



The Spoke

A Year Of Change

Foundation Chair Wilkinson Offers A New Year Call To Leadership



As we begin another calendar year, I'd like to offer my best wishes to all Rotarians for 2013, the 108th year of Rotary's existence. This will be a year of momentous change for our Foundation. Our new grant model will be implemented worldwide six months from now, bringing changes to every district. We are looking to you to make sure those changes will be a success.

One of the fundamental premises of district grants under the Future Vision Plan is that Rotarians at the district level can determine what they can accomplish, whether in their own communities or abroad, more effectively than the Foundation can from a central office in Evanston. The new grant model puts responsibility for decision making, and for wise and careful use of substantial Foundation resources, into the hands of Rotarians at this level.

Our success will be supported by our investment of time and money in our International Assembly, the annual training for district governors-elect that takes place later this month in San Diego. This year's event will include a great deal of information and education about Future Vision. As a result, when your district leaders return home, you will find them specially trained to lead Rotary and its Foundation to a successful conclusion to the 2012-13 year. We'll create a solid basis for an even stronger Foundation in 2013-14, helping us as Rotarians with Doing Good in the World.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Bob Lorenz** led the invocation; **President Stephanie** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Fred Partin** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing version of "Vive Le Rotary."

Our Board Nominating Committee is seeking and accepting nominations to fill Board positions for four new Board positions. The elections will be held at the January 9th Board meeting. If you have any questions please see **President Stephanie** or **President-elect Bobbi**.

President Stephanie announced the creation of a Membership Committee which will be led by **Peter Zahner**. The Committee is in the process of being organized--if you are interested in serving, please so advise Peter.

April Is On Its Way.

Mark your calendars *now*. **President Stephanie** announced the date of this year's Reverse Raffle--Saturday April 20. Please plan on attending and supporting this important fundraiser.

A New Semester Begins.

Tom Burgess briefed us on upcoming activities at FGCU. Our Rotaract Committee will have a meeting after our January 9 Club meeting. If you are interested in assisting with our outreach and initiatives at FGCU, please let



Tom know or stay on for the Committee meeting.

OUR PROGRAM: DEBRA HALEY, "NEW HORIZONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA"

Last week we heard from Debra Haley, Executive Director of New Horizons of Southwest Florida, an organization that has received the support of our Club Foundation.

Debra explained that New Horizons is a not-for-profit organization which began with only 20 children in a Bonita Springs Chapel. Today the ministry and outreach touches numerous

lives through programs such as the Super Kids Club,



Super Teen Club, Teen Sailing and Summer Camps.

These programs now provide 40,000 hours of free after school tutoring and mentoring. Debra reminded us that the Super Kid/Teen Clubs always welcome volunteers to assist in a variety of ways including assistance with homework, math and reading skills.

Thanks Debra for your presentation--and your good and generous work.



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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



**Join Our President--
Wear Your Pin**

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere

I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin.

This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary’s work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.

On Being Rotarian

Bobbi Bird reported that the Bonita-Springs Fire-Rescue is collecting sweatshirts to distribute through its “Bundle Up Bonita” Program. The program seeks to provide necessary clothing children in the community need to stay warm this winter. Our Club will be collecting new sweatshirts throughout January in support of this program. All sizes are needed for children aged preschool to eighth grade. We will make our donation to the Fire-Rescue in February.



**It’s District
Conference
Time**

It’s not too early to make your plans to join District Governor Steve Schlueter and other Rotarian friends and colleagues at our District Conference which will take place May 16-19 at the Sarasota Hyatt.

REGISTER NOW

The Conference Agenda offers a wonderful blend of social and educational activities—so why not register now.

You can do so (and obtain more information) by going to the District website and downloading the registration form. See you in Sarasota.



"The Fifty-Fifty"

This Week's Big Prize--\$1451



A delighted Scott Anderson drew the Ace of Diamonds to win \$100.00.

As always,,we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

Our Upcoming Speakers

January 9, Heidi Ruster, American Red Cross

January 16, Sarah Owen, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and Debra Braendle, Bonita Springs Community Fund

January 23, Steve Agius, The Wheelchair Foundation

January 30, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Don Manley, January 12

Rotary "Sings"



Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful fighting of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

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Calling All Shutterbugs

In anticipation of this year's District Conference a request has been made to gather photos of Club events. If you have a special photo you would like to share send it along to Mike Colgan (mjcr1a@aol.com). Make sure you specify it's from our Club.



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