

*Celebrating 88 Years of Service*

**May 11th, 2010**

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

**NATIONAL PLEDGE**  
**Lalai Hamric**

**INVOCATION**  
**John McGowan**

**FOUR-WAY TEST**  
**Vicki Stephan**

**MUSIC**  
**Lalai Hamric**

**NEXT WEEKS  
PROGRAM**  
*Johnny Sheppard Part II*



## *This Week's Program:*

# **RED CROSS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**WITH HEIDI RUSTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- LEE COUNTY**

This week we'll get an overview of the American Red Cross – at both the National and local levels, discussing the Mission, Principles, finances, and volunteerism. Programatically, we also learn about what the Red Cross does for us locally, and particularly of their services to the Armed Forces and Disaster Preparedness.

Today's speaker is Heidi Ruster, the Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Lee County since May 2005. Her involvement with the Red Cross began in 1992 in Rota, Spain; and has covered Jacksonville, FL; and Oklahoma City with Armed Forces Communication, Disaster Relief and Health and Safety Training.

She is an active member of Rotary South, holds a Masters in Public Administration, and served in US Navy for four years. Her husband and father were both active with Navy and Air Force respectively for full careers. Heidi has three children (14, 16 and 19) and is finally settling in to Fort Myers.

## **OVER \$18,000 RAISED IN DOWNTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE**

All committed and scheduled Rotarians and friends-all showed up 100%, all walked, some drank:-) and few slept! Our "Service Above Self" Really for Life Team raised over \$1,000 to fight cancer—and the monies from our upcoming "Backwards Bash" will add to that total. Over \$18k was raised from all teams for the fight against cancer. Special thanks to Betsy Allen and all of the Rotarians, family, and friends who participated, including:

Wally Faber-*soda & water*  
Dr. Andy- *four person tent*  
Tony Cardinale- *canopy*  
Karen Miller-*decor/Norman Love*  
Carl Barba - *Survivor Walker*  
Elaine Barba - *Caregiver*  
Kaitey Allen-*Best Spirit Award for the Entire Event*  
*(why are we not surprised)*  
Fe Allen  
Dan Allen  
Wayne Daltry  
Jeff Cassius

Gary Bryant  
Lee Bryant  
Lee Norris  
Tony Cardinale  
Kris Hellman  
Leah Kirby  
Cherry Robson  
Gay Thompson  
Kim Davis  
Cynthia Detrick  
Dan Detrick  
Chloe Detrick  
Garrett Detrick

Rotaractors *Hanner, Trey, Samantha, Linette, & Jill*  
Michael Zorovich & Dad  
John McGowan  
Skip Camp  
Carol Camp  
Carlos Cavenago  
Mark Stichter  
Debbie Stichter  
Beverly Grady  
Jack Burges

## **IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES**

May 11	Tuesday	11:45AM	Information Meeting	RPYC
May 14-15	Fri-Sat		District Conference	St. Petersburg
May 20	Thursday	7:00AM	Club Board Meeting	New Rotary Offices
May 22	Saturday	6:00PM	"Backward Bash" Fundraiser	Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
May 25	Tuesday	12:00PM	New Member Induction	RPYC
Jun 5	Saturday	8:00AM	Golf Tournament	The Forest Country Club
Jun 17	Thursday	7:00AM	Club Board Meeting	New Rotary Offices
Jun 29	Tuesday	6:00PM	Changing of the Guard	The Edison



## PRESIDENTS LETTER: May 11th, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

I'd like to start this week with a great big ATTA-BOY and Thank You to **Wayne Miller**, **Dan Adams**, and The Price Foundation for the absolutely fantastic Community Prayer Breakfast we had this past Thursday. Dennis Prager was a really good speaker and the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus was great. It was a very inspiring event. For twenty years the Price Foundation has funded our Prayer Breakfast as a gift to the people of the Fort Myers area. This has made it possible for over 25,000 people to attend, without charge, what is an important event in the life of this community. Wayne and Dan, Great Job!!

Huge ATTA-GIRL's to Relay for Life Chairperson **Betsy Allen** and to Co-Chair **Karen Miller** for running our Cancer Relay for Life this year. Those two dynamos are to be commended for taking on our Relay this year at a late date when **Carl Barba** became ill. Without the work and dedication of those two we would not have had a relay this year. The event turned out great! Initial counts indicate that we raised over \$1,000 to fight cancer. That's super! ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's also go out to the Allen Family, Betsy, Kaitey, Fe, and Dan. What a super team effort with this event this year and thanks to all those who came out and walked. No one was present for the Relay Raffle free trip to Key West, so the Rotarians at the event decided to carry over the drawing to Tuesday's lunch meeting. I really appreciate all those who came and walked and helped out in anyway. I owe you folks for that one. And, Carl, it was great to see you out at the event with us!

Two other of our Club Members deserve huge Atta-Boys for their work and support of the Cancer Relay. **Don Molloy** served as the overall event Chairman, and **Gary Green's** State Farm Office was the main sponsor of the event. Together those two amazing Rotarians teamed up to lead the effort and they oversaw the entire Cancer Relay for Life event. Great job guys!! We are all very proud that you are both in our Club!

ATTA-GIRL to **Vicki Stephan** for the really good awards program that Junior Achievement put on last week. Vicki does a great job with the "Business Hall of Fame" program every year. We also got to see a couple of our Past Presidents pictures on the "Wall in the Hall". Also a special thanks to Wayne Miller for sponsoring a Rotary Club of Ft. Myers Table at the awards ceremony. Hard working and deserving Club Board Members were able to attend the event thanks to Wayne's generosity.

ATTA-BOY to **Past President Steve Pontius** who was selected to give the Edison State College Spring 2010 Commencement Ceremony address. What a well deserved honor for Steve!

Thanks to **John McGowan** for filling in for **David Shaw** as our Corresponding Secretary while David is out of town for a couple of weeks. John knows a little bit about that job, and I really appreciate him filling in.

For everyone's information again, our office has now totally relocated and **Cherry** is fully operational with the same phone number and everything in the new office. That address is:

2101 McGregor Blvd.  
Unit 102  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Please note that our monthly Board Meetings are now going to be held in our new office location. Thanks very much to Steve and Bob for letting us use Waterman Broadcasting as our Board Meeting location for the past 10 months. It is now time for us to have our own conference room.

ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's to **Ian Keith**, **Mark Hatfield**, **Karen Miller**, and **Jerry Bernardy** for those wonderful Blue Badge presentations last week. Those great new members really made our program special last week. Also, thank you to **Past President Gay Thompson** for putting that program together.

ATTA-BOY to our Rotaract Club President Hanner Negra for sharing his "vision" with us last week. That Club is going to be in high gear next school year. Also, ATTA-BOY to Rotaract Member Richard Zivaloski who has received a Congressional Appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York. Good luck Richard, we'll be pulling for you!

We will have an Information Committee Meeting this week during our normal meeting time, so if you are sponsoring an incoming new member please attend with the new member you are sponsoring.

If you have a perspective new member you would like to sponsor before the end of this Rotary year please get those proposal forms in to Cherry as soon as possible. We will work to induct a few new members in June.

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Please don't forget our "Backward Bash" coming up on May 22 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater.

ATTA-BOY again to **David Chandler** and West Coast Supply for being our title sponsor this year and to **Will Prather** at the Broadway Palm for making our event possible. Thank you David and Will! Also continued ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's and thanks to these additional sponsors; our list of sponsors is growing.

- HSA Engineers & Scientists \$350.00  
**Karen Miller**
- Gaining Results \$350.00  
**Betsy Allen**
- CopyLady, Inc. \$350.00  
**Cynthia Duff-Detrick**
- SW Florida College \$350.00  
**Steve Calabro**
- Cement Industries \$500.00  
**Gay Thompson**

If you would like to 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 a \$350 contribution will get:

- Name and Logo on Table Sign
- Opportunity to Hang Your Banner (banner provided by sponsor)
- Listed in the Rotary YAK Newsletter once a week until the 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 sponsors the better. See the additional info in this YAK.

Please see the attached flier about our upcoming Annual Rotary Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5, at the Forest Country Club. Past President Gay Thompson tells me she has been practicing this year and that prompts me to issue the following challenge, "THE TEAM OF GREEN, THOMPSON, BEVILLE, AND BRYANT WILL NOT FINISH DEAD LAST AGAIN THIS YEAR!!" We'll bet on it (?)

Thanks for all the heartfelt service to our community, and to each other. You folks are very special people.

— Gary



### DOWNTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE



### MEETING MAKE-UPS

- Bill Barrett @ Food Packing
- Samira Beckwith @ FMS
- Bob Himschoot @ FMS – 100%
- Sam Howes 2) @ Food Packing & /C GoldCoast
- John McGowan @ FMS – 100%
- Michael Zorovich @ eClub – 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

- Jeff Campbell 14th
- Elinor Scricca 15th
- Cynthia Detrick 16th



**BACKWARDS BASH AT  
THE BROADWAY PALM**  
May 22nd, 2010 - 6:00PM  
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre  
And Sponsored by



**Tickets: \$50 per person**  
Available for purchase at  
meetings or at the  
Rotary Office  
Call 239-332-8158  
for more information.



**R-O-T-A-R-Y**

R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary;  
R-O-T-A-R-Y Is known on land and sea;  
From North to South, From East to West,  
He profits most who serves the best;  
R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary.  
  
R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary;  
R-O-T-A-R-Y is one great family;  
Where friendship binds For man's uplift,  
Where each one strives His best to give  
R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary.

**BRING YOUR BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS  
TO THE MEETING**

No one was present to win the Key West trip on Saturday at the downtown Relay for Life. It was decided that the drawing would be "held over" to the general luncheon meeting and the number announced then. You must be present at the meeting to win however—the numbers will be drawn until a winner is found.

**IF YOU PURCHASED A BLUE "RELAY FOR  
LIFE RAFFLE TICKET" IN THE LAST  
MONTH—DIG 'EM OUT AND BRING 'EM!**



**ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS, INC.**

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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](http://www.RotaryFortMyers.org)  
[www.RotaryEclub34.org](http://www.RotaryEclub34.org)

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