. We should all be part of this incredible effort and this page in Rotary history.

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





IT'S A SMALL WORLD

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears
 It's a world of hopes, and a world of fears
 There's so much that we share that it's time we're aware
 It's a small world after all!

It's a small world after all!
It's a small world after all!
It's a small world after all!
It's a small, small world!

There is just one moon and one golden sun
 And a smile means friendship to everyone
 Though the mountains divide and the oceans are wide
 It's a small world after all!

It's a small world after all!
It's a small world after all!
It's a small world after all!
It's a small, small world!

**DOING YOUR PART TO
 "MAKE DREAMS REAL"
 Sponsor a New Member
 GROW THE CLUB'S
 ABILITY TO DO & GIVE**

*Thank You from your Club's
 Membership Committee*

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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

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