



The Spoke

Wheelchairs to El Salvador



Don Manley gave us a slide show report of the "Wheelchair" trip to El Salvador. There were 48 people in the group. Many were Rotarians and family members from our club.

Don explained that the idea started 3 years ago when his son, Hector, said he wanted to kayak the length of the Mississippi River as a fund raiser for the Wheelchair Foundation and the Wounded Warriors.

Last summer, after Hector graduated from the Univ. of Tampa, they set out with Don and Hector paddling in kayaks and Karen providing support from their boat.

When they got to the Mississippi they found it was the middle of a 50 year drought. At Memphis, the river was 62 feet below the prior year's level. For 10 days they kayaked in temperatures of more than 100°.

The trip raised \$75,000. The Wheelchair Foundation's portion was enough to pay for a container of 280 wheelchairs. These chairs were delivered to El Salvador two weeks ago.

Don and Sandy described some of the touching experiences during the visit. Don said, **"It truly was the greatest day of my life, the greatest trip I've ever had."**

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-Elect **Sandy Scoggins** presided; **Donna Marcotte** delivered the invocation; **Chris Riesen** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Price** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test. Substitute song leader, **Jon McLeod**, asked **Jim Dati** to lead the singing of "The Old Folks at Home".

Peter Zahner announced that **Jasmin Mann** and **Claudie Feeney** had

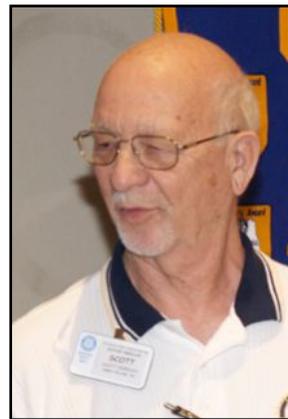


completed the club's requirements and presented them with their blue membership badges.

Jonathon Shaw and **Stephanie Kissenger** reported on the project to develop **The Rotary Community Garden of Bonita Springs**. We are working with the noon club and have received donations of needed materials from several local businesses.

There will be 13 raised garden beds and two smaller children's garden areas, a shaded work area and shed. Ground breaking and drawing for plots will be on September 7th. The Rotary clubs will be building the beds September 14th and 15th with a goal of having the beds available for planting around October 1st. Opportunities for sponsorship are available.

NEW CLUB MEMBER



Sandy inducted **Scott Gerrish** to active membership in the club as a transferring Rotarian. He was sponsored by **Nancy Ross** and **Jim Friedgen**. Scott's classification is Tank Manufacturer. [Thanks for inviting me. ed].

Bill Banfield acted as Sgt-at-Arms for the day. He started by announcing, "No fines today, unless you feel guilty about something..anything, then leave a dollar on the table." **Steve Krchniak** wanted anyone who was or had been a Rotary Club director to stand up and sing to him. **Ray Faubion** was the song leader. Steve was well pleased with the quality of the singing.



TIM MILLIGAN, The Rotary Club of Bradenton, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Tim was born in Lynwood, California. Since he was not coordinated enough to surf, his parents moved him to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at age one. At 10, he moved to Philadelphia. His first college was a small Methodist college in Jackson, Tennessee. Since Tim was not a small Methodist, he transferred to the University of Tennessee receiving his BS in Marketing and his first child.

After graduation he went to work for the Aluminum Company of America, which brought him back to Pittsburgh

for a short stay. Large corporations were not his forte, so he formed his own manufacturing representative firm specializing in packaging for the soft drink and brewery industry.

Eventually he chose to accept a position as VP sales and marketing for a multi-national corporation. They manufactured the trucks and trailers that delivered soft drinks and beer. In 2001 he retired. In 2002 his wife told him to get a job. He formed TP Milligan and Associates, an insurance agency specializing in health, long term care and life insurance. Tim has been married to the lovely Sharon for over 32 years and has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and one spoiled dog.

Rotary started for Tim in

1984. After a business break, he began again in earnest in 1997 in Bradenton, Florida. He was club president in 2000-2001 and Assistant Governor in 2006 through 2008. Most recently he was District Membership Chair, Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty and finally, RLI District Director. He has also been assigned to the Zone 33-34 Branding Committee.

His passion is for his work as a director for Florida Gift of Life and hosting one of their children. Tim's long time mantra has been "**Show someone an unexpected kindness**". This has been reinforced so many times in his work with other Rotarians. He now works diligently for his, and your, next "Rotary Moment".



"When I grow up, I'm going to save the world."

Attention Golfers

Throughout the summer our "Golf Tour" convenes Saturday mornings at some of the area's premier courses. The Tour visits Shadow Wood August 17.

Watch your emails for specific details and plan to attend and enjoy as many of these events as you can. Contact **Chris Riesen**.

Upcoming Events

Jay Berube will be hosting a Rotary Social at his house **Friday, Aug 23rd, 5pm.**

Sept 14th and 15th. Building beds at **The Rotary Community Garden.** See Jonathan Shaw or Stephanie.

Nancy Ross announced there will be a meal packing event with the Harry Chapin Food Bank on Saturday, **October 26th.**



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican's Nest Golf Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133 or its website www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. **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@yahoo.com. Scott Gerrish issue editor.



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strong and ready to serve.**

Rotary Sings

Sing Rotarians

Tune: "On Wisconsin"

Sing, Rotarians
Sing, Rotarians
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles
get you down, men
Ev'rything's all right.
Open up, boys
Sing it out, boys
Make those rafters ring.
Hey fellows, pitch right in
And let's all sing.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Wendy Arsenault Aug 7
Gary Murphy Aug 12
Nancy Ross Aug 12

Upcoming Speakers

Today:

Ken Kavanagh

FGCU

Athletic Director

The 4-Way Test

of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

This Morning's Invocation

O God, whose summer schedule never includes vacation from your sovereign surveillance over the world, and your merciful vigilance over us in daily life, we are comforted by that knowledge. We are challenged in response to not abandon our own attention to the responsibilities of which we are stewards.

Knowing that moral and ethical principles are not seasonal, we pray for strength to implement them in daily life and work.

Help us to review our loyalties and to re-commit ourselves to those we know should have high priority.

Across the Rotary world this month, as attention is focused on membership growth and extension, stimulate us to greater zeal for expansion in size and influence, thus extending to others the privileges we have as Rotarians.

Grant your blessing to us as we have gratefully partaken of the gift of food and share fully in table fellowship. Then go with us as we go out to meet the opportunities for service awaiting us in places unknown at the moment. Amen.

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