



The Spoke



District Governor Cyndi Doragh



AAG **Sandy Hemstead** introduced District Governor **Cyndi Doragh**. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida and a Golden Chief at Florida State University. Cyndi has been married to PDG **Pete Doragh**

for 25 years, and is mother of five children, ALL Seminoles. Pete and Cyndi are proud to have two Eagle Scouts, coached Fast Pitch Softball and Cheerleading and take pride in the success of their children.

She is committed to her family and proud to be a forth generation Floridian (Fort Myers). She enjoys watching Seminole football and tailgating with friends and family, Atlanta Braves baseball, boating, golf, travel and sitting on her porch at her lake house in North East Alabama.

A Rotarian since 1994, Cyndi is honored to be District Governor and proud to serve District 6960. She has served as President of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South, with the classification of Insurance Services and currently serves as her club's Foundation Chairman.

Cyndi is a Major Donor, member of the Bequest Society, Benefactor, Paul Harris

Society Member, and a graduate and discussion leader for Rotary Leadership Institute. She has been honored as **Rotarian of the Year** and received the distinguished **Service Above Self** award.

Cyndi said, "Rotary has made me a service oriented individual. **It's no longer about Me...It's about WE.** About how we as Rotarians are going to make a difference. I believe that everybody from the tallest to the shortest brings a gift. Everyone has a gift and some have many gifts. Everyone should be asking himself, What do I bring to Rotary? What is my gift? **How can I make a difference and get this club to take action?**

The Power of One is really the Power of Many and that is what Rotary is about. **Susanne Rea** is a terrific example. She is a 70 year old widow from Northeast Australia who started The **World's Greatest Meal** project by cooking a meal for some friends and asking them to make a donation to end polio. Now, **she has raised almost \$4 million to end polio.**



"I love this doll. The doll was made by women in Kenya. Women who were prostituting themselves to feed their children. A Rotarian showed up and said 'why don't we make dolls and sell them Rotarians so you don't have prostitute yourself to feed your children.' The doll represents women trying to better themselves in Kenya."

LAST WEEK MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided for Week 6 on National Oyster Day. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **Chris Riesen** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Len Eckert** led the Four Way Test flawlessly.



Substitute song leader **Jim Dati** spent some time explaining the origin of the "Norwegian Wood", a John Lennon/Paul McCartney song from 1965. The club's singers did a pretty good job with this different material.

Jay Berube announced that our Rotary Exchange Student from Spain will be arriving Tuesday, August 11th at 2:05 pm at RSW via an Air Berlin flight. Please come out to greet her if you can.

Chris Riesen said the next Saturday golf outings will be August 22nd at Bonita Bay and September 12th at West Bay. Contact Chris or **Mark McCaw**.

Tom announced that **Dictionary Labeling Day** will be Saturday, September 12th. There will also be a membership training seminar that day in Port Charlotte.

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-arms. He

gave a special welcome to Past President **John Spear**, "For those of you who don't know him, John Spear comes once a year, whether he needs to or not." He was a little gentler with visitor **Wayne Hemstead**, "Our favorite little angel trying to get his wings".



George introduced guest **Ben Arsenault**, Wendy's 4th grader son. Ben ran a successful fund raising effort last winter for the Wounded Warrior Softball team. We then sang Happy Birthday for Wendy.

George announced special summer rules, **probably one-time**, for late arrivers. "We're just happy to have people here in the dog days of summer. No fines for y'all. Come at 9 o'clock, we're fine with that."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

The **Photo Patch Foundation** mission is assisting the invisible victims of incarceration. There are 2.7 million children in the USA that have at least one incarcerated parent. Many children who have an incarcerated parents have not spoken, seen or in anyway communicated with parents in weeks, months and sometimes years.

Every month, they ask children to upload letters and pictures that they would like to send

to their parents. A key service that Photo Patch provides these children is a communication platform that allows children to easily upload photos from any site or any device. Photo Patch will print, package, sign, seal and ship the mail for them.

Communication is a key factor in strengthening, maintaining and repairing relationships. Photo Patch strives to be that link for these underserved children.

Josh the Otter Kickoff

On August 5 and 6, the club brought the **Josh the Otter** Water Safety and Literacy Project to the Literacy Council Gulf Coast. The energetic classroom program promotes water safety and drowning prevention through the “Josh the Baby Otter” book. The book was written to teach children to “stay away from water unless with an adult and to always swim with a buddy.”



Jay Berube, Cyndi Doragh, Bobbi Bird, Nancy Ross, Susan Acuna at the Literacy Council.

Nancy Ross is chairman of the campaign for the district and **Jay Berube** is club chairman.

From the coast of eastern Florida to the shores of Singapore, the message of Josh the Otter is spreading quickly! Children across the country and around the world are hearing the life-saving message of the Josh the Otter Water Safety and Awareness Project.

Since 2010, dedicated volunteers and partners have distributed over 135,000 Josh the

Baby Otter books to children. Currently, over 40 U.S. states and many countries around the world have the book being presented in their schools and daycares. By the end of 2015, the “Josh the Baby Otter” book will be translated into 50 languages.



Courtesy Photo

Cyndi Doragh said, Thank YOU, Nancy, for agreeing to lead this excellent program to save the lives of our children! I am so proud we have taken on this initiative and your leadership is **A Gift to The World!** I appreciate you!



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Last Week: Stephanie Kissinger drew the 4♣ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,086

Rotary Sings: *The Yellow Rose of Texas*

There's a yellow rose in Texas,
That I am going to see,
Nobody else could miss her,
Not half as much as me.
She cried so when I left her
It like to broke my heart,
And if I ever find her,
We nevermore will part.

She's the sweetest little rosebud
That Texas ever knew,
Her eyes are bright as diamonds,
They sparkle like the dew;
You may talk about your Clementine,
And sing of Rosalee,
But the **YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS**
Is the only girl for me.

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 Week

Antoine Patton
Photo Patch Foundation

Birthdays

Gary Murphy Aug 12
Nancy Ross Aug 12
Dale Timple Aug 16

This Morning's Invocation

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that "man does not live by bread alone."

We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual.

Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others.

We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched. Amen.

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