



# The Spoke

## “Welcome Governor Tim”

*We Celebrate Our District Governor's Visit*



Last week we were honored by the visit of our District Governor Timothy P. Milligan and his wife Sharon. Their grace, charm, humor--and commitment to all things Rotary--made their visit both memorable and enjoyable.

Governor Tim's mantra is “Show someone an unexpected kindness.” We experienced first-hand his commitment to that ideal. From participation to our Club's activities, deliberation with our Board, and delivery of an informative and inspirational address at our meeting, Governor Tim continually offered us that “unexpected kindness” we will long remember and cherish.

Thanks Governor Tim and Sharon--visit us again soon.

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The Rotary Club of Bradenton

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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

**President Bobbi** presided over what was an extraordinarily full and meaningful meeting. **Brian Olitsky** delivered the invocation; **Joe Murgalo** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Dawn Colecchio** the 4 Way Test. **Dale Timple** led a rousing version of "School Days."

**The Tour Continues...Mark McCaw** briefed us on our Summer "Golf Tour" and made special mention of the Golf Tournament Challenge hosted by the Estero Club September 28th.

**A Paul Harris Moment**

The Paul Harris program in many ways represents the essence of what it means to be Rotarian.

Participation in this program ratifies and celebrates the noble journey that is Rotary. So it was good to observe **Gerry Myers** conduct last week's Paul Harris recognition ceremony. Congratulations to **Jane Goble** and **Carl Nickel** on receiving advanced Paul Harris awards. Both Jane and Carl are dedicated and seasoned Rotarians and we thank them for their philanthropic spirit.

**Stephanie Kissinger** announced that the "construction weekend" for our Community Garden will take place September 14 and 15 at 8:00 am. A sign-up sheet is circulating for this worthwhile event. All you need to bring is a pair of garden gloves along with your Rotary smile and enthusiasm. Coffee will be provided.

As we know, **Jon McLeod** will be embarking upon a Boston to Key West bicycle journey in

support of the Gift of Life beginning on Memorial Day. Jon needs help coordinating logistics--if you would like to participate, please see **Jon** or **President Bobbi**.

**Tom Burgess** briefed us on this year's Rotaract activities at FGCU. Tom advised that our Rotaractors would be visiting us at next week's meeting as their school year gets underway. Our Club's Rotaract Committee is also reconvening, so if you would like to get involved please see Tom for details.

**President Bobbi** announced that the Trolley Tour hosted by the Naples Sunset Club will take place August 30. The tour visits four establishments allowing sufficient time for snacks, libations, and engaging conversation. For more information, email [info@naplessunsetrotary.org](mailto:info@naplessunsetrotary.org).

**Time To Celebrate**

An already memorable meeting became a celebration as we welcomed **Julie Pedretti** as



the newest member of our Club. A marketing professional with more than 25 years of experience in health care and financial services, Julie currently serves

as Senior Project Manager-System Marketing and Communications at Lee Memorial Health System. Flanked by **Governor Tim**, Membership Chair **Peter Zahner** and **President Bobbi**, Julie has already taken an active, immediate, and appreciated interest in our Club. Welcome Julie--we're glad to have you aboard.

## Governor Tim's Visit--Living the "Unexpected Kindness"

Last week our Club was honored by a visit from our District Governor Timothy P. Milligan and his wife Sharon. Governor Tim's Rotary career began in 1984 and since that time he has held various Rotary leadership positions among them Bradenton Club President (2000-2001);



Assistant Governor (2006-2008); District Membership Chair; Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty; RLI District Director and assignment to the Zone 33-34 Branding Committee.

Governor Tim began his address by complimenting our Club's "effectiveness" and acknowledging the efforts of a number of our members who have assumed leadership positions throughout the District. He reflected on his own Rotary career, his

experience with the Rotary Leadership Institute, and a meeting he had with an individual whose life had been impacted



and changed by Rotary. That moment, Governor Tim observed, was the moment which transformed him from Rotary Club member to Rotarian. It was the moment that underscored for him Rotary's "depth, breadth, and power." And in many ways, delivering that message and reality throughout the District seems to comprise a cornerstone goal of Tim's year as Governor.

Governor Tim proceeded to offer us an overview of this year's District programs and activities. Implementing microcredit systems as a way leveraging positive change within communities will be introduced in St. Lucia and the

Northern Caribbean. We will continue to utilize the "reverse grant" as a way of addressing need within



our own District. He also introduced us to the "Blue Bucket Program," which our Club will be implementing, as a means of raising funds for Alzheimer's Research.

Thanks Governor Tim for your remarks, your visit, and your extraordinary passion for all things Rotarian. We look forward to a great and memorable year in our District.



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### "The Fifty-Fifty" This Week's Big Prize

An extraordinarily natty Jim Horein drew the  
Ten of Clubs to win \$500.

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

### "Rotary Sings"

#### "America the Beautiful"

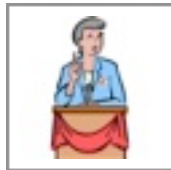
O beautiful for  
spacious skies,  
For amber waves of  
grain,  
For purple mountain  
majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on  
thee  
And crown thy good  
with brotherhood  
From sea to shining  
sea!



### It's A Birthday Celebration!

*Joe Murgalo, August 27*

### Our Upcoming Speakers This Morning,



Vicki Tracy,  
Arlington  
Senior Living  
Facility

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

Good and gracious God, we pray for all Rotarians engaged in  
service in the far-flung enterprise whose name we bear.  
Wherever truth is promoted and fairness is exercised, where  
good will is shown and acts beneficial to all are done,  
accompany those experiences with the confirming power of  
your Spirit.

We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of food and the  
opportunity for fellowship which are vital parts of our  
gatherings. May nothing be done or said here that that will  
dishonor your Name and demean our Club. Amen.

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