



SEPTEMBER 8th, 2009

PRESIDING

Past Pres.
Gary Green

NATIONAL PLEDGE

Louise Senneff

INVOCATION

James McCord

FOUR-WAY TEST

Rich Siggs

MUSIC

Lalai Hamric

NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM

"Growth"

~ Jim Moore

TO THINK UPON:

"Amateurs accustomed to emulation made great places. It is the professionals of recent decades that have ruined our cities and our landscapes with their inventions."

~ Andres Duany

This Week's Program: **RIVER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT** *Presented by Don Paight*

With more than twenty years in downtown Fort Myers, Don Paight has taken us from a downtown characterized by a curvy First Street lined with planters and brick accents reminiscent of the Seventies the design was developed in, to today's multi-million dollar downtown Streetscape project with its decorative planters and brick accents.

But more seriously, Don has overseen the Downtown Redevelopment Agency, now known as the Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency (FMRA) that guides the marketing, development, and enhancement of the downtown area anchored on its southern edge by our meeting place and club offices.



Sponsoring events downtown (such as the popular "Art Walk" and "Friday Night Live in the Patio"), the FMRA exposes the jewel of Fort Myers to people from all over the area who come to downtown for the vibrant night life and cultural arts that private industry and cutting-edge non-profits (such as "BDAC"—the Berne Davis Arts Center) are bringing to the historic district.

Today Don will bring us up-to-date on current plans and visions for downtown Fort Myers and the riverfront.

ROTARY SOCIAL HOUR AT BENNETT'S FRESH ROAST THIS THURSDAY

This Thursday evening we'll be taking over Bennett's Fresh Roast Café (2011 Bayside Pkway) in downtown Fort Myers for Rotary Fellowship and networking. Beginning at 5:30pm, they'll be serving up their world-famous coffee and donut products, beer, wine, and light snacks.

Located at the corner of Bayside Parkway and West First Street (across from High Point Place and the entrance to Legacy Harbour Marina), parking is conveniently located next door in a fenced gravel lot. If you haven't been to Bennett's, you are really in for a treat! And the chance to chat and hang' with your Rotary bud's — priceless.

Guests and spouses are of course welcome!



PRESIDENTS LETTER: September 8th, 2009



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Thanks again so very much for all your generous donations to our Adopt-A- Battalion “Operation Good Night’s Sleep” project. We have now raised \$1,500 for this great project. Some wonderful young people will know that we really do care about them when they walk into their barracks when they get back to Schweinfurt, Germany in November. Lieutenant Colonel Steve Hite and his wife Kathy have both asked me to extend their sincere heartfelt “THANKS” for all the support for this project.

Lieutenant Colonel Hite and his staff have also been smart enough to save some of our donations during the past year and they are planning quite a welcome home ceremony for all the Soldiers and their families. The soldiers will all know that our Club is providing that celebration as a way of saying “Welcome Home-Mission Accomplished-Thank You!”

Please don’t forget to update your personal information on the District website not later than 15 September. **Cynthia** and **Dan** from CopyLady will be printing new Club directories after that date. If you need help, please see Cherry or refer to the instructions from last week’s YAK.

Welcome new members **Ed Kominowski** from Edison State College and **Michael Knox** from Florida Weekly. Those two are going to be super new Rotarians. Let’s all welcome them into our Club.

Please don’t forget the Rotary “After Work Happy Hour” at Bennett’s on Thursday night at 5:30. It will be nice to have some good Rotary fellowship time.

Another important date coming up is this Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon, when we will

put the labels into our Dictionaries. Each club will be responsible for boxing and labeling dictionaries for delivery to their schools. We will meet at the Lee County School District on Colonial Blvd and Metro Parkway. We will be passing out a list of the schools and their contacts on that Saturday also. See you at the School District of Lee County Building at 2855 Colonial Blvd. / Fort Myers, FL 33966 (Please pull all the way around the back of the building, by the Seminole Gulf Railroad “Murder Mystery Dinner Train” side of the building and look for the marked door. If you are lost, call **Steve Hawks** on this mobile at 239-826-0099.

ATTA-BOY to our Treasurer, **John McGee** for his support and quick reaction when we needed a check for our Italian Fest on August 31st. By getting a check sent on that day with only a one hour notice, John was able to save our Club over \$1,800. Thank you John for that good work.

If you haven’t already signed up to help with the Italian Fest on October 4th, please get signed up today. Our Committee Chairperson **Natalie Van Horn** has our sign-up sheets, and we need some help. I think this is going to be a great event and lots of fun to be a part of. Please help us out!!! We need you.

Thanks for all the meeting “make-ups.” Please keep that coming. I’m sorry to miss our meeting on September 8th, but I promise I will do my make-up.

Thanks again for all your support! It’s appreciated.

- Gary



PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL TO CONVENE THIS MONTH

By *Steve Pontius*

The next meeting of the Past Presidents Council is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, September 10 at 4:00pm**, at the Waterman Broadcasting. Scheduled to last for approx. an hour, there should be plenty of time for those members of the Council who wish to attend that evenings Rotary Social to make it to the event.

For those few members unable to attend on that date, notes will be circulated after the meeting so that all council members can be kept “in the loop”. If you need directions, please contact me directly.

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

08 SEP	Tues	5:30p	Italian Fest Committee	Rotary Office
10 SEP	Thur	4:00p	Past Presidents Council Meeting	Waterman Broadcasting
10 SEP	Thur	5:30p	Club After-Work Happy Hour	Bennett's Fresh Roast Cafe
12 SEP	Sat	9:00a	Dictionary Labeling Day	School Dist. Admin Center
15 SEP	Tues	5:30p	Italian Fest Committee	Rotary Office
17 SEP	Thur	7:00a	Board of Directors Meeting	Waterman Broadcasting
02 OCT	Fri		Dictionary Day	Various Lee Cty Schools
04 OCT	Sun	11:00a	Club Italian Fest	Alliance of the Arts
15 OCT	Thur		Trust Fund Grant Applications Due	
17 OCT	Sat	7:30a	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)	Port Charlotte Cultural Center

DICTIONARY DAY VOLUNTEERISM—LABELING DAY IS HERE

By Archie Hayward

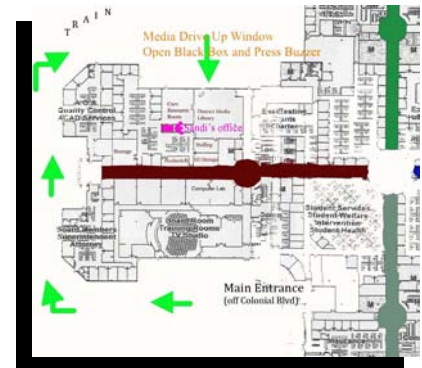
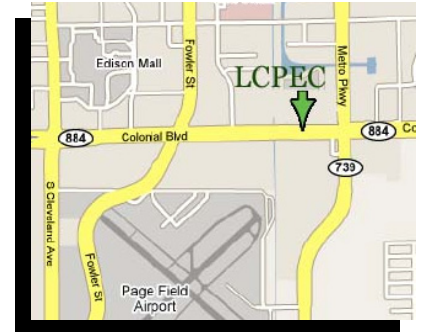
September 12th at 9:00am till Noon we will put the labels into the Dictionaries. Those members who have volunteered, will be responsible for boxing and labeling their Dictionary's for delivery to their Schools. We will meet again at Lee County School District on Colonial Blvd and Metro Parkway. **Patricia Bell** will head up maintaining the list of the schools and their contact person on that Saturday.

We'll be working at the School District of Lee County Building / 2855 Colonial Blvd. / Fort Myers. Please pull all the way around to the back of the building, by the Seminole Gulf Railway "Murder Mystery Dinner Train" side of the building and look for the marked door. If you are lost, call Steve Hawks on his mobile at 239-826-0099.

The target date to distribute dictionaries throughout District 6960 is Friday, October 2nd, 2009.

To the right is a map to the building, directions, and also a map to the specific door. If you arrive late you can press the buzzer (media drive-up window map) and get our attention. **DO NOT COME TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING...WE WON'T BE THERE AND CANNOT HEAR YOU.**

Please feel free to call District Coordinators **Steve Hawks** and **Bill Barrett** at 239-432-1300 with any questions you might have.



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Patricia Bell @ SFM – 100%
John Daugherty @ eClub – 100%
Herb Fried 2 @ eClub
Robert Garland @ SFM – 100%
Tara Howe 2 @ Italian Fest Mtg.
Jamie Kirschner @ Italian Fest Mtg.
Bob Sheehan @ Italian Fest Mtg. – 100%
Gay Thompson @ Italian Fest Mtg.
David Yates @ High Springs Club / Gainesville

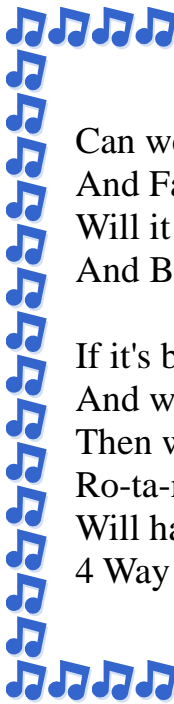
Keep Those Make-Ups Coming!
Please Turn them in Promptly

Happy Birthday

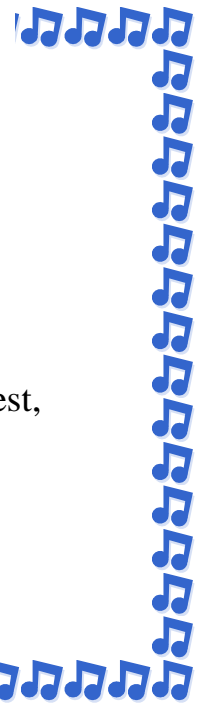
Steve Pontius 9/9;
Don Molloy; Jim Seals; &
Natalie Van Horne 9/11
Douglas Molloy 9/13



IMAGES OF ROTARY



FOUR WAY TEST SONG



Can we say it's the Truth?
 And Fair to all Concerned?
 Will it server to build Good Will?
 And Better Friendships earn?

If it's ben-e-fi-cial, too.
 And we're sure that we've done our best,
 Then we'll know that we in
 Ro-ta-ray
 Will have met the
 4 Way Test



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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

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