

Celebrating 88 Years of Service

June 22nd, 2010

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NEXT WEEKS
PROGRAM
*Changing of the Guard
Dinner*
— **NO LUNCHEON
MEETING**



This Week's Program: **CLUB ASSEMBLY**

Presented by
"Past-President-Elect" Gary Bryant

Every now and then Rotary International expects us to slow down and take a weekly meeting to conduct Club business. We'll do just that this week. We'll wrap-up the Rotary year with a summary of our projects and accomplishments this year, and a sneak peek at next year.

We'll also take time for some special music in our program as well as some new member inductions and some special recognitions.

Please join us for the last regular weekly meeting of this Rotary year. I promise we'll have fun.



HAVE YOU MADE *YOUR* RESERVATION? CHANGING OF THE GUARD DINNER

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th, 2010

Drinks beginning at 5:30p

Dinner & Program at 6:00p

Fellowship, celebrating our year past, and looking to the year ahead

\$35.00 per person (credit for prepaid luncheon meal will be given)

Make your reservations today with Cherry at the Rotary Office

DULY NOTED: DUTIFUL ROTARIANS, YOUR DUES ARE DUE

By now you should have received your Rotary Club electronic invoice for payment of dues for the period July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010. The amount to be paid includes your Rotary Club, District, and Rotary International dues, and your meals.

Our Board of Directors has also decided to include each Rotarians' contribution of \$50 semi-annually to the

"Every Rotarian, Every Year" Annual Programs Fund that is the heart of The Rotary Foundation.

Financial support of the Annual Programs Fund from Every Rotarian Every Year is the key to helping suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe water, feeding the hungry, alleviating

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PRESIDENTS LETTER: June 22nd, 2010



Dear Rotarian:

As the Rotary Year winds down I would like to give some ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's, and heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors this year. These folks have just been unbelievably super this year. Not only have they governed our Club with a distinctive professional touch, but they have all worked very hard at their Rotary job duties and on all of our projects. Our Board Members were everywhere this year involved in everything. Our Board Members who have done a great job are:

- **Patricia Bell** - Past President
- **Bob Beville** - President Elect
- **David Shaw** - Secretary
- **Scott White** - Treasurer
- **John McGowan** - Past Secretary/Director
- **Bob Sheehan** - Director
- **Bill de Deugd** - Director
- **Jeff Mudgett** - Director
- **Joni Logan** - Director
- **Mark Stichter** - Director
- **Gene Gallagher** - Sergeant-At-Arms

And there is no way that I can close the year without a special thanks to our Rotary Mother, **Ms. Cherry**. She loves us and we love her. Thank you for all you do and for dedicating your life to our Club. We will always be grateful for your work!.

More special thanks and ATTA-BOY's and GIRL's go out to the following Rotarians for all your work and support this year. I really appreciate all you folks.

- **Bill Barrett** - Dictionary Day (District Level)
- **Michael Basista** - Sergeant-At-Arms Committee
- **Lydia Black** - Italian Fest Site Manager
- **Bill Clementz** - Parking Captain
- **Erik Halgrim** - Christmas Bell Ringing
- **Laura Hamel-Jones** - Our Parade Lady!
- **Archie Hayward** - Dictionary Day (Club Level)
- **Pat Mann** - Long Time Perfect Attendance
- **Wayne Miller** - Long Time Perfect Attendance
- **Chase Mayhugh** - Interact Club
- **Wally Faber** - Youth Activities Coordinator and our Parking Motivator
- **Dhamesh Patel** - Banking Assistance
- **Kathy Sturgis** - Social Committee and GSE
- **Crista Stouffer** - H1N1 Vaccination Support

Please get signed up for the Changing of the Guard Dinner on Tuesday, June 29, at The Edison, starting at 6:00PM. We'll have cocktails and fellowship starting at 5:30 so please come early. We are going to have a Rotary Shelter Box just like the 21 that we sent to Haiti set up and on display for you to look at and become familiar with. The cost of the event this year is \$35.00 per person for a nice meal and some good Rotary fun. We'll also have some special awards and recognitions to give out that night. Maybe even a surprise or two!! If you have prepaid for the regular weekly meal you will be given credit for that pre-payment on your next Club invoice. I'd like to see us ALL welcome Bob Beville in as President. We do need everyone to get signed up and RSVP for this event in advance so please give Cherry a call or send her an email or a note not later than June 22. Let's make it a good time for all!

Also a Very Special ATTA-BOY/GIRL to the following members who have had perfect attendance this year! Those good Rotarians are:

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| Danny Adams | Betsy Allen |
| Patricia Bell | Bob Beville |
| Gary Bryant | Jack Burges |
| Wally Faber | Greg Gardner |
| Robert Garland | Pat Mann |
| Leah McCann | John McGowan |
| Mike Munzert | Bill Opp |
| David Shaw | Bob Sheehan |
| Mark Stichter | Roger Ward |
| Michael Zorovich | |
| Wayne Miller —50+ Years; A really long, long time! | |

Another ATTA-BOY to **Walter Grace** for the great job his Information Committee, made up of Past Presidents, has done this year. You folks have gotten our new members off to a good start this year. Let's also welcome new members Rick Evanchyk, Howard Finch, and Amy Hawthorne who will be inducted into our Club in the next couple of weeks.

ATTA-BOY's and thanks to **Wally Faber** and **Paul Kling** who have transported our S4TL (Students for Tomorrow's Leaders) candidates to and from the Leadership Conference this year.

ATTA-BOY to our great Italian Fest Committee which is hard at it already getting ready for our 2nd Annual upcoming Italian Fest on Sunday, October 3rd. That Committee is one super group of Rotarians and they have more fun working than any Committee I have ever seen. ATTA-BOY to **Bob Sheehan** for bringing the wine, cheese, and crackers this

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week. We had a great time! Please put the date on your calendar since we will need plenty of volunteers to help us on the day of the event. Our Board has approved "Local Children's Charities", such as Blessings is a Back Pack, to receive the proceeds from this event. More info to follow.

Please notice the dues announcement on the front of the YAK. We would appreciate you helping us by paying your dues as soon as possible. So that everyone understands, I would like to make you all aware that Rotary International requires that all Rotary Clubs maintain a six month cash reserve.. In our case that equals \$90,000. (Approximately \$15,000 per month times 6 months). Our Board has decided to take our current excess operating cash, approximately \$27,000, and deposit it in short term CDs. It is expected that this year and next year our Club will operate at or near a zero level of net operating gain/loss.

We have agreed to host a Rotary Youth Exchange Program student this coming school year. Would anyone like to host a wonderful young lady from Germany in their home for a month, two months, six, or for the entire school year? The young lady will attend Fort Myers High School and be under the supervision of Cyndi Doragh (Rotary South) who is the District Youth Exchange Chairperson this year. Please let me know if interested. I think having an exchange student would be a good thing.

ATTA-GIRL to **Sarah Owen** who has been selected as one of 100 semi-finalist for the "Energizer Keeps on Going Hall of Fame". She has essentially been nominated as an Energizer Bunny for doing good things. Congratulations Sarah. From more than 1,200 submissions Sarah's nomination rose to the top. Now we have our own real live Sarah Bunny in our Club.

ATTA-GIRL to **Julia East**, President and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation who has been appointed to the board of the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida. The Speakers Assembly is an active membership organization of local Southwest Florida leaders that brings a variety of national and international distinguished speakers to the region to educate and enlighten its membership. Our Rotarians are in to all kinds of good stuff.

As this Rotary Year comes to a close I'd like to send a special Get Well and Best Wishes message out to **Carl Barba, Herb Dorsett, and Tony Kurdsjuk**. We miss you guys and hope you join us again real soon! Also, a very special Farewell to **Skip Rollins!** You are truly missed.

Thanks everyone for a great year. It has been a true honor to be your President for the past year! I sincerely appreciate all the hard work, dedication, support, and commitment to the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self" this year. I will never be able to thank you all enough for all you have done this year.

The best part of being President of our Club is getting to know everyone better. I have really enjoyed that part of the job! It is great to be friends with people like you! Bob is going to be a great President with some unbelievably good ideas. We are in for an exciting new year.

Thank you all very much!!

— Gary



KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

Fellow Rotarians

Thank you for your generous donation in support of the Rotary Club of Naples "Kids Against Hunger" program. With your help we have been able to package and distribute over 7 million rice casserole meals.

We are proud to report that 100% of ALL funds raised are used to pay for the cost and distribution of the meals. For as little as just over \$.14 per meal, a senior living on a fixed income, the working poor and their children, or those suffering from starvation and malnutrition locally can have nutritious meals.

Again, thank you for partnering with the Rotary Club of Naples and local organizations as we march toward our goal of packaging another million meals within the next 12 months.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wynn
President

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Betsy Allen @ Board Mtg. – 100%
Samira Beckwith (3) @ eClub
Jack Burges @ Golf Tournament – 100%
Bobbi Duggins @ EClub
Robert Garland @ FMS – 100%
Wayne Miller @ Sunrise – 100%
Paul Musler (2) @ LaBelle Club – 100%
Bill Newman (2) @ Highlands, NC.
Marty Redovan @ FMS
Mary Ward @ Reverse Raffle
Roger Ward @ Reverse Raffle – 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 in not only effects your member statistics, but the entire Club.

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poverty, and promoting peace.

For ease of payment, accounting, and processing it has become standard practice, and an expectation, that Rotary Clubs include the Every Rotarian - Every Year contribution on the individual Club Members' regular dues invoice. Every Rotarian has a financial obligation to support The Rotary Foundation, but this contribution of \$50 semi-annually is of course voluntary.

Our dues are payable within 30 days of receipt of our invoices. If you would like to discuss alternative payment options please contact our Club President, Treasurer, or Executive Secretary.

BLOODMOBILE COMING TO THE YACHT CLUB

By John McGowan

The Lee Memorial Blood Mobile will be at RPYC on July 6th from 11:00am to 2:00pm

The blood used for patient care has to be continuously replenished in order to maintain a constant supply - LMHS need a total of 500 donors a week.

Just a single pint of blood can help save the lives of several people. Your donation can be separated into different components; the platelets may go to a child with leukemia, the plasma to a patient with a clotting problem and the red blood cells to an accident victim.

VIVE LE ROTARY / PARTING SONG

*Let all good Ro-tar-i-ans stand up and sing:
Vive Le Rotary!
With service and love let this song loudly ring:
Vive Le Rotary!*

Chorus:
*Vive Le, Vive Le Rotary,
Vive Le, Vive Le Rotary!
Truth is our right, Love is our might,
Vive Le Rotary!*

*A friend with a smile is the person we need:
Vive Le Rotary!
Who truly believes in our Rotary Creed:
Vive Le Rotary!
~ Repeat Chorus ~
Be quick to give service, we must not be shy;
Vive Le Rotary!
Let's join all our voices and give a great cry:
Vive Le Rotary!
~ Repeat Chorus ~*

The Rotary Parting Song

Til we meet again
I'll say adieu
I've enjoyed
This hour spent here with you.

Oh—May each day that we
Shall spend apart
Bring you joy and peace
God Bless your heart

Hoping next week
I will see
You again at Ro-ta-ry!

Here's my hand
old pal of mine--
Till we meet again!
** (begin to shake hands with all
Rotarians around you!) **

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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.

The History of Music in Rotary

(Taken from The Rotary Song Book first published 1925).

'According to Rotary Legend, the tradition of singing at club meetings was born when Harry Ruggles, Rotary's first song leader, spontaneously jumped up on a chair and led his fellow members in a rousing rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". Soon recognized as a way to promote a convivial atmosphere, singing became a weekly practice for many clubs, especially in the United States. Over the years, members have augmented their song lists of "old favorites" with original Rotary songs or parodies that put Rotary words to familiar tunes.'

OUR CLUB IN SONG

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers has a tradition of having fun with our music. Each week a song is selected to compliment the program of the day, the season of the year, a holiday or day of special meaning (flag day, veterans day, 4th of July, etc), season (spring, summer, fall/winter), induction of new members, a special notable guest (usually done through a parody). Somber, celebratory, or Just a song for fun- our club enjoys music.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT with music next year!

Next Rotary year we are planning to assess the membership for those who might have played in high school or college band/orchestra and see who still has an instrument that can be "dusted" shined, tuned so that we can start a little "in club" ensemble. Music chair, Lalai, has asked LOWELL FISHER, a great new member of our club, to be "the seeker" on this mission.

REMEMBER: Anytime you have a special favorite song, let our Music Chair know and we will try to find music and words and learn it, sing it and enjoy it.

TODAY:

Today's music program came about exactly that way. T. Wayne Miller wanted the club to sing Grandfather's Clock! Anyone 62 and older who attended Edison Park School will know this song...but for many this is your learning time. In the next 2 months, it will be a Tuesday song!

"Two Manns, and a Lalai, with the Son of Peter" Is what we have dubbed our quartet of today. Franklin and Mary Lee Mann, Lalai and Rev. Roger Peterson are the singer/leaders. They are accompanied by Barbara Peterson, pianist extraordinaire!

So enjoy as the quartet leads this ballad and some other songs. We'll tell you when to join in!



— SING AND SING ALONG!!! —

1) GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

For Wayne

*After each of last 2 verses, the club
will join in singing the chorus
and also tap your fork or spoon on
your glass with each "
tick tock - tick tock"*

CHORUS:

Ninety years without slumbering
(tick tock - tick tock.)
His life seconds numbering
(tick tock-tick tock.)

But it stopped- -short--
Never to go again
When the old man died.

2) ALWAYS

by Irving Berlin

(Club will sing chorus after verse.)

CHORUS:

I'll be loving you -Always
With the love that's true - Always
When the things you plan
Need a helping hand
I will understand
Always----always

Days may not be fair - Always
That's when I'll be there - Always
Not for just an hour
Not for just a day
Not for just a year
But Always.

**3) LET ME CALL YOU
SWEETHEART**

Club joins and sings chorus 2nd time--with
All the HARMONY you can muster!!

LYRICS:

Let me call you sweetheart
I'm in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper
That you love me too.

Keep the love light glowing
In your eyes so true-
Let me call you sweetheart-----
I am in love with you.