



JULY 21st, 2009

PRESIDING
Pres. Gary Bryant

NATIONAL PLEDGE
Louise Senneff

INVOCATION
Tony Kurdsjuk

FOUR-WAY TEST
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MUSIC
Lalai Hamric

NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
"Rotary Attendance"
T Wayne Miller &
Pat Mann

TO THINK UPON:
"We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity."

~ Dr Martin Luther King, Jr

This Week's Program: **HEART WALK** *Presented by Todd Stephenson*

As the signature fund-raising event for the American Heart Association, the Start! Heart Walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in a fun family environment. This year over 1,000,000 walkers will participate in more than 500 events across the country, raising funds to save lives from this country's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, heart disease and stroke.

The Start! Heart Walk's continued success is largely due to the commitment and dedication of individuals, corporations, and organizations across the country. The leaders and employees of our local Start! Heart Walk teams foster passion and determination to save lives by raising funds for heart disease and stroke research and education.

The Start! Walking Path Program gives individuals a place to begin walking in their own cities, in a safe outdoor environment. It also allows the American Heart Association to compile a network of paths to walk across the country. A "Start! Walking Path" has been recently completed at Lakes Regional Park that will encourage our residents and visitors to be physically active and to Start! walking.



YOU WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF OUR ROTARY

By Paul Musler, PDG

In the words of Rotary International President for 2009-2010 John Kenny "OUR FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY" The R.I. theme this year is "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS".

I like President Gary's opinion---leave off the "Y" from your and it's "OUR". As a Rotary Club we have many tasks before us that affect "OUR" future. One of the more pressing is membership development. We began the 2008-2009 year with 190 members and during the year we inducted 22 new members. We ended the year with 184.

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PRESIDENTS LETTER: July 14th, 2009

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Our Board of Directors met for the first time this Rotary year on Thursday, July 16, 2009 and took care of a ton of business right off the bat. One of the main things the Board did was approve our Club Operating Budget for 2009-2010. That budget is attached to this YAK. Please take a look at our budget so that we can all understand how our Club Operating Funds are being spent. Please don't hesitate to talk to one of the Club Officers about YOUR money.

The Board also authorized our Trust Fund Committee to allocate \$7500 during the 1st quarter of this year to organizations that meet our Trust Fund Policy guidelines. The Trust Fund Committee will be meeting soon to evaluate some requests that we already have received. Once the Trust Fund Committee evaluates those requests they will bring recommendations for awards back to our Board for approval. Our full Board serves as the Trustees of our Trust Fund.

The Board also authorized the expenditure of approximately \$4,644 in order to erect the "**Rusty Robson Memorial**" at the City of Palms Park. That money is not budgeted in this year's operating budget, therefore the Board approved taking those dollars from the operating funds left over from last year.

Each member will have received a copy of our proposed revised Club By-Laws. The procedure for revising Club By-Laws is to first have those approved by the Board, which has been done. Then the proposed revision is forwarded to the entire Club for review for at least 10 days. The Members present at our regular scheduled Tuesday meeting on July 28 will then vote to approve or disapprove those proposed By-Laws. If a 2/3rds majority of the Members present on July 28 approve the proposal then the new By-Laws will become effective. We encourage all of you to review those By-Laws in advance, and then attend the meeting on July 28 and vote to approve.

The program on July 28 will be all about attendance and how to do make-ups. That meeting will feature Past President's **T.Wayne Miller** and **Pat Mann** who both have perfect attendance going on now for many years.

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

1. Our Board of Directors for getting a heck of a lot of work done in a short period of time during our first Board meeting. We've got a SUPER DUPER Board this year.
2. To all the Committee Chairs under **David Shaw's** Club Service II, Meetings Management, Avenue of Service. Those folks are doing a lot of good work. They have stepped right in and are doing a great job with our weekly meetings. You would

think they have all been doing it for years instead of weeks. Those Committee Chairs are:

Committee	Name
House	Paul Musler
Greeting	Mary Ward/Crista Stouffer
Friendship Table	Samantha Howes
National Pride	Wayne Daltry
Invocation	John Daugherty
Four-Way Test	Steve Bowen
Music	Lalai Hamric
Programs	Angela Schivinski
Sergeant at Arms	Gene Gallagher
Technology	Paul Kling

3. To **Wally Faber** who has been too busy as our Sunshine Committee Chairperson. We don't want to be busy with deaths and illnesses, but unfortunately he has been. We could not ask for a better Sunshine Committee Chair than Wally. He has been great! Please let us know when our Sunshine Committee services are needed. We can't help you if we don't know, and we want to help if we can without intruding.

4. To **Vicki Stephan** who went out of her way to pick up and transport our visiting guest from France last week. Vicki also spent time with the young man after our meeting helping him find a place to live and get settled in our community. In all Vicki put over 120 miles on her car and spent 4 hours of her time with this service project.

5. Last but not least, ATTA-GIRL to our Program Chairperson **Angela Schivinski** for bringing us the great program we had last week. What a way to get the new year off to a good start. Thanks Angela!

It was great to see some Rotarians with us last week that haven't been coming so often. Particularly good to see some of you "old timers" with us again. We all have a much better time when our attendance is good. Wouldn't it be great if we could have about 150 Rotarians at every meeting.

Congratulations to our recent Paul Harris Fellowship recipients. Being a Paul Harris Fellow is a special thing. Those recipients are:

First time PHF Awards:

Carol Camp	Samantha Howes
Marie Ptaszek	Eva Robson
Louise Senneff	Bob Smoot
Kim Davis	Wayne Gale

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Despite our best efforts we declined in membership.

Each and every one of us needs to evaluate all of the people with whom we come in contact—All of our regular acquaintances as well as new ones. If these people are not members of a Rotary Club, one of the reasons may just be that we haven't invited them. If we would (all of us) keep membership development in mind and begin to look at other people as potential Rotarians we would exceed President Gary's goal of 200 members by June 30, 2010.

There is a great sense of satisfaction in sponsoring someone for membership and a great pride to see that person develop and grow. Won't you be proud, also, when you see the people you sponsor become active and productive Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers needs OUR help. Let's each of us sponsor good, qualified folks for membership.

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

20 JUL	Mon	Social Committee -	5:00pm	Indigo Hotel
21 JUL	Tue	Information Committee -	1:00pm	Club Office
21 JUL	Tue	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

IN MEMORIAM: SARA M. BOWEN

It is with deep regret we inform you of the passing of Steve Bowen's mother, Sara M. Bowen. She passed from those who loved her July 11th, 2009.

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

HELP FOR A STUDENT IN NEED

Can you help a Rotary-endorsed student find a home? Time is of the essence! Antoine Vazquez, a French engineering intern at FGCU, is in need of a place to live August 1 – September 20.

He is looking for an apartment, a home, or a place to share with other students. Antoine is the young man that **Vicki Stephan** brought to our Rotary Club last Tuesday. He is on scholarship from the Rotary Club in Brest, France, and delivered their pennant to us as an extension of friendship and brothers in service.

Please contact Antoine at antoinevazquez@gmail.com or on his cell at 239-565-2083 and mention Vicki Stephan's name.

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Samira Beckwith @ SFM
Joni Logan @ Rotary Club of Key West
Bill Newman 2 @ Highlands, N.C.

Keep Those Make-Ups Coming!

Happy Birthday

Wash Baquero and Mike Basista 21st
Tony Cardinale, John Kimbell,
& Tom Orthman 25th
Roger Ward & Tom Feurig 26th



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PHF plus more than one are:

Skip Camp +4 Bill deDeugd +3
Gary Green +5 Cherry Robson +1
Karen Slee +1 Gay Thompson +8

I would also like to extend a big ATTA-BOY to our "anonymous donors" who donated PHF's in someone else's name. That is true Service Above Self.

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS. LET'S NOT BLOW IT!

Thanks for all your support, hope you all are enjoying Rotary.

Gary



THIS WEEK'S SONG

[To the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"]

Let's go for a Heart Walk
Its so good for you
Let's all find a buddy
Who will Heart Walk too!

Keep your heart so healthy
For your loved ones too
So
Keep your heart real
Real healthy
Walking's good for you!

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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

ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 July 2009 through June 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Jun 10</u>
Income	
101 · Dues from Members	79,875.00
102 · Initiation Fees	4,000.00
104 · Interest	204.00
105 · Prepaid Meals	52,800.00
106 · Cash Meals	10,500.00
107 · Non-budgeted Items	6,000.00
109 · The Rotary Foundation	18,500.00
Total Income	171,879.00
Expense	
201 · R I Dues	13,968.00
202 · District Dues	8,500.00
203 · Office Rent	18,900.00
204 · General Office Expenses	800.00
205 · Stationary & Supplies	500.00
206 · Computer Equipment	1,000.00
207 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00
208 · Insurance (Contents, W/C, Bond)	2,350.00
209 · Postage & Delivery	500.00
210 · Telephone	1,800.00
211 · Utilities	1,000.00
212 · Net Staff Pay	25,200.00
213 · Staff W/H & P/R Taxes	8,100.00
214 · Awards & Gifts	1,100.00
215 · Meals	52,798.00
216 · Meeting Badges	500.00
217 · Membership Committee	300.00
218 · Membership Directory	0.00
219 · Information Committee	300.00
220 · Sunshine & Flowers	180.00
221 · Dinner Meetings	1,000.00
222 · Conventions	4,000.00
223 · Fund Raising Expenses	1,000.00
224 · Group Study Exchange	500.00
225 · Social Committee	1,000.00
226 · S4TL	1,200.00
227 · Adopt-A-School	1,083.00
228 · Interact	1,200.00
229 · District Meetings	800.00
233 · Rotary Foundation	18,500.00
401 · Non Budgeted Items	3,800.00
Total Expense	171,879.00
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>



**BYLAWS
for
ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS, FL INC.**

Dated July __, 2009

**ARTICLE 1
Board of Directors**

Section 1

There shall be an eleven (11) member Board of Directors, hereinafter call the "Board", consisting of the President, the most recent Past President available, who shall be a Director, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Directors-at-Large, who shall be elected as provided. Sergeant-at-Arms will be a non-voting member of the Board and appointed by the incoming President for his/her term. The Board shall be the governing body of the Club.

Section 2

The six (6) Directors shall each serve a term of two (2) years, with three (3) being elected in the odd numbered years and three (3) in the even numbered years. A Director cannot succeed himself/herself if he/she will have just served in that capacity for a full two (2) year term; except that such Member may continue to serve on the Board, if he/she is elected to a Club Officer position.

The term of office for President, Past President, and President-Elect shall be limited to one (1) year, or until their successors take office. There shall be a limit of two (2) consecutive years served by the Secretary or Treasurer.

Section 3

Except for the offices of President, Past President, and President-Elect, for which other provisions are made herein, any vacancy on the Board between elections shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board, for the balance of the term of the vacated office.

**ARTICLE 2
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1

There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of all of the Past Presidents Council in good standing as Club Members, which may be constituted as the "Past Presidents Council" and chaired by a Past President so named by the Past Presidents Council. This Chairman remains in office until his/her successor is named, but he/she shall not serve for more than three (3) years consecutively. For the purpose of serving as the Nominating Committee a quorum of ten (10) Past Presidents of which five (5) must have served as President during the immediately prior ten (10) years is required.

Section 2

A meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be held not prior to October 1st and not later than November 20th of each year, called by the Chairman with not less notice than ten (10) days prior to the date selected for the meeting. In addition to the meeting notice to all Past Presidents, the notice shall be published in the ROTARYAK, e-mail or a medium mutually agreed upon by the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

Except for the office of President, which shall be occupied automatically by the current President-Elect, and the office of Past President, which shall be occupied automatically by the most immediate Past President available, the Nominating Committee shall select one (1) Club



Member, who is in good standing and willing to serve in the designated office, for each of the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer (when due). The selection of these Members to serve in the respective offices shall be announced to the Club at the second meeting in December. The Nominating Committee also shall name two (2) candidates who are in good standing and willing to serve if elected, for each of the three (3) offices of Director. The election of these three (3) Directors is provided for below.

Section 3

Participation by Club Members in the nominating process is encouraged. A petition, signed by not less than five (5) Members in good standing and presented to the Nominating Committee at least five (5) days prior to its meeting, may propose for a specified office, including Directors, a Member's name to be considered as a nominee. While a petition is not binding on the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall have good and sufficient reason for denying such a petition.

Section 4

The Secretary of the Club shall prepare the ballot listing the six (6) nominees for the office of Director and hold the election at the Club's second regular meeting in December of each year, or another such date as is deemed appropriate. Ballots shall be mailed, or e-mailed not later than the following day to Members absent from the election meeting requiring the return of the ballots not later than noon of the next meeting day. The President shall not cast a ballot except to resolve a tie vote in any contest. Responsibility for conducting the election and counting the ballots rests with an election Committee of the President, Past President and Secretary.

Section 5

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, said office shall be filled by the Past President for the balance of the term. In the event of the inability or unwillingness of the said Past President to serve as President, the order of succession to the said vacant office shall be the next available Past President in reverse order of serving as President.

Section 6

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-Elect, either prior to or subsequent to the selected member taking office, the Nominating Committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the vacancy to select another qualified Member to fill the vacancy. With the exception, if the vacancy occurs in the months of September or October, the Nominating Committee, at its option, may wait to fill the vacancy during the approaching annual selection process.

Section 7

The newly elected Officers and Directors take office on the next July 1st of each year.

**ARTICLE 3
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1

President – it shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the club and board and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to the office of the President.

Section 2

President-Elect – it shall be the duty of the President-Elect to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Club and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board. In addition the President-Elect will provide Board oversight to through the Treasurer for the Trust Fund and Club Financials.



Section 3

Past President – it shall be the duty of the Past President to preside at meetings of the Club and Board in the absence of the President and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertains to the office of the Past President.

Section 4

Secretary – it shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records of membership; record the attendance at meetings; sent out notices of meetings of the Club, Board, and Committees; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; make the required reports to Rotary International (“RI”), including the Semi-Annual Reports (“SAR”) of membership, which shall be made to the General Secretary of RI on 1 January and 1 July of each the monthly report of attendance at the Club meetings, which shall be made to the District Governor within fifteen (15) days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit to RI subscriptions to The Rotarian; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

Section 5

Treasurer – it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of funds, both general and trust, accounting for same to the Club annually and at any other time upon demand by the Board, and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Treasurer. Prior to the beginning of the new Rotary year, there shall be an annual review of the Club’s financial standing conducted by the President-Elect and a Committee of his/her choice. Upon retirement from the office, the Treasurer shall turn over to the incoming Treasurer or to the President all funds, books of accounts, or any other Club property.

ARTICLE 4 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND FACILITY

Section 1

The Board, at its option, may appoint an Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary may or may not be a member of the Club, but in no event shall be a member of the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary to perform such duties as prescribed by the President. In general, the Executive Secretary shall assist the Secretary and Treasurer in the conduct of their duties, and perform such other tasks as assigned. The Board shall determine the Executive Secretary’s remuneration and payment method. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the assignment of duties and reimbursement for the Executive Secretary to more than one (1) person.

Section 2

The Board is authorized within available funds to rent or lease and equip office space to house the property of the Club and in which to conduct the Club’s business affairs.

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

Section 1 – ANNUAL MEETING

There shall be held once each year an Annual Meeting of the Club. It shall be the second meeting in December, or at such time as deemed appropriate by the Board. The purpose of such meeting shall be for the annual election of Directors as well as for presenting such other business as should be brought to the attention of the Club. Special meetings of the Club may be called following an affirmative vote of the Board and an announcement made electronically or otherwise.



Section 2 – REGULAR MEETING

The regular weekly meetings of the Club shall be held on Tuesday at 12:00 PM, provided that in an emergency or for good cause, the Board may:

- (a) change the day and/or time of the regular weekly meeting, or
- (b) cancel the regular weekly meeting because it falls on a legal holiday, or for any good cause approved by the Board.

The Board may cancel not more than four (4) regular weekly meetings during the year. Notice of any such changes in or cancellation of the regular weekly meeting shall be made to Members of the Club.

Section 3

One third (1/3) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of the Club.

Section 4

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a date as determined by the Board, each month and at a time prescribed by the current President. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President when necessary, or upon the request of two (2) Members of the Board, due notice being given. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board. These Board meetings will normally be conducted in-person; however, in extenuating circumstances a telephonic conference call meeting may be held.

ARTICLE 6 FEES AND DUES

Section 1

The initiation fee for a new Member (not applicable for re-admissions) shall be determined by the Board and it shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a Member. Initial dues for a new Member shall be at the same rate as the regular dues prorated to date of induction.

The current initiation fee is Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), which may be changed by the Board of Directors if deemed to be necessary.

Section 2

The membership dues shall be determined by the Board, shall be payable annually or semi-annually, or at a period defined by the Board, within thirty (30) days after the due date at the amount as shown on the Member's invoice. Dues paid after thirty (30) days will increase by one and one half percent (1.5%) per month.

Section 3

In the event any Member shall not have paid his dues within the thirty (30) with a maximum of a sixty (60) day grace period succeeding the due date, the Treasurer shall cause such fact to be known to the Board which shall take such action as may be proper under the circumstances.

ARTICLE 7 METHOD OF VOTING

Section 1

The business of this organization shall be transacted by voice vote except for the election of Directors which shall be by ballot, and/or an electronic media as may be deemed appropriate by the then sitting Board.



Section 2

An absentee ballot will be made available to the general membership two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting for election of Directors. These absentee ballots will be available in hard copy at the Friendship Table, as well as being e-mailed. The absentee ballot will be due in the Rotary office no later than the close of business the Monday prior to the Annual Meeting. Absentee ballots may be mailed, e-mailed, hand-delivered or sent via facsimile.

ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

Section 1

Club Committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the Club based on the four Avenues of Services. The President-Elect, President and immediate Past President should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, Committee Members should be appointed to the same Committee for three (3) years to ensure consistency. The President-Elect is responsible for appointing Committee Members to fill vacancies, appointing Committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the Committee. Standing Committees should be appointed as follows:

Membership

This Committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of Members.

Public Relations

This Committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the Club's service projects and activities.

Club Administration

This Committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the Club.

Service Projects

This Committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.

The Rotary Foundation

This Committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Section 2

Additional ad hoc Committees may be appointed as needed.

- (a) The president shall be ex officio a Member of all Committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.
- (b) Each Committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board. Except where special authority is given by the Board, such Committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the Board.



- (c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the Committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the Committee, and shall report to the Board on all Committee activities.

ARTICLE 9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon written application to the Board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, a leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the Club for a specified period of time.

ARTICLE 10 FINANCES

Section 1

All funds of the Club will be deposited in a bank, or banks, as designated by the Board.

Section 2

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year the Finance Committee shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year. After approval by the Board the budget will serve to set the limits of expenditures unless otherwise ordered by the Board. An accounting will be made at the close of each year by the President-Elect and his/her appointed Committee of all financial transactions by the Club during the year.

Section 3

In addition to the President and Treasurer who shall have check signing authority, the Board may designate the Executive Secretary to sign checks. There will be dual signatures on checks in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or greater. The cost of any bonds required shall be paid by the Club, and all authorized signers shall be bonded.

ARTICLE 11 METHOD OF PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER

Section 1

New Member proposals may be made by any active Member of the Club, or by the Membership Development committee. Proposals are to be made on the form provided by the Club and submitted to the Secretary or to the Club Office.

Section 2

The proposal is then sent to the President, who chairs the Membership Committee. This Committee determines if the proposed Member is qualified to be a Rotarian and may investigate his/her character and background. If approved the form returns to the Secretary of the Office. If not approved, the Member who made the proposal (sponsor) is so notified, and the proposal then proceeds to the Board with the Memberships Committee's written recommendation attached.

Section 3

After approval by the Membership Committee the proposal then goes to the Classification Committee. This Committee assigns a classification to the proposed new Member and verifies that the assigned classification has not exceeded the ten percent (10%) limit. The proposal is then returned to the Secretary or to the Office with the Classification Committee's approval. If not approved, the sponsor is consulted to determine if all information is correct and if any further action is warranted.



Section 4

With Membership and Classification Committee approvals, the proposal is then reviewed by the Board at its next meeting. The Board may approve the proposal, ask for more information, or not approve it.

Section 5

Upon Board approval, the sponsoring Member is notified and asked to convey this approval to the proposed new Member and to share the privileges and obligations of Membership. The new Member proposal is then published in the Club bulletin, stating that membership will be extended to him/her if no objection is received within seven (7) days. Objections must be in writing to the Board.

Section 6

If no objection is received, the sponsor is notified and asked to attend an Information Committee meeting with the proposed new Member. Attendance at the Information Committee meeting is mandatory for the proposed new Member. Following attendance at an Information Committee meeting and the receipt of initiation fees and membership dues, the proposed new Member is ready for induction into the Club.

Section 7

If an objection to the proposed new Member has been received, the Board shall approve or not approve the proposed new Member at any regular or special Board meeting.

ARTICLE 12 RESOLUTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

No resolution or motion to commit this Club on any matter shall be considered until it has been approved by the Board. Such resolutions or motions shall be referred without discussion to the Board, which after having given consideration to the matter, shall submit its recommendations to the Club. Having received the recommendations of the Board, the Club may then proceed to take such action as may seem proper to the majority of a quorum at a meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE 13 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings of the Club shall be as prescribed by the President with due regard to an orderly fashion of holding such meetings.

ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS

Section 1

These Bylaws, dated May 5, 2009, become effective immediately upon adoption and supersede the Bylaws adopted on December 11, 2001, and all former Club Bylaws.

Section 2

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting where a quorum is present and where two thirds (2/3) of the Members present cast an affirmative vote for the amendment, provided that the Club membership shall have received a notice of the proposed amendment at least seven (7) days before such meeting. These Bylaws and or any amendments thereto shall



be interpreted so that no conflict exists with the Constitution or Bylaws of RI or with the Rotary Club of Fort Myers, FL Inc., Constitution.

Section 3

The Board of Directors will be responsible for the writing and maintenance of a Policies and Procedures Manual that shall be used to further delineate those practices that are necessary for the day to day operation of the Club. Changes to these Policies and Procedures shall be submitted to the Board in writing and will be voted on by the Board for possible incorporation into the Policies and Procedures Manual.

**ARTICLE 15
PROCEDURE**

Roberts Standard Rules of Order shall govern all matters arising hereunder where not in conflict with specific provisions hereof.

**ARTICLE 16
FORT MYERS ROTARY TRUST FUND**

Section 1

The "Fort Myers Rotary Trust Fund" has been created under a Trust Agreement approved by the Members of the Club and the Board and executed by the Officers on the 15th day of November 1977, and as amended on the 6th day of December 1977. Reference is made to this Trust Agreement contained in the official files of the Trust Fund as it forms the basis of acceptance by the Internal Revenue Service to exempt from taxation contributions to the Trust Fund under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as to define the purpose of the Trust Fund. The Board on an annual basis shall review the Policies and Procedures for the maintenance and disbursement of funds overseen by the Trust Fund.

Section 2

In compliance with the amended Trust Agreement, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers, FL Inc., shall also serve as the Board of Trustees of the Fort Myers Rotary Trust Fund.

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