

# Campfire News

## Rotary's Camp Florida

September 2013

### CAMP COMMENDATION



**On August 21, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County presented Rotary's Camp Florida with a commendation of "Generous & Tireless Service to the County."**

**Executive Director Jim Harmon and his wife Deb, Board President Ed Johns, and board members PDG Randy Kizer, PDG Alan Feldman, and Dr. Leo Diaz were present, along with DGN Tom Wagner and PDG Betty Jo Tompkins.**

**In accepting the commendation, Jim Harmon told commissioners that Rotary's Camp Florida is "proud to call Hillsborough County home."**

**To view the event, go to:**

**[? Rotary's Camp Florida Receives BOCC Commendation - YouTube](#)**

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# FROM OUR PRESIDENT



## *A message from Board President Ed Johns*

By this time all the children are back in school. Many of them will have fond memories of their camping experiences this past summer. Making new friends and having many stories to tell their parents and friends. A select few will have had the opportunity to enjoy and partake in our beautiful camp here at Rotary's Camp Florida (RCF) in the heart of Brandon, Florida. It is with great pride that we welcome so many campers and visitors to the camp, especially in the summer months when they can enjoy the pool and surrounding lakes for a week at a time.



Now we move into our fall season and things get a little more comfortable. Temperatures will begin to drop a little and we will spend more time outdoors.

Campers look forward to those long weekends when they can meet new friends, renew old friendships, and let their hair down at Rotary's Camp Florida. Many are beginning to plan their return to RCF next summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to all those Rotary Clubs, Corporate Donors, Individual Donors, and Foundations that support the camp throughout the year. Without your continued support we would not be able to engage all the happy, smiling faces of those less fortunate. Remember, it takes year-round maintenance and attention to keep RCF a favorite destination for children with special needs. Many supporters have not had the opportunity to experience the camp, and we welcome your visit. Again, we thank you all and hope you will continue your support of Rotary's Camp Florida.



**Ed**

# NEWS FROM OUR CLUBS

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South recently presented RCF with a check for \$2,000 to help complete the walkway from the fire pit to the floating dock platform.

In early September, the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs (Morning) presented the camp with a check for \$1,000 for operations. Ongoing needs for office supplies and equipment, as well as "housekeeping" issues such as air conditioning repairs and service are funded through the operations account, and clubs are encouraged to consider a pledge of \$500 or more to help the camp keep up with maintenance issues.

## Other gifts from clubs include:

RC of St. Petersburg	\$1,150
RC of Jupiter-Tequesta	\$500
RC of Charlotte Harbor	\$500
RC of Indian Rocks	\$2,000
RC of Cape Coral	\$500
RC of Tampa Westchase	\$1,000
RC of Bradenton	\$500
RC of Valrico	\$2,000
RC of Clearwater East	\$1,281 (from bell cup money - monthly donation)
Rotary District 6890	\$160
Rotary Clubs of Palm Harbor, Oldsmar, Dade City-Sunrise, and Zephyrhills Daybreak donated a total of \$760 in honor of District Governor Roger Proffer.	



*Bonita Springs RC President Bobbi Bird, VP Sandy Scoggins, and Treasurer Bob Lombardo present check to RCF Board Member Susan Schmitt*

## CLUB WORKDAYS

On the first Saturday of each month, one of our state's many Rotary Clubs plans a workday on the campus of Rotary's Camp Florida. Workdays can be very special "bonding" times for Rotaract Clubs and their sponsors, as well as new members in your club. There's nothing like spending the day helping improve the camp to make you feel good...and you will feel VERY good when you see the results of a day's work!



**For more information, please call the camp office at 813/654-4042.**



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