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NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
*"White Badge
Transition Talks"*

TO THINK UPON:

*"The first thing we must do
if we are to have interna-
tional understanding is to
realize what is prejudice
and what is fact."*

*~ 1936-37 RI President
Will R. Manier Jr. (law),
Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Address to 1937 Rotary Con-
vention- Nice, France*

This Week's Program:
"LIVE FROM IRAQ"

Battalion Commander Steve Hite

Introduction by Gary Bryant

This weeks program should prove to be a unique experience for our Club to say the least. We will attempt to have a live Skype video and audio hook up with Lieutenant Colonel Steve Hite who is currently serving as the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery stationed in Western Wasit Province southeast of Baghdad in Iraq. LTC Hite has been in Command of the 1-77th FA Bn for over a year now and he deployed with his/our battalion to Iraq in December of 2008.

The 1-77th Field Artillery Battalion consisting of over 700 Officers and Men is the Adopted Battalion of the Rotary Club of Ft. Myers, and our Club has provided over \$5000 in support of the health, welfare, and morale of that battalion. LTC Hite will give us a live update on the activities and status of his (and our) Battalion as they serve in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. There will be plenty of time for our questions at the end of this program, so if there is anything you would like to ask please feel free.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

07 MAY	District Conference (7th-9th)
12 MAY	Club Board Meeting
13 MAY	Club Happy-est Hour/Fundraiser
16 MAY	RLI - Rotary Leadership Institute
06 JUN	Rotary Open Golf Tournament

www.rotary6960.org
7:00a at Club Office
5:30p at Hotel Indigo / downtown
www.rlittraining.org
Club Office for more details

Happy Birthday

STEVE CALABRO - 8th



MEETING MAKE-UPS

*Samira Beckwith
Bobbi Duggins @ eClub
John Kimbell @ Lehigh
Jim Moore @ Sanibel-Captiva
T. Wayne Miller 2 @ Sunrise - 100%
Bill Newman 2 @ Highlands, N.C.
Angela Schivinski @ Italian Fest Mtg. - 100%
Vicki Stephan @ Bonita Springs
Natalie Van Horn @ Italian Fest Mtg.*

Keep Those Make-Ups Coming!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING: GSE Team Visits from India



District 6960 Conference: Volunteers Needed Saturday

Our Rotary District (6960), will be holding the annual District Conference May 7 through May 9 at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in Naples, FL. **Our Club is the sponsor for the Saturday noon luncheon, and Gay Thompson, Past President will be presiding.**

Gay will need a small team of volunteers to assist with the luncheon duties. Please contact her if you can be there to assist. You can find more information or register by signing into the District Web site at www.rotary6960.org.

GOLF TOURNEY COMING TO THE FOREST JUNE 6th

The Forest Country Club will once again be the sight of the Downtown Rotary Open Golf Tournament. The event will begin with 7:15am Registration with doughnuts and an 8:00am Shotgun Start.

For Golf, Lunch, and Fellowship the fee is only \$75 per person - Lunch and Fellowship only is \$25.

Available Corporate Sponsorships include:

- 2 - Beverage Sponsors @ \$250 each
- 2 - Lunch Sponsors @ \$250 each
- 1 - Hole-in-One Sponsor @ \$250
- 18 - Hole Sponsors @ \$100 each

The deadline for registration is June 3rd. To register or for more information contact the Rotary Office at 332-8158 or office@rotaryfortmyers.org

NOT YET A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW? HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

President Patricia, at last weeks meeting, again extended the offer to those Members in good standing who do not yet have a PHF that, by writing a check for \$500 to The Rotary Foundation, the Club will use matching points to make up the difference.

For further explanation or to take advantage of this offer, bring your check to either the Club Office or a luncheon meeting and Cherry or any club officer can begin the process.

KIDNAPPED ROTARIAN RELEASED IN NIGERIA

From Rotary Int'l News -

Rotary International is happy and relieved at the safe resolution of the kidnapping incident involving Canadian Rotary club member Julie Mulligan in Kaduna, Nigeria.

We also thank the government agencies in both Canada and Nigeria for their hard work and commitment to achieve a safe end to a very difficult situation.

Our top priority from the beginning has been the safe return of Julie to her family in Drayton Valley, Alberta. Rotarians will continue to provide assistance and support to Julie and her family.

Meanwhile, Rotary leaders in Nigeria and Canada continue to cooperate fully with officials investigating the case.

Julie was in Nigeria leading a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Canada. Group Study Exchange allows non-Rotary members from a variety of professions to travel abroad to interact with their counterparts, gain valuable intercultural experience, and broaden their worldview.

The program is just one way in which Rotary promotes world peace and understanding. Since 1965, more than 13,500 Group Study Exchange teams totaling 65,000 individuals from over 100 countries have participated. Last year, 565 teams traveled abroad.

REVERSE RAFFLE HAPPY HOUR MAY 13th

By Nathan Gindele

Fellow Rotarians, you won't want to miss our social event of the rotary year — the Reverse Raffle Happy Hour. Tickets are \$50 each, and our "happy hour" will be held beginning 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 your ticket price plus your entry into the "green"!

CLUB BUSINESS

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Club Board of Directors will be held 12 MAY at 7:00am. The meeting will be held at the Club offices on West First Street (directly across from the Yacht Club).

Member attendance is always welcome and encouraged, and is a requirement of "white badge" transition.

**DOING YOUR PART TO
"MAKE DREAMS REAL"**

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

The Army Goes Rolling Along

Verse:

**First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.**

Refrain:

**Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong*
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.**

Verse:

**Valley Forge, Custer's ranks,
San Juan Hill and Patton's tanks,
And the Army went rolling along
Minute men, from the start,
Always fighting from the heart,
And the Army keeps rolling along.**

(Refrain)

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misspelled your name, write to editor
David Yates at YAK@RotaryFortMyers.org**

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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