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NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
*"How Great People
Think" ~ Bob Skura*

TO THINK UPON:

Oh Beautiful for smoggy skies,
insecticided grain,
For strip-mined mountain's majesty
above the asphalt plain.
America, America, man sheds his
waste on thee,
And hides the pines with billboard
signs, from sea to oily sea.

~George Carlin

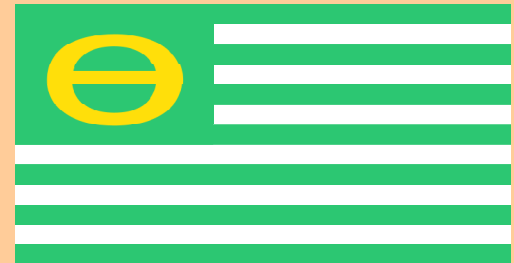
This Week's Program:
EARTH DAY

By Frank Mann & Ft Myers High

Introduction by Len Darcey

Earth Day, celebrated April 22, is a day designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. It is held annually during both spring in the northern hemisphere and autumn in the southern hemisphere. It was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in in 1970 and is celebrated in many countries every year.

Many important laws were passed by the Congress in the wake of the 1970 Earth Day, including the Clean Air Act, wild lands and the ocean, and the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



It is now observed in 175 countries, and coordinated by the non-profit Earth Day Network, according to whom Earth Day is now "the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a half billion people every year." Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day into a day of action which changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.

THE "HAPPY"-EST HOUR OF THE YEAR

By Nathan Gindele

Fellow Rotarians, it is our pleasure to announce the Happy Hour not to miss! As Rotarians, we are all work and no play. Whether it be in our jobs, as servants to our community, or our weekly meetings we are always on the go, go, go! Now is the perfect opportunity to loosen our collars and get to know each other on a social level and have FUN doing it! Hurry while

supplies last (only 35 left) to get your ticket to the Reverse Raffle, formerly confused as the Reverse Auction. Tickets are \$50 each for this not-to-miss event, which will be held at **5:30pm on Wednesday, May 13th** at the **Hotel Indigo** in Downtown Fort Myers! This is not a dress to impress event, it is however, an event not to miss with the potential of a \$5,000 jackpot! One drink and appetizers included in ticket plus your entry into the "green"!

Happy Birthday

Andy Oakes-Lottridge 21st
Deirdre Mann 22nd
Wally Faber 23rd
Norma Eveland 24th
Gerry Wise 26th



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Danny Adams 2) @ eClub – 100%
John Daugherty @ NFM – 100%
Pat Mann @ SFM – 100%
Jim Moore @ SFM
Jeff Mudgett @ Parking
Paul Musler @ Board Mtg. – 100%
Bill Opp 2) @ Parking – 100%
Marty Redovan @ SFM
Angela Schivinski @ Italian Fest Mtg. – 100%
Mary Ward @ C/C Goldcoast
Roger Ward @ C/C Goldcoast 100%

Keep Those Make-Ups Coming!

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLUB BY-LAWS

By John McGowan

Our Club's Bylaws were last amended in December of 2001. The Rotary Manual of Procedures, last published in 2007 and is republished every three years (you can find a copy of this on the Rotary District Website (<http://www.rotary6960.org>) suggests that Clubs should revisit their Bylaws at a three year interval to determine if they are current.

Minor changes have been made with regard to things such as a change in terminology with reference to the Past President vs Vice President. We updated the meeting time from 12:15pm to 12:00pm. Included the use of electronic transmission such as e-mail vs. U.S. Mail and a number of updates in grammar. Additionally we expanded the section on Committees and updated definitions for Leave of Absence, dues payments and so on.

The process is for Club Members to review and if applicable, provide feedback on what they believe to be material changes. A vote will be cast at an upcoming Club

meeting whereby 2/3rd of the then present members in good standing will vote accept or reject the attached Bylaws. If you have questions or comments please direct them to **John McGowan** for disbursement to the Bylaws Committee.

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Board has approved three new proposals for membership. Unless objections are filed within ten days of this publication, membership in the Rotary Club of Fort Myers, Inc. will be extended to the following community leaders:

Don Molloy –
Real Estate/Residential
Sponsored by Laura Hamel-Jones

Shawn Brown –
Computer Software
Sponsored by Bob Smoot

Douglas Molloy –
Attorney
Sponsored by Tom Birch

ROTARY CLUB OFFICE HOURS TO CHANGE FOR TWO WEEKS

Cherry will be out of the office having surgery beginning 4/20, and will likely be out for two weeks in her recovery period. During this time, the Board will do their best to take turns in going to the office to check mail and return phone calls. We will all miss Cherry while she is out, and will provide updates as they become available.

District 6960 Conference: May 7 – 9, 2009

By the District Conference Committee

If you have not attended a District Conference before it is an experience not to be missed. Many Rotarians have “seen the light”, the real truth about the power of Rotary at a District Conference. Many Rotarians return year after year to get inspiration and information.

This year's conference is comprised of two and a half days filled with fun, fellowship and great speakers. You will hear from our Group Study Exchange Teams to and from India. Past District Governor **John T. Capps**, a well known motivational speaker will be featured. Rotary International President's Representative **Wally Brown** and many District members will inspire and inform.

The Conference is intended to celebrate our District Governor, **Margie Cypher's** year on Friday night and then set the stage of our incoming District Governor, **Vince Cautero's** year on Saturday night. All the plenary sessions are free to attend. There are charges for the meals and, of course the hotel, as outlined below. Each of the meals is hosted by selected Clubs in the District. Saturday's lunch will be hosted by our club, and there will be more information on volunteers to assist our coordinator **Gay Thompson** with that task in next weeks YAK!.

Each Club President will bring a table centerpiece for Friday for his/her table and on Saturday each Club President-Elect will bring a table centerpiece for their table, and may be reflective of your club's theme or projects.

This year we will be honoring four special people, who will be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. There will be a drawing for two to be two awarded during dinner on Friday and two at the Saturday night dinner.

If you are a new member to Rotary this year, you are invited to a special cocktail party on Thursday night along with your sponsor. You will have the opportunity to be placed in a drawing for a Paul Harris Fellow recognition in addition to being able to meet many District officers and our keynote speakers.

A House of Friendship will be set-up with Rotary vendors and some Clubs will have displays of their projects.

The Conference committee is also very excited about a project being done on-site at the conference. We are featuring Kids Against Hunger of Southwest Florida (www.kidsagainsthungerofswfl.org). Bring your family to participate in this hands-on project; it could be a defining Rotary moment for you. We will package meals for those less fortunate. Entire families can work together in the packaging. What better way to teach our children about giving back to the world! I hope you will join us on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. for this special project. See how the project is done by clicking on the link above.

The Conference will be held at The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Resort. For reservations call 800-455-1546. Please be sure to tell them you are with The Rotary Conference to receive the special pricing of \$175 per night. <http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com>

The conference agenda can be found on the District calendar at <http://www.rotary6960.org> under District Conference (click on “Rotary District 6960 Conference”). You need to register for the conference separately from the hotel so we will be prepared for the meals and plenary sessions. Please register soon, so that we can complete our preparations.

IN MEMORIAM: NANCY B. RUSSELL

It is with deep regret we inform you of the passing of Steve Russell's mother, Nancy B. Russell. She passed from those who loved her April 6th, 2009.

Please keep Steve and the entire Russell family in your thoughts and prayers.

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN W. SANDERS

It is with deep regret we inform you of the passing of a former member of our club, John Sanders, from injuries sustained in a traffic crash last month. Surrounded by family, he passed away April 16th, 2009

Well-wishers can post their regards on a guestbook at www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnwsanders/guestbook.

Please keep Dr. Sanders' family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

DON'T FORGET RLI

Any Rotarians who are interested in leadership within the club are encouraged to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Training scheduled for 16 MAY. This is the only date currently on the RLI calendar for this area for the rest of the year, so make plans to go!

For more information, visit the district web site.

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

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He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands
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He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got a-you and me brother in His hands
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He's got a-you and me sister in His hands
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**DOING YOUR PART TO
"MAKE DREAMS REAL"**

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EVERY
YEAR

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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
www.RotaryEclub34.org