

Celebrating 88 Years of Service

APRIL 27th, 2010

PRESIDING
Pres. Gary Bryant

NATIONAL PLEDGE
Doug Molloy

INVOCATION
James McCord

FOUR-WAY TEST
Rich Siggs

MUSIC
Lalai Hamric

**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**
*New Member Transition
Talks*



This Week's Program: **Group Study Exchange Team**

Group Study Exchange

17 of April - 17 of May 2010

Russia (Siberia) - USA (Florida)

Russian Team



IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------|--------|--|------------------------------|
| Apr 29 | Thursday | 7:00AM | Special Board Meeting Rotary Park Project | Waterman Offices |
| May 1 | Saturday | 8:00AM | Club Office Move | |
| May 7-8 | Fri-Sat | TBD | ACS Relay for Life | Downtown |
| May 11 | Tuesday | 11:45a | Information Meeting | RPYC |
| May 14-15 | Fri-Sat | TBD | District Conference | St. Petersburg |
| May 20 | Thursday | 7:00AM | Club Board Meeting | Waterman Offices |
| May 22 | Saturday | TBD | "Backward Bash" Fundraiser | Broadway Palm Dinner Theater |
| May 25 | Tuesday | 12:00p | New Member Induction | RPYC |
| 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 27th, 2010**



Dear Rotarian:

Let's start right out with ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's for our activities this past Friday and Saturday. Thank you to all of you who helped us with our Edison State College Rota-ract Club Activation Ceremony, our Beasley Concert Parking, and our Food Packing Event on Saturday. It is really good to be able to do stuff like that with fellow Rotarians. When we are doing good stuff with good people it is easy to see why our Club is alive and growing. Also ATTA-BOY to **Don Hissam** and **John Kimble** who walked in the Walk to Cure Diabetes last week.

At our District Assembly, I was presented with an opportunity from our District's Wheelchair Committee to make a significant and timely donation of much needed wheel-chairs to our Rotarian friends in Haiti. The Wheelchair Foundation has asked our District to contribute the funds necessary to immediately ship two containers, or 560 wheelchairs to Haiti. They are very much needed. The cost to our District to make this happen is \$56,000 which is \$100 per wheelchair. The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva has made the District's first donation of this effort of \$5600, and a number of other clubs have pledged their support as well. If you would like to donate and for more detailed information, please click onto the link to our District website:
<http://www.rotarydistrict6960.org/Wheelchairs.html>.

ATTA-BOY to **Wally Faber** who donated the drinks for our Rotary Picnic. You are a great Rotarian Wally. ATTA-BOY to **David Shaw** for filling in and doing our Invocation last week with about 10 minutes notice. Thanks David!

ATTA-GIRL to **Joni Logan** for bringing in the Ft. Myers High School Boys State Championship Basketball Team. Good job Joni!

ATTA-BOY's to **Paul Musler, Roger Ward,** and **Patrick Barnes** who are all sponsoring proposed new members. Thank you gentlemen! Our next Information Committee Meeting will be on May 11 and then we'll do new member inductions on May 25.

We have two really good fun events coming up to raise money to fight cancer. The first is our Relay for Life Chaired by **Betsy Allen** on May 7th-8th. Our walking team this year is the "Service Above Self" team. With a name like that we should have lots of walkers. Soon you'll be able to go to our Club website at www.RotaryFortMyers.org to sign up for your walking time. We need walkers at all times of the day

and night, and I promise to match walking with anybody who signs up for multiple shifts. If you have never done a Relay for Life, I promise it can be a lot of fun and it's good for you too. See the additional information in this YAK. Also, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a free trip to the Keys.

Speaking of Raffle Tickets, do you have your tickets for the May 22nd Backwards Bash at the Broadway yet? If not see me, and I'll give you a super discount deal ?. I have some tickets to sell, but they are going fast. We are going to have lots of free beer and wine, tons of free food, some of us will act silly I'm sure, and you get a chance to win \$5,000! How can you beat that for \$50 bucks? See the additional information in this YAK.

ATTA-BOY again to **David Chandler** and West Coast Supply for being our title sponsor this year. Thank you David. Also ATTA-BOY's & GIRL's and thanks to these additional sponsors:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| HSA Engineers & Scientists <i>Karen Miller</i> | \$ 350.00 |
| Gaining Results <i>Betsy Allen</i> | \$ 350.00 |
| CopyLady, Inc. <i>Cynthia Duff-Detrick</i> | \$ 350.00 |
| SW Florida College <i>Steve Calabro</i> | \$ 350.00 |

If you would like to help us sponsor this event please talk to our event Co-Chairs **Cynthia and Dan Detrick**, or **Karen Miller** who is our Sponsor Committee Chairperson. Our event table sponsors for \$350 will get:

- Name & Logo on Table Sign
- Opportunity to Hang Your Banner (banner provided by sponsor)
- Listed in the Rotary YAK Newsletter Once a Week Until Event
- Minimum of 5 Shout-Outs at the Lottery Drawing
- Two event tickets (see Ticket holder Benefits)

The proceeds all go to fight cancer, so the more spon-



(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

sors we have the better. ATTA-GIRL's and special thank you's to **Betsy Allen** and **Karen Miller** who are both working on our Rotaract Committee, Relay for Life Committee, and Backwards Bash Committee all at the same time. Those two dynamos are super troopers! (That will teach them to tell me that they'd like more to do in Rotary!).

ATTA-BOY's to the following "Parking Trophy" winners:

- 2010 Most Valuable Parker - **Wally Faber**
- 2010 Parking Exhibitionist of the Year - **Steve Bowen**
- 2010 Voice Behind the Cars - **Guy Walton**
- 2010 "This is my East Lot" - **Jack Burges**
- 2010 Irish Entertainer of the Year - **Bob Sheehan**



Thank you folks for all the recent hard work. I know we've got a lot going on, but we should all feel good about the good stuff we are doing. It's great to be in our Club!

— Gary

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HELP OUT WITH OUR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM?
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED TO "RELAY" — May 7-8, 2010**

Centennial Park East / Walk begins at 6 PM

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives us a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams will camp out at Centennial Park and take turns walking or running around a path. As a team, we will need to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events and 18 hours in length. Contact **Betsy Allen** or **Karen Miller** to sign up for a time to walk or run.

There will be many activities at the event including the following traditions that are observed at Relays across the country.:

- **Celebrate** - The Survivors Lap: Relay starts with a Survivors Lap an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer.

- **Remember** - The Luminaria Ceremony: After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony.
- **Fight Back** - Fight Back Through Fundraising: Last, there is a chance to fight back against cancer through fundraising.

Follow the "Relay for Life" link on the club web site (www.RotaryFortMyers.org) to sign up for your walking shift or to donate online at the Relay for Life web site.



MEETING MAKE-UPS

- Patricia Bell @ Beasley Parking
- Jerry Bernardy @ BBQ - 100%
- Bill dedeugd @ Bd. Mtg.
- Herb Fried @ Easter Parking
- T. Wayne Miller 3 @ Sunrise - 100%
- Bill Opp @ FMS - 100%

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

Carl Barba May 2nd



BACKWARD BASH AT THE BROADWAY
May 22nd, 2010

**TABLE SPONSORS NEEDED FOR OUR
 REVERSE LOTTERY**

The cost for a Table Sponsor is \$350. The benefits of sponsorship include:

- Name & Logo on Table Sign or Banner
- One Shout Out at a Lottery Drawing
- Two Event Tickets (Ticket holders benefits include: Heavy Appetizers, Free Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks, and a chance to be the last ticketholder standing and win \$5,000!)

Please contact **Karen Miller** if you are interested in sponsoring this event.



**“ROTARY WILL GO
 ‘ROUND THE WORLD”**

Ro-ta-ry will go round and round and round and round the world.

Ro-ta-ry will go round and round and round and round the world.

And if it should start for the stars,
 It sure-ly will go up to Mars.

Ro-ta-ry will go round and round and round and round the world.

ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS, INC.

Club #4312 - Chartered April, 1922
 Meeting at: Royal Palm Yacht Club
 2360 West First Street — Fort Myers, Florida 33901
 Office: 2365 West First Street - Fort Myers, Florida 33901
 PH 239-332-8158 - FAX 239-332-1168
 Office@RotaryFortMyers.org www.RotaryFortMyers.org

Rotary International: John Kenny (Scotland)
 www.Rotary.org
Rotary Dist. 6960: Dist. Governor Vince Cautero (Rotary of Naples)
 www.Rotary6960.org

OFFICERS

GARY BRYANT

Bob Beville
 Patricia Bell
 David Shaw
 Scott White

DIRECTORS 08-09

Bill de Deugd
 Jeff Mudgett
 Bob Sheehan

PRESIDENT

President-Elect
Past President / VP
Secretary
Treasurer

DIRECTORS 09-11

Joni Logan
 John McGowan (interim)
 Mark Stichter

YAK:

EDITOR: David Yates
Email YAK@RotaryFortMyers.org

Club Photographs Compliments of Paul Kling
 Copying Compliments of CopyLady

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.