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This Week's Program: **KIDS AGAINST HUNGER OF SW FLORIDA** **Steve Popper**

Kids Against Hunger has been packaging meals for 2 ½ years. During that time they have assembled 6,568,566 meals.

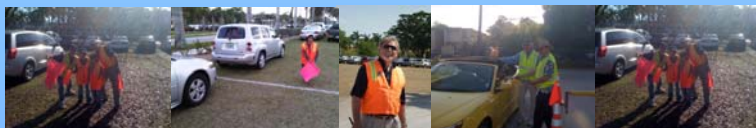
Throughout the 2 ½ years they have consistently given food to Haiti. Prior to the earthquake they had given more than 1,000,000 meals to the various Rotary Clubs and NGO's on the island. The balance has stayed here to help feed the hungry in Florida.

They give approximately 10,000 to 12,000 meals per week to the Collier County Schools for a back pack program. This gives kids food that they would not otherwise have to eat during the weekend.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is the primary distributor of their meals. They in turn give the food to approximately 160 agencies in the 5 counties of SW Florida.

This week we will hear more about Kids Against Hunger and our special food packing project on April 24.

INSIDE: SPECIAL RED SOX PARKING RECAP



IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

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|-----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Apr 15 | Thursday | 7:00AM | Club Board Meeting | Waterman Offices |
| Apr 15 | Thursday | 12:00PM | Trust Fund Applications Due | Rotary Office |
| Apr 17 | Saturday | 3:00PM | Rotary BBQ Picnic | Red Sox Stadium |
| Apr 23 | Friday | 3:00PM | Beasley Concert Parking | Red Sox Stadium |
| Apr 24 | Saturday | 9:00AM | Kids Against Hunger | Crown Plaza Hotel |
| Apr 29 | Thursday | 7:00AM | Special Board Meeting | Waterman Offices |
| | | | Rotary Park Project | |
| May 1 | Saturday | 8:00AM | Club Office Move | |
| May 7-8 | Fri-Sat | TBD | ACS Relay for Life | Downtown |
| May 14-15 | Fri-Sat | TBD | District Conference | St. Petersburg |
| May 22 | Saturday | TBD | "Backward Bash" Fundraiser | Broadway Palm Dinner Theater |
| Jun 5 | Saturday | TBD | Golf Tournament | The Forest Country Club |
| Jun 17 | Thursday | 7:00AM | Club Board Meeting | Waterman Offices |
| Jun 29 | Tuesday | 6:00PM | Changing of the Guard | The Edison |



PRESIDENTS LETTER: April 13th, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

If you would please, let's start this week's newsletter by taking a good look at the events calendar on the front of the YAK. We don't have time to announce and go over each event during our weekly meetings so please check those out for the ones that you would like to participate in.

ATTA-BOY to Pastor **John Daugherty** for the great job he did with our Community Easter Sunrise Service. Thank you John for all your good work! Why are we not surprised when our members do good things in our community.

Another very special ATTA-BOY and Thank You to all those who came out at 5:00AM and helped us park on that Sunday. I want to say a particular heartfelt Thank You to **Steve Bowen** who brought lighted barricades to help us direct traffic, and also for his very special personality that he brings to all of our events. What would we do without Steve!

We owe a very special ATTA-Boy to **President Elect Bob Beville** and **Parking Chairman Tom Feurig** for the way that they prepared for, managed, and led our major fundraising project this year. Those two natural leaders did an absolutely super job with that project this year and we made more money than I ever dreamed that we would make with that project. Thank you Bob and Tom for all the time and effort you put in for our Club!! We all appreciate you both very much!

Atta-Boy to **David Chandler** for making West Coast Janitorial Supply Co. the title sponsor for our Reverse Raffle "Backwards Bash at the Broadway" this year. David very generously agreed to sponsor our event this year and we appreciate that very much. We'll get David's company logo here in the YAK as soon as we can. Also an Atta-Girl to **Karen Miller** for agreeing to be our sponsorship development chairperson for that event. If you would like to be one of our sponsors for the 'Bash' please let us know. We can use all the help we can get to raise money to fight cancer.

We will be moving into our new office on McGregor very soon and we need a conference table and chairs. If you know of a bank or an attorney's office. or any professional organization that has extra conference room furniture we would sure appreciate a donation. We'll sure make good use of it.

On Friday, April 23 at 12:00 Noon we will have an official Activation Ceremony to kick start our Edison State College Rotaract Club. That ceremony will be on campus at Edison State and I would sure appreciate it if some of you

could join us. It would be good if we could really show those Rotaract Members that we are behind them.

ATTA-BOY to **Jim Dozier** for an absolutely fantastic Blue Badge presentation last week. Thank You, Sir! We loved it.

Please don't forget to bring a little extra cash with you to each week's meeting so that you can buy Cancer Relay raffle tickets to win weekly prizes each week, and also to have a chance to win a free trip to the Florida Keys!

We are also going to start selling tickets to "The Backwards Bash at the Broadway" (Reverse Raffle) Fund-raiser soon. We'll be hitting you up for money from all directions so you better come prepared.

Speaking of money we still have a few folks who are not current on their Club dues payment. We are over halfway thru the second half of the Rotary year so we sure need to get those dues payments caught up.

There seems to be some misunderstanding, that is my fault, about the payment of dues while in a Leave of Absence status. While on a Leave of Absence a member is not required to meet the Rotary attendance requirement, nor are they required to pay for their lunches like active members are. However, a member who is in a Leave of Absence status still must pay their Rotary International and District 6960 dues totaling \$177.00 each 6 months. If a member is on our rolls, but in a Leave of Absence status, Rotary International and District Dues must still be paid. That is why we are still invoicing those of you who are on a Leave of Absence. Please don't think we are just harassing you.

ATTA-BOY to **President-Elect Bob Beville** and **President-Elect-Elect Bob Sheehan** for going to the District Assembly with me on Saturday April 10. Thank You folks!

We have a pure Rotary program coming up this week with new member inductions, news about upcoming events, thank you's for past good work done, and a program about our special food packing event. See you on Tuesday, I promise you will enjoy it.

Thanks a hundred times for all the good work that's going on.

— Gary





Boston Red Sox Park Parking 2010: A Home Run!

By Bob Beville

Another baseball spring training season has come to end and our 17th year of handling the parking duties closes as well. We all have to thank **Rusty Robson**, a truly great Rotarian, and namesake for the west lot, who forged a tremendous relationship with the Red Sox organization and created a partnership that will last for many years to come. This year we made \$32,500. We have already started discussions with the Red Sox organization to move with them when the new stadium opens.

Tom Feurig was Parking Chairman this year and brought a lot of fun to the fundraiser. He had gifts for some of the early “parkers” and brought a whole new perspective to parking. He, like **Wally Faber**, showed up for every game and when you are CEO of Goodwill Industries that shows a real commitment.

To say we “work” shifts each game day would not quite characterize it correctly. We show up and have “fun” for 3 or 4 hours. We are really supposed to start at Rusty Robson Field each day at 8:45am, for a 1:05pm game, but Wally Faber is there at 6:30am along with **Steve Bowen, Jack Burges** and Paul Dover. That kind of says it all.

On the final game of the season, Katie Haas, the Director of Florida Operations went for a ride and a “meet and greet” to personally thank the Rotarians for volunteering to handle the parking. She realizes that we are the official “greeters” for the BOSOX and take great pride in welcoming the fans. Also on the last day, I personally witnessed fans stopping to say goodbye to Wally Faber and wishing him a good summer. I could see that a few fans were really going to miss him, so seizing the opportunity, I encouraged them to take him home with them. I really tried.. President Gary...really!

And for as long as I have been involved, **Guy Walton** has been the one man phone committee, making hundreds of phone calls to remind Rotarians about their “fun” shift. He truly is a vital cog in the Rotarian parking gear. Each day the Captains knew of anyone that had to cancel or move their shift.

We have all taken the on-line sign-up process for granted. **David Yates**, is also a one man committee. He creates, maintains and updates the on-line forms .. all with little fanfare. In the last 5 years that has been the biggest timesaver for all of us and a big reason that the club support is so phenomenal.

New for this year, thanks to **Roger Ward**, we handled overflow parking at Family Health Centers. **Lee Howington** took this on as a personal project and showed up for every game that we could use the facility. Without his dedication we could not have taken this on as an assignment and made it work. For his efforts, the Rotary Club Trust Fund netted an additional \$8,470. We all owe Lee Howington a big “pat on the back” for adopting this lot.

Another shout out goes to the Captains, that organize and manage every game. Rusty Robson once told me to try and tell Rotarians what to do and where to work is like herding cats. We are all Type “A” personalities and always have an opinion on how things can be done and improved on. It is our very nature. So to be a Captain is no easy task. And all of them worked many additional games as well. Thank you to:

Skip Camp

Patricia Bell

Mark Stichter

Bill Clementz

Dan Adams

Bob Sheehan

MEETING MAKE-UPS

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Danny Adams @ Parking | Steve Anderson @ Parking |
| Pat Barnes @ Parking | Bill Barrett @ eClub |
| Samira Beckwith @ FMS | |
| Patricia Bell @ Parking - 100% | |
| Lydia Black @ Parking | Steve Bowen @ Parking |
| Roges Bradkey @ Parking | Jack Burges @ Parking |
| Steve Calabro @ Parking | Skip Camp @ Parking |
| Wayne Daltry @ Parking | Len Darsey @ Parking |
| Bill deDeugd @ Parking | |
| Cynthia Detrick @ Parking | Dan Detrick @ Parking |
| Jim Dozier @ Parking | Dan Endrizal @ Parking |
| Wally Faber @ Parking - 100% | |
| Tom Feurig @ Parking | Tom Flint @ Parking |
| Robert Forrest @ Parking | Wayne Gale @ Parking |
| Walter Grace @ Parking | Bev Grady @ Parking |
| Laura Hamel-Jones @ Parking | Mahlon Houghton @ Parking |
| Tara Howe @ Parking | Lee Howington @ Parking |
| Pat Mann @ Lehigh - 100% | |
| Steve Lennon @ Parking | Leah McCann @ Parking |
| John McGowan @ Rotoract - 100% | |
| Don Molloy @ Parking | Doug Molloy @ Parking |
| Andy Oaks-Lottridge @ Parking | |
| Bill Opp @ Parking - 100% | |
| Drew Padnuk @ Parking | Dharmesh Patel @ Parking |
| Marty Redovan @ FMS | |
| Bob Sheehan @ Parking - 100% | |
| Tom Smoot @ Parking | Bob Ziegler @ Parking |
| Jon Zehnder @ Parking | |

We were all asked to work multiple games and 92 of our Rotarians did. But a few of you went above and beyond and parked 6 or more games. **Wally Faber, Jack Burges, Pat Barnes, Lee Howington, Paul Dover, Dan Endrizal, Tom Flint, Leah McCann, Gay Rebel Thompson, Charlie Shea** (Gary Hampton’s cousin) , **Bill deDeugd, Joni Logan, James McCord** and of course...Stone Cold **Steve Bowen**.

Speaking of Steve Bowen, we made special arrangements this year. After years of hearing fans say “that guy is not right” as they exited their cars and walked to the stands, we decided to post a Rotarian just past Steve. We dubbed that position the “NCFC” Rotarian as they would just say to the fan.. Sorry.. There is “No Cause For Concern” ..”He will be back in the home this evening”.

And let’s not forget our very own **Cherry Robson**. She washes and folds all the vests and organizes our stuff. She also made sure we had enough cash each day.

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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.

Happy Birthday

Danny Adams 15th
Archie Hayward 17th



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I also have to mention the over 30 Rotarian Snowbirds and friends of Rotarians that helped. They all commented just how much fun it was. Two of note were John Siano from Clinton, NJ, who brought a host of friends to each game and Bill Whitson from Forked River, NJ, who always has good things to say about our club.

A special thanks has to go out to Paul Dover, Patricia Bell's fiancé who showed up to most of the games. Next year we may make him a Captain.

The ranks of our club has grown and we had a bunch of new members "park" for the first time. **Jake Herring** and his girlfriend Lacey Downing are now hooked on the fun. And we have a new member that is Wally Faber's equal. **Leah McCann** made sure he was on his best behavior when she was on the gate with him. **Lydia Black** kept him in line too!

It was also great when **Betsy Allen** brought her entire family out. **Gary Bryant** kept her daughter Frederica away from Steve Bowen as he was concerned it would create a Nuclear Vortex and melt the universe. Kaitey has almost as much energy as Steve. Speaking of families, **Andy Oaks-Lottridge** brought his 3 kids out...Sydney, Ryan and Adam donned the orange vests and helped Steve Bowen and **Steve Pontius** and then enjoyed doughnuts and a ride in the golf cart.

The Interact students were well represented again.. And it gave them a chance to spend some time with some great Rotarians. And as an added bonus our Interact Sponsor Kathy Himes and Fort Myers High Assistant Principle Kristen Beuno and 2 teachers..Don Barnett and Robin Miller helped us park.

And for the first year, the newly formed Rotaract Club from Edison State College supplied some volunteers. Hanner Neyra, who has spearheaded the formation at Edison made sure that Rotaract was well represented.

At the end of the day...over 145 different volunteers worked over 400 "Fun" shifts. Thanks to all who helped! I can't wait till next year.

ON ROTARIANS

Sing, Rotarians - Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might

Don't let troubles get you down, men
Ev'rything's all right.

Open up, boys - Send it out, boys
Make those rafters ring

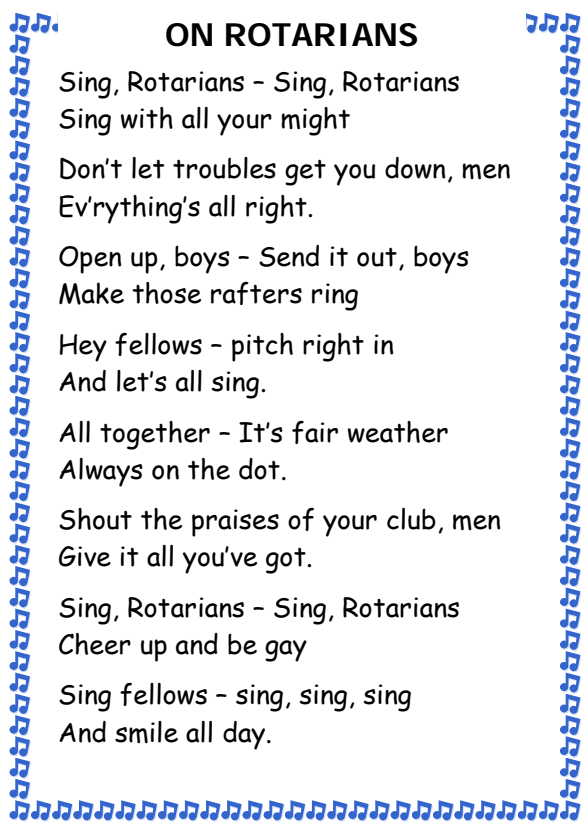
Hey fellows - pitch right in
And let's all sing.

All together - It's fair weather
Always on the dot.

Shout the praises of your club, men
Give it all you've got.

Sing, Rotarians - Sing, Rotarians
Cheer up and be gay

Sing fellows - sing, sing, sing
And smile all day.



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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

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