

Celebrating 88 Years of Service

May 18th, 2010

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Pres. Gary Bryant

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**NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM**
*Air Force One
with Bill Thomas*



This Week's Program: **JOHNNY SHEPPARD RETURNS**

Johnny Sheppard been active in the community for more than 50 years including Fort Myers Chamber, Kiwanis, Bar Association and more. Thirty-three years ago he helped found the SW FL Community Foundation and has been involved as a Trustee ever since. He's also now involved with the SW FL Children's' Hospital, Lee Cancer Center, Covenant Presbyterian, Teen Challenge, Lee Mental Health (Vista), FGCU and Estate Planning organizations. His philanthropic efforts have been recognized by four different local and regional organizations and since, 1951 has donated over 36 gallons of blood.

Mr. Sheppard is a Fort Myers native. In fact, his family has been a part of Fort Myers since the beginning. Mr. Sheppard, now 77 years old, has lived here all his life, except for College, Law School, and 2 ½ years in the army.

Today, Mr. Sheppard will continue our journey back through ages and share with us his family's personal experiences from early Fort Myers to today. These and many more stories are also available in his book, "One Man's Family in Early Fort Myers, 1898-1945" (his wife painted the cover from a 1900 photo of his Grandfather).



IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

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 Inductions	RPYC
Jun 5	Saturday	8:00AM	Golf Tournament	The Forest Country Club
Jun 15	Tuesday	11:45AM	Prospective Member Meeting	RPYC
Jun 17	Thursday	7:00AM	Club Board Meeting	New Rotary Offices
Jun 22	Tuesday	12:00PM	New Member Inductions	RPYC
Jun 29	Tuesday	6:00PM	Changing of the Guard	The Edison



PRESIDENTS LETTER: May 18th, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

As we are working our way closer to the end of this Rotary year there are several things happening that I am very happy about:

* We had six prospective new members attend our Information Committee Meeting last week. (Thank You's and ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's to our Past Presidents for another very good meeting.) We will induct those new members on May 25.

* We have also had three additional new member proposals turned in that our Board will consider for membership at our next Board Meeting on May 20. Those proposed new members will attend the next Information Committee Meeting which will be held on June 15. ATTA-GIRL to **Cynthia Detrick** for sponsoring a new member. That will make a total of 9 good future Rotarians that will serve our Club and community.

* After totaling everything up we are now over \$1,500 raised by our Cancer Relay for Life! Thank you very much Club members for all the work and online donations that went into that project. Your generosity is appreciated. Super job **Betsy!**

* I am also very happy with the way our Backwards Bash at the Broadway is coming together. In addition to **Cynthia and Dan, Betsy Allen, Mark Stichter, Bob Beville, and Karen Miller** are all working very hard on that event. Please see the item in this YAK for more info. We are getting some great prizes to give away, our sponsors have been tremendous, and we are really beginning to sell lots of tickets. It won't surprise me if we sell out, so you might not want to wait until the last minute to get a ticket. Thank You to everyone who is working to make this event a success. All the proceeds will go to fight cancer so please come join the fun, and feel good about it at the same time.

Atta-Girls to **Patricia Bell** and **Betsy Allen** for attending the District Conference in St. Pete this past weekend. Lots of good stuff going on at the conference this year. At the conference our Club received special recognition for working to activate our new Rotaract Club, for our increased membership, and for our Kids Against Hunger food packer project. Thank you again to all who have contributed to those projects!! We were well recognized by our District Governor.

Our office move is almost totally complete and we are

close to being fully functional. A big ATTA-BOY and thank you goes out to **David Yates** for helping us with all the IT work in the office. David or one of his technicians has been by there almost everyday and has been our savior. We really appreciate that work David!

Our Trust Fund Committee has met again and they will be recommending four local not-for-profit organizations receive our Trust Fund grant support during this fourth quarter. Our Trust Fund Committee has been fully functional this year and they have done a great job allocating our hard earned money.

Chris Tritt is pulling together our Club Golf Tournament again this year so please make sure you have June 5 on your calendar for that event.

Another date to be thinking about is June 29 which will be our Changing of the Guard Dinner. Let's all please plan on coming out and welcoming President Bob in as "THE MAN". President-Elect Bob is putting together his Committees and pulling together his leadership team for next year. He is going to be a great Club President. We are also working on the budget for next year and it looks like a really good year ahead.

ATTA-BOY to **Josh Dorcey** who has done some super work helping us rework our Trust Fund legal documents. Josh has been a big help and I am appointing him to serve as our Assistant Club Treasurer. Thank you Josh for taking on that responsibility.

Please don't forget our regular monthly Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00AM in our NEW OFFICE! Everyone is invited to attend.

Please keep **Skip Rollins** and his family in your prayers. He is not doing well.

Thanks for all the energy and enthusiasm and effort that is going to make our Club such a great organization to belong to! I appreciate you all very much.

— Gary



Rotarian Samira Beckwith Receives 2010 Ellis Island Medal of Honor

The National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations Foundation has named **Samira K. Beckwith**, President and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, as a recipient of the 2010 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

The medal is presented to distinguished Americans who “represent the very essence of the American way of life, having greatly contributed to our national identity while preserving the distinct values and heritage of their ancestors,” according to the Foundation.



**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.



Fort Myers Rotary Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 5th

The Forest Country Club

7:15a Registration with doughnuts

8:00a Shotgun Start

Golf Lunch and fellowship \$75

Lunch And Fellowship \$25

IN MEMORIAM: SHIRLEY BORREGAARD

It is with deep regret we inform you of the passing of **Shirley Borregaard**.

A member of the Rotary Club of Boquete, Panama, Shirley was a frequent guest at our club as she tended her business on Captiva Island.

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Danny Adams @ Parking – 100%
Pat Barnes @ FMS

Jack Burges @ Board mtg. – 100%

Jim Dozier @ LaBelle Club

Robert Garland 4) FMS & Sunrise – 100%

Pat Mann @ Sunrise – 100%

Laura Hamel-Jones @ FMS

Bill Opp @ eClub – 100%

Kathy Sturgis 2) BBQ & Food Pkg.

Michael Zorovich @ Relay for Life – 100%

Happy Birthday

David Chandler 18th

Scott White 19th

Ian Keith 22nd



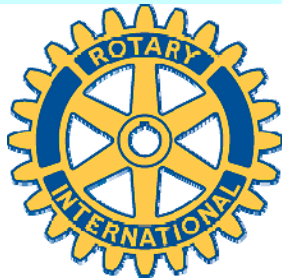
**COMMITTEE CORNER:
HELD A COMMITTEE MEETING LATELY?**

Each time a Committee has a meeting please be sure to turn in attendance records of your committee meeting and advise members these meetings may be used for make-ups, provided the committee meeting was a minimum of 30 minutes.

The make-up may be applied two weeks before or after a missed meeting. The member attending the meeting then should let the office know about the makeup request. We only need the date a make-up is to be applied, when makeup occurred and where the make-up took place.

Take advantage of these Committee meetings!

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



The Saga of Johnny Sheppard

(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again)

Our Johnny will speak to Rotary
Today! Today!
Let's give him a hearty Welcome now
Hooray! Hooray!

We'll learn about his Kissin' kin
And how this clan Did all begin-
And it has no end
Da dada da da da da!



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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.