

Celebrating 87 Years of Service

DECEMBER 1st, 2009

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**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**
"State of the Club"

TO THINK UPON:

*The Salvation Army's Response
to Hurricane Katrina?*

"The Salvation Army was there from day-one, ... They were providing shelter before the hurricane hit. They had 290 people at a Salvation Army building in New Orleans when the hurricane hit. Monday they were out of food. Thursday they were out of water. Friday they were finally rescued. The (Salvation Army) officer was injured when they were loading people out onto the helicopter."

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**Board Nominees
Biographies**

This Week's Program: **THE SALVATION ARMY**

Presented by Major Art Penhale and Kris Volpone

The Salvation Army has been in Lee County for over 57 years. Throughout these years, their mission has remained constant: to provide services to people experiencing hunger and homelessness, leading them as they strive towards the goals of attaining affordable housing and stable employment while simultaneously fostering a sense of greater self-determination.



These services include but are not limited to free shelter, food, clothing, medical care, educational classes and varieties of counseling. The Salvation Army is able to provide these services to our neighbors in need only because of the abundant blessing of strong community support.

We will be welcoming Major Art Penhale of the Salvation Army who will give an overview of their operation here in Lee County including their current projects of the holiday season.

SEMI-ANNUAL DUES STATEMENTS

In the next few days you will receive your Rotary Club of Fort Myers invoice for payment of dues for the period January 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2010. Included in the amount to be paid on your invoice, is your Rotary Club, District, and Rotary International dues, and your meals.

Our Board of Directors has also decided to include each Rotarians' contribution of \$50 semi-annually to the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" Annual Programs Fund that is the heart of The Rotary Foundation. Financial support of the Annual Programs Fund from Every Rotarian Every Year is the key to helping suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe water, feeding the hungry, alleviating poverty, and promoting peace.

For ease of payment, accounting, and processing it has become standard practice, and an expectation, that Rotary Clubs include the Every Rotarian - Every Year contribution on the individual Club Members' regular dues invoice. Every Rotarian has a financial obligation to support The Rotary Foundation, but this contribution of \$50 semi-annually is of course voluntary.

Our dues are payable within 30 days of receipt of our invoices. If you would like to discuss alternative payment options please contact our Club President, Treasurer, or Executive Secretary.



PRESIDENTS LETTER: December 1st, 2009



Dear Rotarian:

Thanks to all of you who have been asking about my trip to Germany to welcome our Soldiers home. It was a great trip! It was emotional and I wish you all could have been there with me. It was quite an experience that I will never forget and I'll show you a few photos during our Club Assembly on December 8, 2009.

Speaking of our Club Assembly on December 8th, during that meeting we will be voting on new Board Members for next year, and that is a meeting that you will not want to miss. We will also do a short "State of the Club" update during that meeting and also look ahead to see what is in store for the rest of the Rotary year.

Thank you very much to Past Presidents **Patricia Bell** and **Gary Green** for covering for Bob and I while we were out. A special thanks and ATTA-BOY's go out to President-Elect **Bob Beville** and Secretary **John McGowan** for doing the newsletter and helping David put together the YAK for last week.

A great big ATTA-GIRL to **Sarah Owen**, CEO of Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. who won the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Apex Award which is given yearly to the one woman showing exceptional leadership and service in her occupation and in the community. Sarah does a great job with CCMI, and she is a heck of a woman.

ATTA-BOY to Past President's Council Chairman **Steve Pontius** for putting together the bio sheets for or 6 prospective Board Members. Super job Steve!

ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's to **Mary Ward's** Greeting Committee and **Samantha Howe's** Friendship Table Committee. Those two committees have done a super job recently. Thank you to all the members of those committees for your service to our Club.

We will start a new Community Service program on

December 15th by recognizing and presenting awards to our wonderful "First Responders" from the Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Fort Myers Police Department, and the Fort Myers Fire Department. You won't want to miss those presentations and awards to those community heroes.

Some news from our Lee County United Way: On June 20th, 477 volunteers packaged 163,000 meals for people in need in our community. On December 12, 2009, volunteers will once again assemble at the United Way and participate in another "United Against Hunger" event. Please assemble a team and participate with us on December 12th. Our United Way office does a great job. You can contact them at 433-2000 if you would like to participate.

Welcome aboard to **Karen Miller** who was inducted on November 17th. It is great to have Karen and all of our new members in our Club. Speaking of new members, we need some more! Our next Information Committee Meeting is on December 22nd and we would like to have several more new members for that session. If you have a new member proposal pending please turn those into the office not later than December 8th. We will always need everyone's help in recruiting new members.

Congratulations and ATTA-BOY to **Jim Pelstring** for being designated as a Paul Harris Fellow Plus 5. Great job Jim! Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation really do make a difference. We will be having a program on December 15th to explain to everyone how the TRF program and Paul Harris Fellowships work.

ATTA-BOY to **Roger Ward** for allowing our Rotary Club to take over the parking concession at the Family Health Centers parking lot during the Red Sox games. That additional parking will allow us to generate additional revenue from our parking efforts in the Spring. Thank you Roger!

Another ATTA-BOY to Roger for the continuing good work pulling together the Screaming Orphans Concert on Friday, January 29th. We still need some volunteer committee members to help Roger and **Mary**. Please get signed up to

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IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES:

01 DEC	Tue	1:00p	Rotary Park Special Board Meeting	Rotary Office
03 DEC	Thur	5:00p-7:00p	After-Work Happy Hour Social	"The Edison" @ FMY Country Club
12 DEC	Sat	9:00a	Heart Walk Red Sox Team "8"	Downtown Fort Myers
19 DEC	Thur	10:00a-8:00p	Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army	Downtown Publix/South Pointe Publix
22 DEC	Tue	11:30a-1:00p	Prospective Member Information Meeting	Yacht Club
29 JAN 2010	Fri	-tba-	Screaming Orphans Fundraiser	Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center

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help.

I'd be remiss if I didn't give a great big ATTA-BOY and thank you to **Frank Mann** for his piano playing this past Tuesday. Super job Frank! I also owe an ATTA-BOY and Thank You to Past District Governor **Paul Musler** for so ably handling our new member inductions and our Paul Harris Fellowship presentation. Thank you Paul very much.

Don't forget we have two really fun Community Service projects coming up on Saturday's in December. It is the season for giving and we have golden opportunities to help our fellow citizens with the Heart Walk (with the Red Sox) on December 12, and our annual Salvation Army Bell ringing day on December 19th. Please come to our meetings on Tuesday, prepared to sign up for both of those fun activities.

We have confirmed that our donation of \$1,250 to the Ft. Hood Army Chaplin's Fund has reached its destination and is doing the job we intended it to do.

See you at the next After Work Happy Hour Rotary Fellowship on Thursday, December 3rd at The Edison from 5-7PM. We will have some fun. (Remember free drinks for anybody who can sing the Alabama Fight Song).

Thanks for all the wonderful things you all do. It is a privilege to be in our Club.

— Gary



Rotary Club of Fort Myers Board of Director Elections:

According to our bylaws, on the 2nd Tuesday in December (12/8) the Rotary Club of Fort Myers will hold an election to fill 3 Director who will serve from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012. On December 8th members in attendance at our weekly luncheon will receive a ballot prepared by the Board Secretary.

The 6 nominees will be listed in alphabetical order and each Club member will then cast a ballot for 3 Directors. Absentee members will be emailed a ballot and all absentee ballots received by noon on December 15th will be counted toward this Director election.

The 6 nominees for the 3 Board positions are Dan Adams, Julia East, Bob Hennigan, Steve Russell, Bob Smoot, and Vicki Stephan. Information on each of these nominees has been included in last weeks and this weeks YAK.

Also at our meeting on December 8th we will announce the Officers who the Past Presidents Council elected to the positions of President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer at its October 28, 2009 meeting. These Officers will serve with President Bob Beville for the 2010 – 2011 year.

Please make every effort to be in attendance on December 8, 2009 for this important Club election.

Happy Birthday

Jim Pelstring 4th
Ernie Hatch 7th



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Samira Beckwith @ FMS
Ed Kowinowski @ Bonita Springs
Joni Logan 2) eClub & Sunshine Comm. Mtg. – 100%
T Wayne Miller @ Sunrise – 100%
Crista Stouffer @ eClub
David Yates @ eClub
Michael Zorovich @ eClub – 100%

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!
Please remember to sign in on attendance sheets next to the badge boxes. Often, five or six names are not marked each week.
Not signing not only effects your member statistics. but the entire Club.

HAPPY "ROTARY" ANNIVERSARY

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

Bruce, Robert	43 years
Seals, Jim	25
Lennon, Steve	20
Sehnder, Jon	18
Camp, Skip	16
Bryant, Gary	10
Yates, David	10
Bauman, Andrew	7
Endrizal, Dan	7
McGowan, John	5
Forrest, Robert	3
Gale, Wayne	3



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
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.*

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ROTARY CLUBS IN LEE COUNTY

MONDAY

- Ft Myers South / 12:00PM / *Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower*

TUESDAY

- Ft Myers / 12:00PM / *Royal Palm Yacht Club*
- Estero / 12:00PM / *Elks Club on Coconut Road*

WEDNESDAY

- Ft Myers East / 7:30AM / *3500 Riverhall Pkwy.*
- Ft 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 / 12:00PM / *Haney's Cafe*
- North Ft Myers / 8:00AM / *Pincher's Crab Shack*
- Bonita Springs / 12:00PM / *Spanish Wells C.C.*

FRIDAY

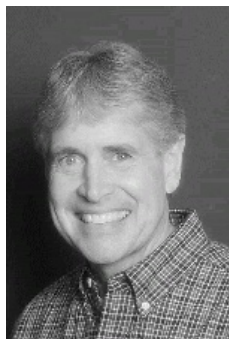
- Sanibel-Captiva / 7:30AM / *Beachview*
- Cape Coral Gold Coast / 12:00PM / *Gulf Coast Village*

MISSED IT? MAKE IT UP!
LINKS TO ONLINE MAKE-UPS
www.RotaryFortMyers.org
www.RotaryEclub34.org

*Please advise the Rotary Office of any changes
to club meeting places, times, etc.*

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS, INC.

On December 8th, 2009, you will have the opportunity and obligation to select three of the following individuals to serve on the Club Board of Directors. They are presented here in alphabetical order.



DAN ADAMS

Dan Adams has lived in Lee County and Southwest Florida since 1951 when his family moved here from Indiana. He and his wife, Kathy, have six children and 5 grandchildren. Professionally, Dan had been a Realtor and developer in Lee County since his graduation from University of Florida in 1963 when he joined his father, George Adams, in the family firm. Real Estate developments over Dan's career have been Park Winsor, Metro Park, Cold Saturday Farms, Fly-in Industrial Park and he was the original developer of the Omni Interstate Park property which ultimately became the Forum under current ownership. Dan is still organizing and handling real estate investments through his company, Adams Real Estate Investments and as a broker/associate with Jeffcott Realty.

Over his 46-year career, Dan has been a past Director of Barnett Bank, past president of the Metropolitan Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, and the Fort Myers Board of Realtors. He served on the boards of the Business Development Corp, Boy Scouts of America, The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Southwest Florida Symphony and the Southwest Community Foundation. Presently he serves on the Boards of Goodwill Industries, the Price Foundation, and Lee FP (part of Lee Memorial System).

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers is Dan Adams' second club. He was a member of Rotary South in the 1970's (and Kathy was a "Rotary Ann"). Dan has been a member of our Club since 2002 and was sponsored by T. Wayne Miller.

JULIA EAST

Julia East is the President/CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, an organization with over \$50 million in assets and more than 300 endowed funds under management. She and her husband, Geoff, have lived in Southwest Florida for about 8 years with their yellow lab Miss Teak and 12-year-old Alexandra joins them during holidays and the summer.

Julia holds a BS in Computer Application Information Systems, a MS in Communications, and a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership. Julia develops curriculum for and teaches leadership, management, and organizational development at the master and doctoral levels. She was a presenter at the 2007 national Community Leadership Association conference, and contributed a chapter to the book *Laws of Communication*. In addition to Rotary, Julia's current community service includes the Royal Palm Yacht Club Board of Directors, Legacy Wealth Group Advisory Board, Florida Philanthropic Network 2010 Summit Committee, and Chair Elect of the Community Foundations of Florida.

Julia's Rotary involvement includes prior service on the Friendship and Italian Fest Committees and current service on the Policies and Procedures, Chaplin, Four-Way Test, and Trust Fund Committees. Like all good Rotarians she has parked cars and participated in Wine Fest!



BOB HENNAGIN

Bob Hennagin has lived in Fort Myers since being named as the rector (senior pastor) at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in January 1998. He has been married to wife Kari for 23 years and has 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. In addition to his 24/7 obligations as rector, Bob also serves the community as the chaplain for the Lee County Sheriff's Office assigned to Special Ops. What most people don't know about Bob is that prior to going to seminary, he was a CPA and banker for 10 years in Detroit and Dallas.

In addition to his volunteer work with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Bob also volunteers in the juvenile justice diversion program. Bob Hennagin has also been recognized for his skills by the church and serves in leadership positions in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, the regional Episcopal church body.

Bob joined the Rotary Club of Fort Myers in 1998 and has been involved in parking every year since...as well as a supporter of nearly every Rotary event/fundraiser since. He is active on the 4-Way Test, Invocation and Trust Fund committees.

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STEVE RUSSELL

Steve Russell has been a resident of Southwest Florida for 33 years and currently serves as the State Attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit (Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry & Glades Counties). Steve received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the College of William & Mary, and his Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law. Steve is the proud father of daughter Kimberly, who is also a graduate of William & Mary.

In 2002 Steve was elected State Attorney and took office in 2003 after Joe D'Alessandro retired. Steve was re-elected in 2006. In his capacity as State Attorney, Steve is directly responsible for a staff of more than 300 employees.

During his 26-year career as an Assistant State Attorney Steve has prosecuted more than 2000 cases, was honored as Florida's Prosecutor of the Year in 1988, served as Lee County Bar President in 1999, and was the lead attorney in the successful grassroots "Stop Turning Out Prisoners" effort to end the early release of state prisoners. Steve holds an annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Softball Tournament to benefit Crime Stoppers of Southwest Florida. Steve also serves on the board of the Quality Life Center.

A Rotarian since 2005, he has thoroughly enjoyed participating in activities such as Dictionary Day, Red Sox Parking, and "greeting" members at our luncheon meetings.



BOB SMOOT

Bob Smoot has lived in Southwest Florida since 2003. Prior to moving here he lived in Ohio, Kentucky, Connecticut, Michigan and Virginia (not to mention his time in the Air Force). Bob has been married for 29 years (this Thanksgiving), has two kids and four grandchildren. He received his Bachelors of Science in Business from Chapman University in Orange, California and an MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California.

Bob is the owner of RoLin Solutions, a business consulting firm that specializes in Strategic Planning, Business Planning and Organizational/Financial aspects of the business. Prior to starting this business in 2007, he had 25 years in managing manufacturing corporations and held Senior Leadership roles, including CFO, Vice President and Director of Operations. Bob's diverse senior management positions have allowed him to experience all aspects of business and provides him with a level of knowledge that is invaluable in today's economic environment.

Bob became a member of our Rotary club in 2008. He is currently the chair of District Grants, vice-chair of Membership Committee and has completed "Level 1" of Rotary Leadership Institute and has served as a guest speaker at other local Rotary Clubs in our area.

VICKI STEPHAN

Vicki Stephan was born in Coral Gables (Miami), Florida, and received a B.A. degree from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia. After marrying her high school tennis buddy, Bruce, they moved to Fort Myers in the late '70's. She and Bruce raised two sons who graduated from Bishop Verot High School. Wade now owns and operates Mainstream Physical Therapy in Fort Myers, and Brad is in his third year of medical school.

For the past 9 years Vicki has been the President of Junior Achievement, Southwest Florida which serves Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. During that time, JA has increased student outreach over 500%. Vicki has also received the Summit Award for outstanding business practices and is proud that her organization has ended every year financially in the black, created alliances across the K-20 system, developed innovative entrepreneurship programs and, promotes partnerships with local and national business leaders. Earlier this year she was recognized as one of Florida Weekly's 2009 "Power Women". Her other interests include dancing, piano and music as well as boating. She and her husband enjoy taking their boat to the Bahamas on a regular basis. Before joining JA, Vicki previously worked as Executive Director for the Ronald McDonald House, Development Director for the Alliance for the Arts, was a free-lance writer, President of the Junior League, and operated her own business in nonprofit management.

Vicki became a member of our Club 5 years ago and has served as Club PR liaison for the Wine Festival and former Chair of the 4 Way Test and White Badge/Blue Badge committees. Today she serves as a member of the Program Committee while Chairs S4TL. Vicki enjoys that her job as President of JA allows her to frequently visit other Clubs in Lee / Collier Counties.

