

JULY 14th, 2009

PRESIDING
Pres. Gary Bryant

NATIONAL PLEDGE
Lalai Hamric

INVOCATION
Steve Bowen

FOUR-WAY TEST
Wally Faber

MUSIC
Lalai Hamric

NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
*“ Heart Assoc.
Heart Walk”
Todd Stephenson*

TO THINK UPON:
“Coming together is a be-
ginning. Keeping together is
progress. Working together
is success.”

~ HENRY FORD

This Week's Program:
**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS -
DO YA' FEEL LUCKY?**

Presented by Greg Frith

The severe weather season is upon us! Do you feel lucky? No need for luck when you're prepared. At this week's meeting, Greg Frith, South Club Rotarian and Marketing Manager for Fireservice Disaster Kleenup, will deliver a rockin' and rollin' presentation filled with important tips and tricks for protecting your valuables. Better to attend and learn the lesson the easy way!



SW FLORIDA COLLEGE GRADS GET A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Fort Myers, Fla., (June 30, 2009) –

It's hard to fight a war, but cookies always seem to help. Last fall, students, faculty and staff at Southwest Florida College adopted Red Platoon, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery, serving in Iraq, and inundated the squad with dozens of care packages that included music, movies and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

And then on June 20, during the college's 2009 commencement ceremony, Dr. **Stephen Calabro**, SWFC Executive Vice President, gave a special recognition thanking members of the Allied Health Club, the Criminal Justice

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PRESIDENTS LETTER: July 14th, 2009

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Well, we made it thru the first week of the new President's annual presentation with no casualties. It looks like every one survived O.K. Thank you for letting me share a little about my Rotary International Convention experience. It was a great time and I recommend that every Rotarian go to at least one RI International Convention.

I still have information about the "Shelter Box" program, and the "Fellowship Malt" that can be purchased to support the eradication of polio. I even brought back a brochure about the "Rotarian Singles Fellowship International" program. Rotarians are into everything and you can learn more at www.RSFInternational.org. Of course this program is for "singles only" we don't want any of our members going the way of Steve McNair.

I also have RI Convention 2010 information and brochures if anyone is interested. More about that later.

Thanks to all the Committee Chairpersons who have signed up to serve this year. I really appreciate your help. A special Thank You to **Ted McGee, Mary Ward and Crista Stouffer** for volunteering for the First Responders and Greeting Committee last week. In the near future we'll be finalizing our complete committee rosters and will be assigning every active member to at least one committee. Committee Chairs, if you would please be finalizing who you want to serve on your committee and send me your rosters to me as soon as possible.

ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's go out this week to:

- Ms. **Cynthia Detrick** for two reasons. First, Cynthia and her company do a great job of reproducing and printing our YAK each week. Cynthia uses CopyLady's resources and material and prints and delivers our YAK to us each week at no charge to the Club. That is super "Club Service". Cynthia is also serving as the Chairperson of our Reverse Raffle Fundraiser and she is doing a great job with that project.

- An ATTA-BOY also goes to **David Yates** who does a great job of designing, composing, and laying out our YAK each and every week after week. That work has got to be really time consuming and takes great talent on David's part. David also does all that work completely free and at no charge to the Club. Thank you David for that work.

- ATTA-GIRL to **Natalie Van Horn** who is also going way above the Rotary call of duty as she Chairs our Italian Fest Committee. She is doing a super job of planning and directing our efforts so far, and she will produce a great first year event. Thank you Natalie. We will all pitch in and help when the time comes.

Please don't forget our first Board Meeting of the year coming up on Thursday, July 16 (new day of the week) at 7:00AM at Waterman Broadcasting (new location). All members are invited to attend and new members must attend at least one Board Meeting in order to get your Blue Badge. You might as well come to the first meeting of the year and help us get off to a good start.

We have several other Paul Harris Fellowships to be presented at this week's regular meeting. I'm not going to say who they all are for fear of spoiling a surprise, but I will say congratulations in advance to all those awardees.

We are missing some badges out of our Badge Box. If you have one of those would you please return it. Also if you have not paid your July - December 2009 dues yet those are now due. Please get that payment into the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Please bring a friend or co-worker to Rotary. Being a Rotarian is a great thing and it is our obligation to share it with others. If you know of someone who can help our Club please invite them to join you.

Thanks to all of you for all the support so far. One week down and looking forward to more.

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

16 JUL	Thur	Board Meeting -	7:00am	Waterman Broadcasting Offices
20 JUL	Mon	Social Committee -	5:00pm	Indigo Hotel
21 JUL	Tues	Italian Fest Committee -	5:30pm	Club Office
22 AUG	Sat	Rotary Foundation Committee -		Charlotte Cultural Center
04 OCT	Sun	Italian Fest -		Alliance of the Arts Campus

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Club and the Early Childhood Education Club who pooled resources, held fundraising events and collected donations to purchase materials and supplies to send to the soldiers in Red Platoon.

“Students and staff supported this effort with everything from CD’s and DVD’s, books and magazines, personal care items, cards, letters, emails and of course . . . a steady supply of homemade cookies,” said Dr. Calabro.

Dr. Calabro told the commencement audience that he speaks daily with Platoon Leader, Lt. Brooks Allen via email. Lt. Allen, he said, described how words could not adequately describe the tremendous impact that the Southwest Florida College community has had on the morale of his platoon.

Lt. Allen wrote of Iraq as being a lonely and dangerous place and he said that his men look with great anticipation for the next SWFC care package to arrive. “Knowing they are not forgotten makes all the difference in the world,” said Dr. Calabro, who finished his statement by presenting the graduates with a special message from the soldiers of Red Platoon – a video that played on three screens hanging from the ceiling at the Harborside Event center.

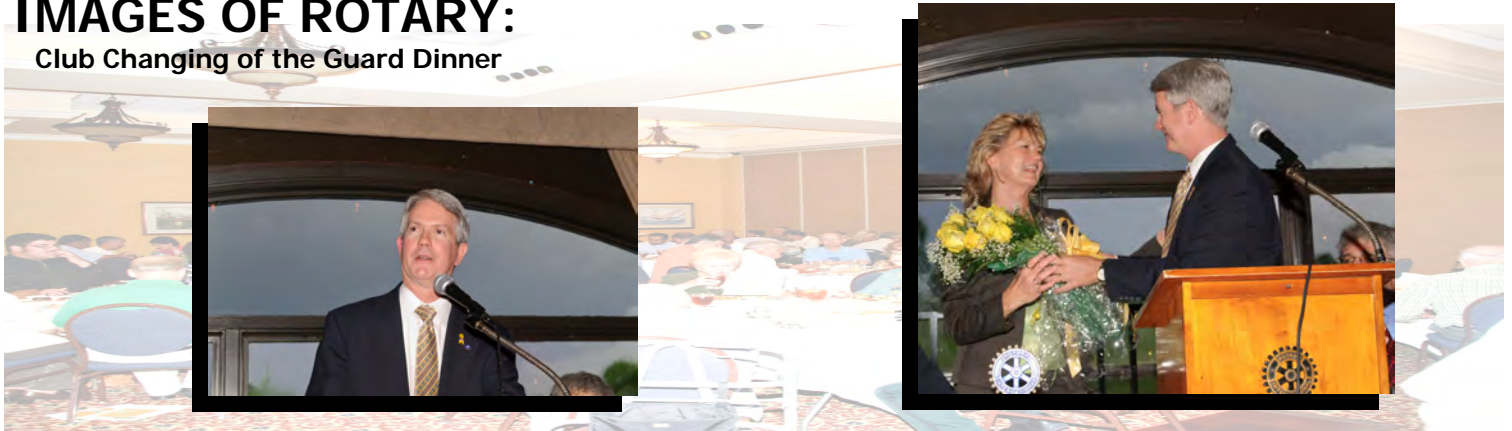
The video showed photos of the men of Red Platoon. Some showed the men dressed in SWFC T-shirts; others showed them in full uniform. The song “Proud to be an American” played in the background and then faded to allow Lt. Allen to speak to the graduates. Lt. Allen said, in his recorded voice message, that he was personally thankful for all the care packages and the “beloved Nintendo Wii” that the club members had sent to them.

The video then ended to display a photo with the men of Red Platoon holding a sheet. On the sheet was written the words: “Congrats Class of 2009 S.W.F.C.”

[The Red Platoon adopted by Southwest Florida College is a member of and part of the Rotary Adopt-a-Battalion Program]

IMAGES OF ROTARY:

Club Changing of the Guard Dinner



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Samira Beckwith 2 @ SFM
John Jack 2) @ Brevard, N.C.
Marty Redovan @ SFM

Keep Those Make-Ups Coming!

Happy Birthday

Robert Forrest & Don Hissam 14th
Skip Rollins 15th
Peter Dys 18th

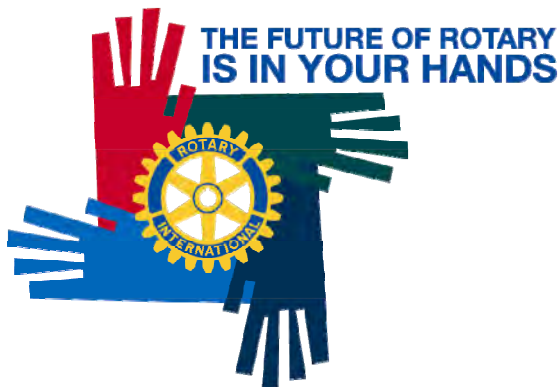


YAK DEADLINE

Due to changes in the printing deadline to get the YAK produced each week for distribution at the meetings, we're moving our deadline for content up from noon on Friday prior to print to THURSDAY at noon for articles, announcements, etc.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS WANT YOU

Have you made your commitment to the club by selecting the committees you'll serve on next year? Now is the time to select your avenues of service and contact the Committee Chairs.



ROTARY WILL GO 'ROUND THE WORLD

Ro-ta-ry will go round and round and round and round the world.

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*And if it should start for the stars,
It sure-ly will go up to Mars.*

Ro-ta-ry will go round and round and round and round the world.

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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

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