

*Celebrating 87 Years of Service*

**FEBRUARY 23rd, 2010**

**PRESIDING**  
**Pres. Gary Bryant**

**NATIONAL PLEDGE**  
**Doug Molloy**

**INVOCATION**  
**Jon Zehnder**

**FOUR-WAY TEST**  
**Steve Bowen**

**MUSIC**  
**Lalai Hamric**

**NEXT WEEKS  
PROGRAM**  
*"Real Estate  
Market Watch"*  
*Denny Grimes*

**TO THINK UPON:**

*"When you cure the heart  
in a child, you cure the  
heart in all mankind"*

*~Message of Gift of Life  
International*



## *This Week's Program:* **GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM** **Steve Agius**

Steve has been a Rotarian since 1983, and became involved in the Rotary Gift of Life in District 7260, Suffolk County, New York, in 1989.

He served as Chairman of the board of directors for the Gift of Life, District 7260 until moving to Florida in 1996. Steve is presently a member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon. Steve served as Area 3 Assistant Governor in 2007-2008, and currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Gift of Life of Florida, Chairman of the Wheelchair Foundation Committee for District 6960, and is a Discussion Leader with the Rotary Leadership Institute.



## **BOSS!! DE' CARS! DE' CARS!**

*By Bob Beville*

Fellow Rotarians, we are less than two weeks away from the first game, on March 3rd. Our very first day of parking is a doubleheader so we are going to need big help right from the start.

We have had just 25% of our membership volunteer.... and believe it or not we have 23 friends and visiting Rotarians already helping out this year.

It is no longer a secret, the word has gotten out, we have a lot of fun at the games. We supply the sunscreen, drinks (actually, **Wally** "I park every game" **Faber** does ) and we even feed you after you have finished.

A "shift" is about 3 ½ hours, sometimes less and afterwards you can slip into the ballpark and watch some major league baseball.

At last Tuesday's meeting we learned just how "magic" the Boston Red Sox are and just how coveted a ticket is.

If you haven't "parked" you are in for a treat, you have so much fun and the time passes fast. If you have, you know what I am talking about and you probably have signed up.

It's easy to sign up, **David Yates** has automated the process online, go to [www.RotaryFortMyers.org/](http://www.RotaryFortMyers.org/) and sign up today !



## PRESIDENTS LETTER: February 23rd, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

Let me start this week by bragging on our Board of Directors again. With the exception of our Sergeant At Arms, Past District Governor **Gene Gallagher**, who was out with a knee replacement surgery, we had perfect attendance again at our February Board Meeting. Having perfect attendance at a Board Meeting, which we have accomplished repeatedly this year, is almost unheard of in Rotary. Not only is our Board present for duty, but they also do some great work and they are governing our Club with great leadership.

Please take a look at the Red Sox parking write-up and schedule on the front cover of the YAK. We need help! It's a lot of fun so don't hesitate to sign up early and often.

ATTA-BOY to **Lee Howington** for volunteering to be in charge of the Family Health Center parking lot for every game, and to our other Parking Captains: **Dan Adams, Bill Clementz, Mark Stichter, Patricia Bell, Skip Camp, and Bob Sheehan**. With these captains, along with Parking Chair **Tom Feurig**, there will be no shortage of leadership out on the field.

ATTA-BOY's to some of our great visiting Rotarians **John Siano** and **Ozzie Oswald** who have also signed up to help us park and they are bringing friends and family along as well to help us out. Between John and Ozzie, and friends and family, they have signed up for a total of 19 shifts of parking. Way to go guys, we thank you for joining us. We appreciate visiting Rotarians who help us out! You are all welcome to join us.

Don't forget we'll do our own "Spring Training" warm-up session the Rotary way by eating and drinking and having some good Rotary Fellowship at an old Bar-B-Que on Saturday, February 27. We'll meet at the Red Sox Stadium west lot (Rusty Robson Field) starting at 3:00PM and go on until we get tired of each other. We have asked everyone to kick in \$5.00 per person to help defer the cost. Friends and family, business associates, and prospective members are all

invited. We'll have some horseshoe and bean bag throwing contest and plenty to eat and drink. Please bring a lawn chair or two, and HELP US GET A HEADCOUNT IN ADVANCE BY SIGNING UP WITH **CHERRY** BY CALLING OR SENDING AN EMAIL. Please come out and join us and let's get baseball season started right.

The Red Sox 2nd Annual Spring Training Open House is free to the public. They will have games, autographs, music, ballpark tours, and fun for all ages. That event is Saturday, February 27th, 11AM-4PM at City of Palms Park on the same day as our Bar-B-Que, so come early and visit the Sox and stay for good Rotary fun and fellowship.

Our first Rotaract Club meeting was held on February 18 and it was a total success. ATTA-BOY to **Mark Stichter** and ATTA-GIRL to **Leah McCann** who represented our Club there. The Rotaract Club President is **Hanner Neyra**, and he is a great choice to get the Club going. At our Board Meeting on February 18 our Board approved \$1,000 in start up money to help the Rotaract Club buy pins, a bell, banner, and other things that they need to get started. We are off to a good start, but we'll need to help them along the way.

ATTA-BOY to **Chuck Massie** for sponsoring two new members and to **Angela Schivinski** for sponsoring one as well. We also have one member transferring from another Club so we have four prospective new members in the process. Thank you sponsors for contributing to Rotary's future. Let's keep 'em coming. Our next new member Information Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9 at the Yacht Club.

If you haven't paid your dues for January to June 2010 it is past time. Please get those dues in as soon as possible. We are studying closely if we can reduce dues for 2010-2011, but for now we have all got to pay up for this year. If you need some help with a payment plan please see me and let's talk. I'm sure we can work something out if you need help.

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## IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

27 FEB	Sat	3:00p	Rotary BBQ Picnic	Red Sox Stadium
01 MAR	Mon	All Day	Rotary Camp Work Day	Brandon, FL
03 MAR			<b>RED SOX PARKING STARTS!</b>	
09 MAR	Tue	11:30a	Prospective Member Information Meeting	Yacht Club
04 APR	Sun		Sunrise Service Parking	Red Sox Stadium
10 APR	Sat		District Assembly	Port Charlotte
13-16 MAY			District Conference	St Petersburg

# IMAGES OF ROTARY

Club Photos compliments Paul Kling



## RED SOX SPRING TRAINING HOME SCHEDULE

March 3	1:05PM	Northeastern (ss)
March 3	6:05PM	Boston College (ss)
March 4	7:05PM	Minnesota
March 6	1:05PM	Minnesota (ss)
March 8	1:05PM	St. Louis
March 10	1:05PM	Tampa Bay
March 13	1:05PM	Pittsburgh
March 15	1:05PM	Baltimore
March 17	1:05PM	N.Y. Mets
March 20	1:05PM	Baltimore
March 21	1:05PM	Houston Astros
March 22	1:05PM	Tampa Bay
March 25	1:05PM	Florida
March 26	1:05PM	Toronto
March 28	1:05PM	Minnesota
March 29	7:05PM	Tampa Bay
April 1	1:05PM	Minnesota
April 2	1:05PM	Washington

## Happy Birthday

Perry Roberts 24th

Gary Bryant and James McCord 25th



## MEETING MAKE-UPS

Betsy Allen @ Screaming Orphans – 100%  
 Lydia Black @ FMS  
 Robert Garland @ FMS – 100%  
 Samantha Howes @ eClub  
 David Kennedy @ FMS.  
 John McGowan @ Board Meeting – 100%  
 Charlotte Miller @ eClub  
 Jeff Mudgett 2 @ Trust Fund Mgt. & Board Mtg.

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!**  
 Please remember to sign in on attendance sheets next to the badge boxes. We are getting better, but not signing not only effects your member statistics, but the entire Club.

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**Tony Kurdsjuk and Gene Gallagher** - if you are reading your YAKs while you are recovering from surgery, please know that we are thinking about you and missing you at our meetings. Get well and come back soon!! (We heard you guys were chasing the nurses around the hospital?).

We still need a couple of good members to volunteer to help us with our Membership Recruitment Committee. If you are good at sales please help us out.

ATTA-GIRL to **Samira Beckwith** who, by proclamation of The Lee County Board of County Commissioners, was a finalist for the 2009 Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award, and she was gratefully acknowledged for her service on behalf of the Citizens of Lee County, Florida.

At our February Board Meeting our Board approved grants to the following agencies: Junior Achievement - \$1,000, Special Equestrian - \$2,300, Alliance of the Arts - \$1,500, LARC - \$1,500, and Partners for Breast Cancer - \$2,000. ATTA-BOY's to **Scott White** and **Tom Brown** for doing a super job with our Trust Fund Allocations Committee.

ATTA-BOY to **Archie Hayward, John Daugherty, and Steve Bowen** who all three filled in at our meeting last week with only a moments notice. Thanks guys for being ready to rumble!

Thanks to **Katie Haas**, hopefully a new member soon,

for bringing us a great program last week. We continually have visiting Rotarians comment about how much fun our Club is.

ATTA-BOY to our Treasurer **Scott White** for bringing us current, complete, accurate, and useable monthly financial reports that we can use to make meaningful and informed Club management decisions with. Great work Scott!

Please notice the Rotary Important Events Calendar in your YAK and on the web site. Some important events are coming up down the road a bit and some of you may want to mark your calendars.

Our District has sent 35 Rotary Shelter Boxes to Haiti, and 21 of those were sponsored by our Club. There are good Rotarians from our District 6960 on the ground in Haiti doing all that they can do to help.

ATTA-BOY to **Ed Kominowski** for stepping up to help us with our Rotary International Matching Grants. That is a thankless and time consuming job, but Ed is willing to do it anyway. Thank you Ed!

Thank you **Marty Redovan** for getting our Club and Trust Fund Income Tax Returns filed. We really appreciate that help.

We are doing lots of good stuff, don't hesitate to pat yourselves on the back. Thank you!

— Gary



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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*

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