



The Spoke

A Day to Remember

The Terror, Tragedy, and Humanity of 9/11



Last week the Reverend Dr. Clinton C. Cottrell offered a chilling, engaging, and profound recollection and reflection on the events and horror that was and continues to be 9/11.

Reverend Cottrell currently serves as the pastor of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in South Fort Myers. Prior to being ordained as a minister, he served for over two decades as an air traffic controller, tower manager and on the executive staff of the Federal Aviation Administration.

In that capacity, he offered a riveting recollection of 9/11, offering new insights and information regarding that horrific day. We learned of the professionalism and proficiency of our air traffic control system, as it safely managed and landed domestic air traffic consisting of almost 7000 planes during that emergency and the heroism of a C-130 crew who decided to defend their nation's capital.

Reverend Cottrell concluded his remarks by noting, "in the midst of the evil...there are good people who do remarkable things." We honor their efforts and memory--thanks Reverend Cottrell for that insight and a most thought-provoking presentation.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Bob Lorenz** led the invocation; Jan Doten, (Estero High School Faculty member of the month) the Pledge of Allegiance and **Rick Barber** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Today is the Day... make sure you plan to join **Bob Lombardo** and his Committee for a round of mini Golf at our annual Gift of Life Tournament today at Congo River. Tickets are still available and again, all proceeds benefit Gift of Life.

Attention Keglers... **Jessica Berube** reminded us that our next Rotary Social will take place Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Beacon Bowl. Make plans to attend and enjoy a great evening.

Time does fly and in support of that maxim **Mark McCaw** announced that our popular Summer Golf Program will again be getting underway in May. Those who participated last

year will recall we meet on Saturday mornings for a round of golf and usually lunch afterwards. Please send Mark an email if you would like to join the group.

Jonathan Shaw stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A native New Yorker, Jon



was introduced to Florida at an early age and resolved one day to relocate here. After graduating from American University in Washington D.C. (where he met

Caroline, his wife of twelve years) he fulfilled his resolve and now has made his home here with Caroline and his two children. Jon works in SunTrust's private wealth group and is a Giants fan (New York we presume). Welcome Jon!

ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Last week **President Stephanie** introduced

us to this month's Estero High School Awards of Excellence winners.

Congratulations to Jan Doten, Faculty of the Month ("she does an amazing job with her culinary students"); Rita Kidder, Support Staff of the Month ("she helps everyone...and always is so very gracious"); Josue Ixcayau, Academic student of the month ("always focused and respectful in class") and Kristina Eller, Service student of the Month (has "already made an impression regarding her desire to become involved in the school and the community").

Thanks for your generosity of service and



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133, or its websites www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. and www.facebook.com/myrotary. **The Spoke**, the Club's official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email riverchip12-spoke@vahoo.com.

AROUND ROTARY

Celebrating World Rotaract Week



As we all know, Rotaract clubs are either community or university based (such as ours at FGCU) and sponsored by a local Rotary club. World

Rotaract Week, March 11-17, commemorated the 1968 chartering of the first club, in North Carolina, USA.

Rotary International reported that during the week, Rotaract clubs were asked to partner with their

sponsor Rotary clubs on a service project and to encourage a nearby Rotary club to sponsor a



new Rotaract club in the area. Also, members of the Rotaract and sponsor clubs were encouraged to attend each other's meetings.

Our Club is fortunate to have the opportunity and honor to partner, mentor, and work with an extraordinarily active and engaged Rotaract Club visiting us this morning. We look forward to hearing about their service trip to Costa Rica and their activities serving FGCU and the community. Thanks and welcome.

A Call to End Polio

Rotarians joined Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative on the steps of the U.S. Capitol March 14 to encourage continued support for the

campaign to end polio. Check out the Rotary International website to find out how you can join the final push to end this crippling disease.



Sustainable Water in India

RI also reports that a Rotarian-led team of hydrologists, engineers, geologists, and other experts traveled to the Thane district of northwest India in October to help local Rotarians and their international partners design a global grant project to bring clean water and sanitation to more than 1,800 villagers.

The team, funded by The Rotary Foundation and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation, is one of the first of its kind. It's the product of the Project Enhancement Process (PEP) pilot, which is designed to enlist the help of

Rotarians with expertise in the water and sanitation area of focus so that clubs and districts can put together larger-scale, sustainable projects.

After deciding to pursue a water project in the Akre Gram Panchayat



region of India, the Rotary Club of Thane North and its international partner, the Tacoma club, requested an evaluation team through the PEP Pilot to help them assess and plan their project. The project would benefit about 350 households in nine villages in the Supi River watershed, where villagers are trying to eke out a living growing rice.



"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize--\$2186.

An enthralled Tom Briers drew the Ten of Hearts to win \$500.

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

"Rotary Sings"
"I've Been Working on the Railroad"

I've been working on the railroad
All the livelong day



I've been working on the railroad
Just to pass the time away
Can't you hear the whistle blowing
Rise up so early in the morn
Can't you hear the captain shouting
Dinah, blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow
Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Someone's in the kitchen I know
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Strumming on the old banjo, and singing
Fie, fi, fiddy i o
Fie, fi, fiddy i o
Fie, fi, fiddy i o
Strumming on the old banjo



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Sara McCallum, March 24

Our Upcoming Speakers



This Morning, Denise Wheeler,

"Employment Law."

Next Week, Mei-Mei Chan, "The Newspaper Industry Today"

The 4-Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do.
Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is its **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Reminder... We're Moving
Effective Tuesday, April 2



Our Club will meet at Pelican's Nest, 7:30 a.m.

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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