



The Spoke

“Summit Urges Collaboration”

“Attendees at Sydney Water Summit Seek Partnerships”



As RI reports, the statistics are staggering. Worldwide, 2.5 billion people have no improved sanitation facilities. More than 783 million people lack access to clean drinking water.

But the message at the World Water Summit held in Sydney was encouraging: Rotary members and their clubs can bring down those numbers through collaborations and partnerships with the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and governments.

The water summit, the sixth convened by the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, aimed to match industry expert knowledge with Rotary-led projects. Brian Cook, a former Rotary district governor, talked about his district's initiatives with universities on water education in developing countries including Malaysia and India. Event organizers hope that participants took away a better understanding of how they can collaborate and partner with other organizations.

Breakout sessions focused on collaborating across Rotary's areas of focus, advocacy and education, and monitoring, evaluation, resolution, and learning. Keynote speakers included Dr. Robert Scott, chair of the Rotary International Polio Eradication Committee; Braimah Apambire from the Center for International Water and Sustainability and the Desert Research Institute; Juliet Willetts, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology; and Peter Crowley, UNICEF's chief of Polio.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Wendy Arnsenault** delivered the invocation; **Hank Hochstetler** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **John Mathes** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson**, to musical accompaniment, led us in a nostalgic version of "Sweet Caroline."



**P r e s i d e n t
B o b b i** acknowledged and recognized Walter who assists and takes such great care of us each and every week. Walter is taking a

leave and we wish him all the best and a speedy return to us.

Sara McCallum offered an update on the "Blue Bucket" or CART Program (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) which raises funds to provide cutting edge, high impact research to find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. \$110 has been raised recently and Sara offered us a challenge. Over the next two weeks that Sara will be away **Chris Riesen** will be collecting "Blue Bucket" contributions at the sign-in desk. Sara will match our contributions over the next two weeks up to \$200. Thank you Sara for your generosity and commitment to this most worthy program.

Mark Your Calendar...the Rotaract Committee meets immediately following

this morning's meeting. If you are interested in joining, please see **Tom Burgess**.

Bob Lombardo reminded us of the importance of paying our quarterly dues on a timely basis. You can pay your dues by check, on-line and Bob will be available after meetings to accommodate those who wish to pay their dues by credit card.

Clara Anne Graham offered a Shots for Tots Report. 18 families were served and 32 shots administered. Thanks to Clara Anne and all those who participate in one of our Club's most revered and signature community Service initiatives.

Our Speaker

Last week we heard from Debbie Tower, Public Information Director at the Florida Department of Transportation. A graduate of the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Debbie moved to Southwest Florida in 1984 to accept a position at WINK TV where she wrote and directed television commercials and produced a variety of special events. She has worked at the Department of Transportation for more than 22 years. Her passion for writing, producing, and directing endures in his present role with the State of Florida. Her creative, visual presentations have won two national awards. Debbie's presentation offered insight into the Department's planning process, its system of analysis and transportation system performance. She also offered a helpful update on a variety of local projects. Thanks Debbie for a very informative presentation.



A Rotary Tradition on the 4th of July

Editor's Note: Our Club creates and nurtures a number of wonderful traditions and events throughout the year. One of the Spoke's favorites is the Star Spangled 5k which takes place this year on Friday, July 4th at 7:30 am at Riverside Park. It's fun, festive, and a wonderful way to start the 4th of July Holiday. Brian Olitsky and his Committee always do a great job and have for a number of years. The Spoke thought it would be fun, as we prepare for this year's event, to reminisce and enjoy photos from the last several Star Spangled 5k events. Enjoy the memories and plan on participating or volunteering this year. Brian has all the information.



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**"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~4,239.50**

Last week a delighted Scott Angevine drew the Jack of Hearts to win ~~\$~~500.

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



It's A Birthday Celebration!

***Hank Hochstetler, June 27
Jim Dow (RR) June 30***



Our Upcoming Speakers

**This Morning,
Dee Harris,
Dietician
"Brain Health"**

"Rotary Sings"

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.



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?

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we pray for all Rotarians throughout the world that their visions and dreams might be realized, that their projects might be successful, and their beneficial influence be felt in high places and low. Inspire us all to be responsive to needs, to live and act with integrity, to serve with love, that peace might be real and lasting.

Hear now our thanks for food to nourish us, for fellowship to enrich us, for work to engage us, all in accord with Your will to empower us and Your Spirit to guide us. Amen.

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