



SEPTEMBER 15th, 2009

PRESIDING
Gary Bryant

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FOUR-WAY TEST
Vicki Stephan

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Lalai Hamric

NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
"Lee County Schools"
~ Dr Elinor Scricca
School Board Member

TO THINK UPON:
"Since 9/11, approximately three things have potentially improved airline security: reinforcing the cockpit doors, passengers realizing they have to fight back and—possibly—sky marshals. Everything else—all the security measures that affect privacy—is just security theater and a waste of effort."
~ Bruce Schneier
Security Expert

This Week's Program: **GROWTH** *Presented by Jim Moore*

By Steve Pontius

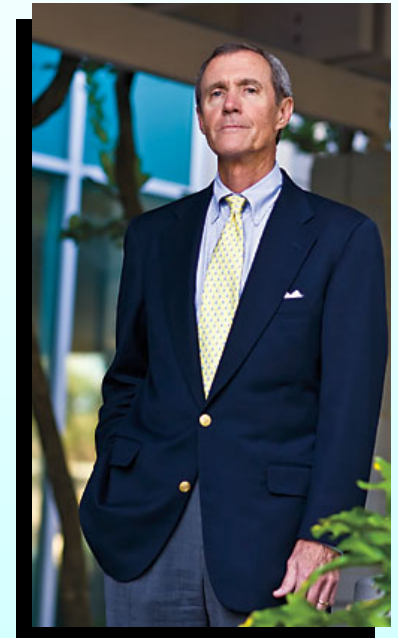
For the past 18 months the Lee County Office of Economic Development has been led by Rotarian **Jim Moore**. Jim and his department are tasked with the mission to bring new businesses, companies...and JOBS to Lee County.

Several years ago, during the boom days, our economy was driven by the construction industry...new home construction was going strong, Lee County always needed to build five or ten new schools every year...what could go wrong?

Now, more than ever, community leaders understand the need to diversify our economic base. Unfortunately, every market in the State of Florida has realized the same thing at the same time. EVERY county wants clean industry. Every county wants a bio-med research center.

So had do we compete for these precious new positions? How do we recruit businesses and high paying jobs to move to Lee County? Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the County Commissioners, who have set aside 25 million dollars that can be used as incentives, Jim and his team have made significant progress.

At this weeks luncheon Jim will bring our club up to date on the efforts of his Agency and how they work hand-in-hand with their public/private partners, The Horizon Council. Jim will be introduced this afternoon by Steve Pontius.



ITALIAN FEST FAST APPROACHING

By Mark Stichter

October 4th is quickly approaching – “So what?” you ask. Well, that date marks the first-ever Italian Fest, an event destined to become our most significant fund-raiser. Your organizing committee has been hard at work and has put together a fantastic group of local restaurants, entertainment, and kids’ activities.

We need lots of help from all our wonderful members to assure the event is a huge success. So come to this weeks meeting with your calendar prepared to sign up for one (or more) areas of need. It will be a great day and full of fun, food, and fellowship! We need help from set-up to tear-down and everything in between.



**PRESIDENTS LETTER:
September 15th, 2009**



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Thank you and ATTA-Boy to Past President **Gary Green** for filling in for me last week while I was gone. I hate to miss Rotary, but I've heard that Gary did a great job. I understand that there is a movement going on to draft him back in to the Club President's position for the rest of this year?? I'm heading up that draft Gary Green Fan Club, so everyone please join me.

Our attendance rate for the month of August was 61%. That is a huge improvement! Maybe we now need to raise the bar to 70%??

ATTA-Boys to **Steve Hawks** and **Bill Barrett** for heading up the Rotary District 6960 Dictionary Day Labeling effort this past Saturday. Good job Steve! Steve has also done some very nice work for our Adopt-A-Battalion Project that he deserves an ATTA-Boy for. An ATTA-Boy for Bob Beville and ATTA-Girl for Gay Thompson for picking up coffee and donuts for everybody in the entire District that was there on Saturday. The Rotary Club of Ft. Myers sure led the way.

ATTA-Girl to Past President **Patricia Bell** for heading up our Club Dictionary Labeling work day on Saturday as well. Everything Patricia does turns out well and we have some very special ATTA-Boy's and ATTA-Girl's for all those who helped us attach labels. Dictionary Day is coming up on October 2, 2009 so please be prepared to help us out with that.

ATTA-Girl's to our Social Committee Chairperson **Sara Owen** and especially to **Kathy Sturgis** for setting up our first Rotary-After Work Happy Hour of this year. Those two did a super job with our event at Bennett's Fresh Roast Cafe this past Thursday and it looked to me like a

great time was had by all. Thank you Sara and Kathy.

A recent survey of all Rotarians who have been in Rotary over 10 years showed that the most common reason (over 80%) that most people stayed in Rotaries was because of the "fellowship" with other Rotarians. We will have a couple more times to develop our acquaintances and to fellowship with Rotarians before the year is out. Thank you to all who came and we look forward to seeing you all at another social event later in the year.

Our First Annual Rotary Club of Ft. Myers Italian Fest is literally only two and one half weeks away. Many of you have signed up to help and that's good stuff. Thank you very much!! We still need some volunteers to help us with the event.

We will have another chance to sign up on September 15th, so please mark your calendar's and please sign up to work. This event could be one of our signature events well into the future and we need the entire Club to really get behind it.

ATTA-Boy to Past President **Steve Pontius** for being a great Chairman of our Past President's Council.

Please continue to help us recruit new members! Our future depends on a steady flow of quality new members into our Club. We need everyone's help in that regard.

Thanks for all your support!! It is noticed and appreciated.

- Gary



IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

15 SEP	Tues	5:30p	Italian Fest Committee	Rotary Office
17 SEP	Thur	7:00a	Board of Directors Meeting	Waterman Broadcasting
22 SEP	Tues	5:30p	Italian Fest Committee	Rotary Office
29 SEP	Tues	5:30p	Italian Fest Committee	Rotary Office
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
15 NOV	Sun		District NFL Football Trip	Bus trip to Miami

ROTARY AFTER-WORK NETWORKING & HAPPY HOUR AT BENNETT'S FRESH ROAST CAFE



Clockwise:
John Noland & Pamela May
Sara Owen & President Gary Bryant
Cherry Robson & Fred Anderson
Connie Martin, David Yates, & Bob Hennigan
Patricia Bell, Drew Padnuk, & Rad Sturgis
Facing Page:
 Various members & guests enjoy the party!



MEETING MAKE-UPS

- Steve Calabro @ eClub
- Nathan Gindele @ NFM
- Bob Himschoot @ SFM – 100%
- John Jack @ Brevard, N.C. – 100%
- James McCord @ City of Palms Mtg. – 100%
- John McGowan @ SFM – 100%
- Jeff Mudgett @ City of Palms Mtg.
- Julie Richards @ Monticello Florida Club
- Louise Senneff @ eClub
- Todd Stephenson @ City of Palms Mtg.
- Gay Thompson @ Italian Fest Mtg.
- Van Horn 2) @ Italian Fest Mtg. 100%

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

Happy Birthday

Bobbie Duggins 9/18
Ken Walter 9/21



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

Registration is Now OPEN for the 17 OCT Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). Go to www.rlittraining.org for more information, to register, and to pay.

Don't lose out...Registration closes Sept. 30, 2009 but classes fill up FAST! RLI is a MUST for Presidents -Elect, Club Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs. EVEN THE NEWEST MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

It is the Rotary Leadership Institute that can help keep you up-to-date with what is happening in our great, vibrant organization.



LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

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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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