



OCTOBER 6th, 2009

PRESIDING  
Gary Bryant

NATIONAL PLEDGE  
Wayne Daltry

INVOCATION  
Bob Sheehan

FOUR-WAY TEST  
Patricia Bell

MUSIC  
Wayne Gale

NEXT WEEKS  
PROGRAM  
"Adopt-a-School"

TO THINK UPON:  
*"Deeds preceded the written word. After service had been rendered in manifold forms, the word "Service" with all its varied meanings and implications, was written in the Rotary plan."  
~ Paul Harris*

**ALSO IN THIS EDITION:**

*Poll Results &  
Dictionary Day Insert*

**NEXT WEEK:**

*Italian Fest '09*

*This Week's Program:*  
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
*Presented by Karen Quanstrom*

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County, Inc. is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to providing housing for those who cannot otherwise afford a decent place to live, with the ultimate goal of eliminating sub-standard housing in Lee County, contributing to family and community stability.



**PREVENT SWINE FLUE**  
**\*\* URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS \*\***  
**H1N1 VACCINATIONS**

Fellow Rotarians, our community has ask us to step up and take on a key leadership role in the largest volunteer effort in the history of SW Florida. We have been asked to provide 50 volunteers at Ft Myers High School each day/evening on three dates, **Monday 19 OCT, Monday 2 NOV, and Thursday 5 NOV.**

Time is of the essence and we must have all of our volunteers signed up no later than **Tuesday 13 OCT.** We have been asked to pull fifty 6 hour shifts from 3:30 to 9:30 each of those three days, and Lee County will not allow us to split those shifts into to 2 or 3 hour divided shifts.

This is an awesome task for us to fulfill. It is brought on by a huge need for community assistance. Our Club needs to provide 150 total volunteer shifts of 6 hours each. Please come to our meetings on 6 OCT and 13 OCT prepared to sign up for one or more of those shifts.

Our "Service Above Self" is needed during this critical time!! It is important that we fill our three shifts and that we meet the demand to serve our fellow citizens. We'll have volunteer forms available at our meetings and in the office for each of us to complete. Please come to our meeting on Tuesday prepared to commit to one or more of our three dates.



## PRESIDENTS LETTER: October 6th, 2009



Fellow Rotarians:

Since we are printing our newsletter on Thursday, we have not yet had our Dictionary Day and our Italian Fest, but I just know as I sit here on Thursday afternoon that those are both going to be great Rotary events. I could list a ton of ATTA-BOY's/GIRL's for both of those events in advance, but I'm going to wait until those are over and then publish some special ATTA's for those two special events. Tuesday is going to be an exciting meeting with those events behind us. Thank you to all of you who participated in those. We are a great rotary Club because of the things we all do!!

We are definitely going to have our meeting on October 20th at the Red Sox Stadium. Please mark that on your calendars. We will meet upstairs in the press box meeting room for lunch and then we will move outside to dedicate **The Rusty Robson Memorial**. Please make sure to join us for that special event.

Please see the special insert on the front cover of this YAK for information concerning our participation in the upcoming Lee County H1N1 vaccination program. Our community really needs our help now. Please come to our meeting prepared to sign up.

Notice that we have an Information Committee Meeting on October 6th. We hope all of our prospective members and sponsors will be there for that special meeting.

Thank you to all those who are doing and turning in attendance make-ups. We are doing good with those. Please keep 'em coming.

ATTA-GIRL to **Lalai** and **Shirley** for all of our good music and singing. We'll miss Lalai while she is gone.

Another ATTA-GIRL to Shirley for helping us sell our Club Directories. Thank you Shirley. We'll have those on sale for the next few weeks for \$10. Again, the proceeds all go to The Rotary Foundation.

ATTA-BOY to **Bob Smoot** and **David Shaw** for so ably helping me with our program last week. Those guys did a super job and I appreciate it. I just wish we had more time to talk about our Club and getting more new members. Please see the attached insert for the results of our "likes and dislikes" survey. You can rest assured that we will be giving lots of attention to how we can make our Club more affordable to belong to during this tough economic time. We understand that finances are hard for some of us and we'll be working on solutions to that issue.

ATTA-BOY to **Roger Ward** and ATTA-GIRL to **Mary Ward** for bringing us another good fund-raising project in January 2010. Roger and Mary will be Co-chairing the "Screaming Orphans" fund-raising event on Friday night, January 29, 2010. Please put that date on your calendar in advance for a wonderful night of fun and entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

We are going to be having a "Thank You - Welcome Home - Mission Accomplished" Rotary banner to sing and send to our Troops that are redeploying back to Germany soon. Please make sure you attend one of the next couple of regular meetings so that you can sign that banner.

ATTA-GIRL to **Lalai Hamric** who has now retired from The Family Health Center after many years of dedicated service to Southwest Florida. Thank you Lalai!! Enjoy your retirement, but please don't retire from our Club.

ATTA-GIRL to **Lydia Black** who also joins **Angela Schivinski** in the September 2009 edition of Gulfshore Business as one of Southwest Florida's most outstanding 40 under 40. It is great to have those dynamic young ladies in our Club.

Thanks for all you are doing! We are having a great time at Rotary.

- Gary



## IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

06 OCT	Tues	11:30a	Information Meeting	Yacht Club
13 OCT	Tues		DEADLINE to sign up as an H1N1 Vaccination Volunteer	
15 OCT	Thur		Trust Fund Grant Applications Due	
15 OCT	Thur	7:00a	Club Board Meeting	Waterman Broadcasting
17 OCT	Sat	7:30a	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)	Port Charlotte Cultural Center
19 OCT	Mon	3:30-9:30p	H1N1 Vaccination — DAY ONE	Fort Myers High School
20 OCT	Tues	12:00 noon	Dedication of Rusty Robson Memorial	Red Sox Stadium
			New Member Induction	<i>During Scheduled Luncheon</i>
02 NOV	Mon	3:30-9:30p	H1N1 Vaccination — DAY TWO	Fort Myers High School
05 NOV	Thur	3:30-9:30p	H1N1 Vaccination — DAY THREE	Fort Myers High School
15 NOV	Sun		District NFL Football Trip	Bus trip to Miami

## INTERACT CLEANS UP AT FORT MYERS BEACH

The Fort Myers High School Interact Club, sponsored by our Rotary Club, gathered almost 100lbs of trash during the recent International Coastal Clean-Up Day. Doing a section of Fort Myers Beach, students showed that they understand “Service Above Self”, and how to have fun doing it! Member **Chase Mayhew** pitched in and picked up with the FMHS crew.



## MEETING MAKE-UPS

- Bill Barrett @ Dictionary Mtg.**
- Patricia Bell @ Italian Fest Mtg. – 100%**
- Ben Few @ FMS**
- Bob Himschoot @ SFM – 100%**
- Ed Kominowski @ FMS**
- Pat Mann @ Sanibel-Captiva – 100%**
- T. Wayne Miller @ Sunrise – 100%**
- Sarah Owen 4) various Clubs & Mtg.**
- Vicki Stephan @ FMS**

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

## Happy Birthday

*Robert Himschoot 6th  
Erik Halgrim 9th  
David Shaw & Chris Tritt 10th*



# HAPPY "ROTARY" ANNIVERSARY

We honor all of our fellow Rotarians who celebrate their anniversary in our club this month

<b>LEE HOWINGTON</b>	<b>30 years</b>
<b>BILL BARRETT</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>ARCHIE HAYWARD</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>JAMES ADAMS</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>JIM PELSTRING</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>KIM DAVIS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DHARMESH PATEL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>JAMES WYATT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SAMANTHA HOWES</b>	<b>1</b>



# HOME ON THE RANGE

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day  
*Home, home on the range  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

How often at night where the heavens are bright  
With the light of the glittering stars  
Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed  
If their glory exceeds that of ours  
*Home, home on the range  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

Then give me a land where the bright diamond sand  
Flows leisurely down to the stream  
Where the graceful white swan goes gliding along  
Like a maid in a heavenly dream  
*Oh I would not trade my old home on the range  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where the seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

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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](http://www.RotaryFortMyers.org)  
[www.RotaryEclub34.org](http://www.RotaryEclub34.org)



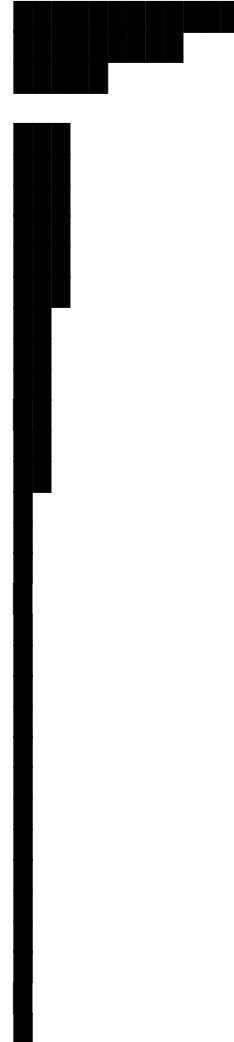
## POLL RESULTS: ROTARY CLUB LIKES & DISLIKES

These are the results of the Poll taken at the 29 SEP 2009 Luncheon Meeting. The black bars indicate the number of times this item was mentioned.

### LIKES

### DISLIKES

Fellowship with friends  
 Service to others  
 Community orientation  
 Personal enhancement/self-esteem  
     through service to others  
 Very effective Board leadership  
 Singing--worth the fun  
 Camaraderie  
 Informational programs  
 Conviviality  
 Steve Bowen 4Way Test show  
 Diversity (respect)  
 Networking  
 Food  
 Location and price of meals  
 Email  
 Absence of cliques  
 Something for everyone  
 Speakers---always interesting  
 Guests  
 Focus on flag, country and 4 Way Test  
 Promptness--begin and end on time  
 Opportunities for meaningful service  
 Support of our troops  
 Fort Myers High School Sponsorship  
 Fundraising  
 Incredible leadership within the group  
 Community reputation  
 Clear vision of the President  
 The 4 Way Test  
 Work ethics  
 Noon Tuesday meeting time  
 Values  
 New pledge introduction



Dues are expensive  
*Do we have to have a meal plan ?*  
*Can we have a scholarship for members ?*  
*Payment plans ?*  
*Options ?*  
 Too much singing  
 The opening pledge, singing, prayer and 4 Way Test  
 take too much time-- reduces time for fellowship  
 Too few people involved  
 Don't encourage Rotarians to do  
 business with Rotarians  
 Not enough time to talk at the meetings  
 Sandwich days  
 The scope and sequence of programs  
 Food is better at Rotary South ( our  
 service and ambiance is better)  
 Don't like President promoting the  
 Alabama team  
 Would like the President to end each meeting  
 with a wise saying or proverb—  
 something to take away  
 Don't end the meetings with handshakes  
 Not enough information on financial  
 Contributions  
 Lack of involvement with international projects  
 ( Engineers without borders, Doctors  
 without borders )  
 Cold food  
 Need more "in-club" speakers  
 Lack of clarity on business development aspects  
 Timing of board meetings  
 Lack of local public relations except Waterman  
 Mandatory Attendance  
 Need help with on-line makeups  
 Members serving as speakers  
 Cramped room when cut in half  
 Don't have a number of smaller service opportunities





## DICTIONARY DAY 2009— The Definition of “Service Above Self”

It's early on Friday morning and the children are all excited that something different is happening to their regular school routine, but confused as to just what all these “old people” in business attire are doing in their school. Their confusion turns to squeals of delight as each third grader in every school of Lee County, Florida is handed a Dictionary of their very own. For many of these children, this is the first real book they've ever owned.

Our club took on the duty of preparing and handing out books to ten local elementary programs as part of the county-wide, multi-club initiative. **Patricia Bell** and Paul Dover even made the long trip to The Island School of Boca Grande to deliver books!

As part of our Adopt-a-Battalion program, a generous donor in the club made possible the sending of dictionary's to the children of our Battalion at their school in Germany.

Our club activities were coordinated by **Archie Hayward**, and the county-wide program was overseen by our own club members **Bill Barrett** and **Steve Hawks**.

Helping every child in Lee County to move a little more smoothly along the path of literacy and life-long learning—truly “Service Above Self”.

