



Sunshine On My Shoulders
John Denver

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy
Sunshine in my eyes
Can make me cry
Sunshine on the water
Looks so lovely
Sunshine
Almost always makes me high

If I had a day
That I could give you
I'd give to you
The day just like today
If I had a song
That I could sing for you
I'd sing a song
To make you feel this way

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If I had a tale that I could tell you
I'd tell a tale sure to make you smile
If I had a wish that I could wish for you
I'd make a wish for sunshine all the while

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The President's Corner

Did you know...



Rotary's history informs many of today's practices. Many traditions, while never officially mandated or sanctioned, are such a part of current Rotary culture that some Rotarians could not imagine their Rotary experience without these long-standing practices. Ringing a bell is one of these traditions that has been around for almost a century, but never mandated. Many clubs have a bell – and others do not. It's a choice... so where did the tradition come from? It started with an attendance contest between Rotary clubs in London and New York City in 1922. The losers of the contest, London, had to present a prize to the winner, NYC. The prize was a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS Victory Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell at Rotary meetings began to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and time to guide clubs through the weekly meetings. The bell is often sounded to mark the beginning of a Rotary meeting, at which time people stand for their opening ritual, which varies from club to club. Many clubs also ring it to indicate adjournment of a meeting.

Upcoming Programs

7/11—Coffee with a Cop, Lt. Frank Pisano, LCSO Community Response Unit

July 18—FGCU Water School's Role in Southwest Florida's Sustainability, Dr. Win Everham, Professor of Ecology and Environmental Students,

August 8: Creating a Healthier Population, Dr. Iahn Gonsenhaus, Chief Medical Officer, Lee Health

August 15: Launching a New Era for the Historical Wonder Gardens, Neil Anderson, President & CEO

August 22: Building a Thriving Community Theater in a Newly Renovated Home, SPEAKER TBD, The Naples Players

August 29: Protecting and Preserving Florida's Water Resources, Dr. Paul Hindsley, Chief

Economist, The Everglades Foundation

Birthdays

Rick Barber 7/02

Duke Downey, 7/17

Rolando Rivera, 7/17

Rex Simms, 7/19



Rotarians of The Month

Rex Sims—July

Angela Swanepoel—August

Alan & Marjo White—September

Julie Pedretti—October

Eileen Tasso—November

Larry Vars—December

Mike Poff, January

Mark G. & Meg W.—February

Dr. Robert Landy—March

Donna Marcotte—April



Let us pray.

Lord, grant us the clarity to discern Your will and the strength to follow Your path. May Your

love and grace flow through us, inspiring our words and actions to reflect Your goodness and mercy. In times of joy, let us be grateful; in times of trial, let us be steadfast.

Bless our families, our communities, and all those who seek You with sincerity. Heal the hearts of those in pain and bring comfort to those in sorrow. May we always remember that we are Your children, called to serve and love one another as You have loved us.

Amen.



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Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the 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?

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