

Celebrating 87 Years of Service

MARCH 23rd, 2010

PRESIDING

Pres. Gary Bryant

NATIONAL PLEDGE

Doug Molloy

INVOCATION

John Daugherty

FOUR-WAY TEST

Bob Beville

MUSIC

Doug Molloy

**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**

*New Member
Introduction Talks*

TO THINK UPON:

“Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood—the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.”

~ *Theodore Roosevelt*



This Week's Program:
**IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD
OUT THERE**

Colonel Todd Heussner

Our program this week will take us “Around the World in 20 Minutes” as Colonel Todd Heussner, US Army, and a Fort Myers native, gives us a strategic assessment of our vital national interest and trouble spots that may cause us problems in the future.

Colonel Heussner is a veteran of three combat tours of duty in Iraq, and is currently a student at the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Todd will be home on leave and has agreed to join us for this program. He will present us with his insight as to our national challenges and the status of our Army.

If you are interested in national security affairs you won't want to miss this latest update from someone who is definitely in the know.

IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER

We're coming in to the seventh inning, but “the game” isn't over yet! Check out the game schedule and sign up to park cars in our club's largest fundraiser of the year. You can check the schedule, availability, and sign up online at www.RotaryFortMyers.org.

**RED SOX SPRING TRAINING
REMAINING HOME SCHEDULE**

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

SIGN UP TO PARK AT www.RotaryFortMyers.org

DON'T FORGET EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE PARKING ON APRIL 4TH!



PRESIDENTS LETTER: March 23rd, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

We have got so much going on that I really don't know where to start with news this week. There are certainly plenty of opportunities ongoing and coming up for all of us to get make-up credit for missing meetings. There is something for everybody to get involved in and the procedures for getting make up credits were in last week's newsletter. There is no excuse for us not to meet our attendance goals.

Parking is still going great and I wanted to extend some super ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's to **Steve Bowen, Leah McCann, Lee Howington, David Shaw**, and of course to **Wally** for all the extra effort and enthusiasm that you folks put into our major fund-raising project. Thank you folks for the special contribution that you make! It is really good to see so many of our friends and family members, and our Interact and Rotaract students coming out to park this year. I can't ever remember us having so many people who are not members of our Club coming out to help, and it has really added a lot to this year's effort. We need their help and it is greatly appreciated!! Please help me thank all these folks when you see them.

Our Red Sox parking funds are what allow us to support our local community human service organizations, and you folks are sure putting your hearts into this year's project.

ATTA-GIRL to Past President **Patricia Bell** for updating our parking guidelines. Thank you for that extra work! We have a good updated guide book that will serve us into the future.

One of the special projects that we have coming up is a "meals packing" event on Saturday, April 24, from 9-11AM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at The Bell Tower Shops. On that day we will join forces with the Rotary Club of South Fort Myers, our Rotaract Club, and our Ft. Myers High School Interact Club, along with our own **Sarah Owen** and Community Cooperative Ministries. If we all work together we are expecting that we can pack as many as 100,000 meals that morning for hungry school children in our community. Please plan on joining us for this first time one of a kind event. We are asking that everyone who can participate please sign up with the office. In the coming weeks we'll have more information to share and we'll also have sign-up sheets at our weekly meetings. I'm hoping we have a huge turn out for this project.

At our Board Meeting on March 18th, our Board approved the relocation of our office from our present location to our soon to be new location 2101 McGregor Blvd., which is owned by our own **Frank Mann**. ATTA-BOY to Frank for

giving us a more than "Is it Fair to All Concerned" deal on the rental of that property. We really appreciate Frank's help with the real estate search that we have just conducted. A group of us will be going over to get a tour of that property right after our weekly meeting this week. Everyone is invited and more that welcome to join us. ATTA-BOY's to **Jeff Mudgett** and **Bob Beville** for leading our search efforts.

We will begin to relocate our office in the not to distant future. ATTA-BOY to a great Board Member **Bob Sheehan** for volunteering to be Chairman of our Relocation Committee, and also to **Jeff Mudgett** for volunteering to be our "Interior Designer". We'll need some help with our labor pool to make the move and we'll want to put some sweat equity into our new location. (See, there is a reason that we need young guys with strong backs in our Club ☺). Knowing how we do things, I'd bet we'll turn our move into a fun event. More info to follow.

ATTA-BOY to President-Elect **Bob Beville** for volunteering to be the program speaker for our second Rotaract Club Meeting on March 25. Our Rotaract Club meets every other Thursday at 2:00PM at Edison State College and they have asked us to help them by providing the first few "programs." I did their first meeting a couple of weeks ago and Bob is going to do the next one. If you would like to volunteer to help with one of their bi-weekly programs please let **Ed Kominowski** know. You'll enjoy the time that you spend with these great young Americans. We are hoping to have an official activation ceremony for the Edison State College Rotaract Club during the month of April. I'll keep you informed about that and some of us will want to attend that ceremony.

Tuesday, March 30th is a special day at our Club. On that date we will have several new member Blue Badge presentations, an Information Committee Meeting for three new members, and we will also present a check for \$5,000 to the Lee County PACE program. What better day could you have at a Rotary meeting. Our Screaming Orphan event sponsors from Czaic and Gallagher, Prestige Health Choice, and Ft. Myers Toyota will be joining us for the presentation.

We have some good news from **John Jack**. He is at home and doing better and hopes to be back at our weekly meetings soon. Hang in there John and get well soon!

We have received very nice "Thank You" letters from the recent recipients of our Trust Fund grants. Junior Achievement, Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Alliance for the Arts, and Special Equestrians are all very grateful for our support.

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We'll have representatives from all of those wonderful organizations visit our Club real soon.

The next deadline for our 4th Quarter Trust Fund grant application process is April 15th. If you know an organization that would like to submit a grant application please make them aware of that date. Anyone interested can contact Cherry in the office for more information. Under Tom Brown's leadership our Trust Fund Allocations Committee has gotten very good at allocating our hard earned funds.

ATTA-BOY's and GIRL to our Information Committee Chairman **Walter Grace**, and to PDG **Paul Musler**, and **Cherry** for the extra work they are doing this month to make our Information Committee work and perform at a high level. We have had to get a little creative with scheduling our two meetings this month, and with the use of our office instead of the Yacht Club. Walter, Paul, and Cherry have done a great job adjusting to meet the need, and we'll have three more new members to induct soon.

ATTA-BOY and welcome to **Jerry Bernardi** and **Lowell Fisher** who were inducted into our Club this past week. Both Jerry and Lowell are experienced Rotarians who will contribute a lot to our Club. Let's all please make them feel welcome.

We have a special treat coming up this week. **Doug Molloy** is going to lead our singing. You won't want to miss that. ☺

Another ATTA-BOY to **David Yates** and ATTA-GIRL to **Cynthia Detrick** who keep producing and printing our first class YAK news bulletin each and every week. Thank you folks for this great contribution to our Club. What would we do without you.

Congratulations to **Samira Beckwith** for being the over-all winner and the fundraising winner of this year's Dancing With the Stars Gala to raise money for the American Red Cross of Lee County. It doesn't surprise me when Rotarians win things in our community.

We have received a special request from the family of an elderly Ft. Myers resident to provide ongoing help and assistance with yard work and lawn maintenance. If anyone would be interested in helping provide that assistance please let me know or contact Cherry in the office. We have the location and contact information if desired. It is amazing how many ways we can serve our community.

Some of us are falling way behind on our dues payment for January to June. If you haven't had a chance yet to pay your dues for that period please contact one of the Club Officers, or Cherry in the office, and let's see if we can't set up a partial payment plan to help you out a little bit. We'd love to be able to work something out for the benefit of the Club and for our members if we can. We need your support in this area.

Happy Birthday

Alan Miller & Darmesh Patel 23rd

David Yates 27th



ATTA-GIRL to **Gay Thompson** for so ably filling in at the last minute last week and leading our Four-Way Test. Gay is awfully shy, but she came through in a pinch when our President-Elect couldn't find anyone else to do it. (What a team they make!)

If you get a chance, please help us recruit new members. Our membership will be up over 190 soon, but we can always use more quality new members.

Thanks for all the hard work that is going on! I really appreciate all that our Club is doing.

— Gary



MEETING MAKE-UPS

Betsy Allen + 3 @ Parking – 100%
 Samira Beckwith 3) FMS, Sanibel & Parking
 Pat Barnes @ Parking Michael Basista @ Parking
 Andy Bauman @ Parking
 Patricia Bell + Paul @ Parking – 100%
 Bob Beville @ Parking – 100% Steve Bowen @ Parking
 Roger Bradley @ Parking Bob Bruce @ Parking
 Jack Burges 2) @ Parking Skip Camp @ Parking
 Tony Cardinale @ Parking
 David Chandler @ Parking Wayne Daltry @ Parking
 Bill deDeugd @ parking – 100%
 Cynthia Detrick @ Parking Dan Detrick @ Parking
 Jim Dozier @ Parking Julia Easr @ Parking
 Wally Faber @ Parking – 100%
 Tom Feurig @ Parking Ben Few @ Parking
 Tom Flint @ Parking Robert Forrest @ Parking
 Robert Garland @ Parking – 100%
 Earl Gill @ Parking Steve Hawks @ Parking
 Mahlon Houghton @ Parking Gary Hampton @ Parking
 Lee Howington @ Parking Ian Keith @ Parking
 Leah Kirby + Micheal @ Parking Phil Leboutillier @ Parking
 Beth Lobdell @ FMS & Parking
 Joni Logan @ Parking Chuck Massie @ Parking
 Leah McCann @ parking James McCord @ Parking
 Charlotte Miller @ Parking Karen Miller @ Parking
 T. Wayne Miller 2) FMS & FMN – 100%
 John McGowan @ Parking Doug Molloy @ Parking
 Bill Opp @ Sunrise – 100%
 Julie Richards 2) @ Parking
 Mike Scott @ Parking David Shaw @ Parking
 Vicki Stephan @ Parking Gay Thompson @ Parking
 Scott White @ Parking
 Bob Ziegler 2 @ eClub & Parking

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.

THE ARMY SONG

First to fight for the right,
 And to build the Nation's might,
 And The Army Goes Rolling Along
 Proud of all we have done,
 Fighting till the battle's won,
 And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
 The Army's on its way.
 Count off the cadence loud and strong
 "Two! Three!"

For where e'er we go,
 You will always know
 That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

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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.