



A Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers - Sunrise

## JANUARY 20, 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Presiding Jake Spanberger
Invocation Lois Redmond
Pledge Blake Weeks
Song Master Anthony Crocker
50/50 WINNER Andy Chernow
Four Way Test Mark Pollock
Editor Norman Lutz

#### **TODAY'S GUESTS**

Just a guess....didn't have the list. Sorry if I missed you.

Dr. Gary Goforth Past District Governor

Woody Starr

Gie Oei

Rotary Club of Newport, Vermont
Rotary Club of Lexington, KY

Andy Chernow

John Bolger

Frank Newell

Rotary Club of Lexington, KY

Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
Rotary Club Morrison's Cove, PA

Hey Frank, let me know what club

you are in

Eugene Stack Rotary Club of North Chicago
Mary Ellen Morris Rotary Club of Brockville, Ontario
Ed Powell Rotary Club of Manton, MI
Patrick Day TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc.

and today's speaker

#### **CAKE AND CANDLES**

Jan 28 Eunice Fuhler Feb 11 John McGowan Feb 18 Don Cramer



#### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Years of service based on DAC | db data

Feb 01 John Steakley 21 Sunrise Feb 11 Dilman Thomas 11 Sunrise Feb 15 David Gormley 9 Sunrise

Members: Please update your DAC|db profile with your picture, current phone numbers and e-mail addresses.



#### WHY OUR DOWNTOWN LOOKS SO AMAZING

PATRICK DAY, TKW CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

Sunrise Rotary welcomed Patrick Day, Department and Project Manager at TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc. who presented a two-part conversation.



Part one focused on the important work of the American Public Works Association. Mr. Day is serving as the president of the Southwest Florida Branch of APWA.



APWA is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies,

and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services. The largest and oldest organization of its kind in the world.

The Southwest Florida Branch of the APWA was formed in 1985 to provide a forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state, and federal arenas.

Part two was an amazing overview of the Fort Myers Downtown Utility Replacement Project. This project was the winner of the 2009 APWA Project of the Year Award, and was instrumental in literally laying the foundation for the recovery and development of Downtown Fort Myers.

This massive project consisted of the replacement of water, sanitary sewer and storm water systems; installation of underground infrastructure for electric, cable phone and fiber optic cables; and a complete upgrade of the streetscape. It encompassed 54 city blocks, held a cost of \$54 million, and a four year construction schedule.

Successful completion of this project improved the utility infrastructure, enhanced water quality, improved "fire flows" impacting life safety, and reduced stormwater infiltration into sanitary sewers.

Thanks Mr. Day for an amazing presentation.



### **MUSIC REVIEW**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"America the Beautiful" is an American patriotic song. The lyrics were written by <u>Katharine Lee Bates</u>, and the music was composed by church organist and choirmaster <u>Samuel A. Ward</u>. Click their names to learn more about these individuals.

Bates originally wrote the words as a poem, "Pikes Peak", first published in the Fourth of July edition of the church periodical *The Congregationalist* in 1895. At that time, the poem was titled "America" for publication.

Ward had originally written the music, "Materna", for the hymn "O Mother dear, Jerusalem" in 1882, though it was not first published until 1892. Ward's music combined with the Bates poem was first published in 1910 and titled *America the Beautiful*.

In 1893, at the age of 33, Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, had taken a train trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to teach a short summer school session at Colorado College. Several of the sights on her trip inspired her, and they found their way into her poem, including the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the "White City" with its promise of the future contained within its alabaster buildings; the wheat fields of America's heartland Kansas, through which her train was riding on July 16; and the majestic view of the Great Plains from high atop Zebulon's Pikes Peak.

On the pinnacle of that mountain, the words of the poem started to come to her, and she wrote them down upon returning to her hotel room at the original Antlers Hotel. The poem was initially published two years later in The Congregationalist to commemorate the Fourth of July. It quickly caught the public's fancy. Amended versions were published in 1904 and 1913.

Several existing pieces of music were adapted to the poem. A hymn tune composed by Samuel A. Ward was generally considered the best music as early as 1910 and is still the popular tune today. Just as Bates had been inspired to write her poem, Ward, too, was inspired to compose his tune. The tune came to him while he was on a ferryboat trip from Coney Island back to his home in New York City, after a leisurely summer day in 1882, and he immediately wrote it down. He was



so anxious to capture the tune in his head, he asked fellow passenger friend Harry Martin for his shirt cuff to write the tune on. He composed the tune for the old hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem", retitling the work "Materna". Ward's music combined with Bates's poem were first published together in 1910 and titled "America the Beautiful".

Ward died in 1903, not knowing the national stature his music would attain since the music was only first applied to the song in 1904. Bates was more fortunate since the song's popularity was well established by the time of her death in 1929.

### IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO ATTEND RLI?



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world.

RLI is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control.

RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in its member districts identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations.

The next opportunity is on February 6, 2016. Learn more at DAC|db or contact Jake Spanberger.



#### **GET TO KNOW YOUR ROTARIANS**

#### **FINBARR CORR**

"Sno-Bird" Finbarr Corr, a Rotarian from the Yarmouth Club, MA addressed us all on Wed Jan 20th. He gave a brief history of his life and why he became a Rotarian in 1988.



He is born in County Cavan Ireland, one of nine children

in 1935. Because of having 3 uncles priests, one of whom, Father Michael Corr, was a celebrated chaplain during World War II influenced Finbarr to follow in his footsteps, to become a priest and serve in NJ for 28 years.

Finbarr reported that he was very lucky, having several mentors to assist him in continuing his education, gaining a MS in Pastor Counseling and an Ed D @ Columbia Univ. NY.

While serving as a pastor in Madison NJ, a community consisting of 10% Italian born and 40% of Italian descent, he took a sabbatical and while in Rome learned to speak Italian. He shocked the Italian parishioners, when her returned and addressed them with "Bon Giorno" from the altar when he returned. !!!

He has been a fundraiser since age 8 and continues to raise money for Rotary here in Fl and on Cape Cod. He joined Rotary in Morristown NJ after he resigned the priesthood to marry Laurie in 1988. As a Rotarian he initiated dialogue with moderate Muslims who lived and worked on Cape Cod .

He served as Marriage and Family therapist in NJ for 33 years, taught college for 10 years and has written 8 books since 2002.

He enjoys the fellowship of Rotary and is happy to assist in fundraising to continue their good works both nationally and internationally.

Finbarr can be reached at <a href="mailto:finbarrcorr@comcast.net">finbarrcorr@comcast.net</a> or <a href="https://www.finbarrcorr.com">www.finbarrcorr.com</a> .

#### **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CHERNOW TAKES HOME THE DOUGH**

Congratulations to Andy Chernow, who picked the Ace of Spades this week in the 50/50 drawing. Not exactly Powerball level winnings, but a \$527 take....not bad.

#### **SANIBEL PARKING IS SCHEDULED**

Mark your calendars for the Sanibel Arts Festival parking on February 13 & 14, 2016. Sing up HERE, or go to the Club website, hover over the "Event" tab, and select "Volunteer Sign Up.".

#### **EGGS & EARS**

Back by popular demand, watch the website and future announcements for more information on the Eggs & Ears Run, held this year on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Click on the image for more information and to register to run. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be developed closer to the event.



#### **CONGRATULATION, BOB KNOX**

Bob Knox was recognized for his second anniversary in the Rotary Club of Fort Myers – Sunrise. Bob currently serves as the club treasurer, and previously served as the Event Treasurer for the golf tournament and was instrumental in bringing many of the sponsors to the event.

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT GERM ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL THEME



Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is "the most worthwhile thing a person can do," RI President-elect John F. Germ said, and that being a part of Rotary is a "great opportunity" to make that happen.

Germ unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, Rotary Serving Humanity, to incoming district governors on 18 January at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

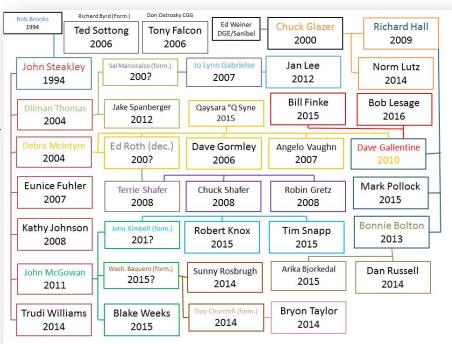


### **SUNRISE HISTORY**

#### **OUR FAMILY TREE**

Charter Member John Steakley presented a graphic illustration of our club's membership. It is easier to follow in PowerPoint, but just match up the color of a member's name with the other boxes in the image. As an example, John Steakley's name is purple. The boxes of the individuals John sponsored are also in purple.

Thanks John, for a great demonstration, a walk down memory lane, and hopefully some motivation to bring more great members into The Sunrise Rotary.



### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

JAN	Molly Grubbs-LMHS
27	Coconut Point Life Center
FEB 03	Christi Pritchett Sarlo, Executive Director Lee Builder's Care
FEB	Bryan Haley
10	"Finding Your Calling"
FEB	John Barfield
17	Starting From Scratch
FEB 24	Cathleen O. Morgan Lee County School Board - The State of Our Schools

#### **JUST FOR FUN ....**

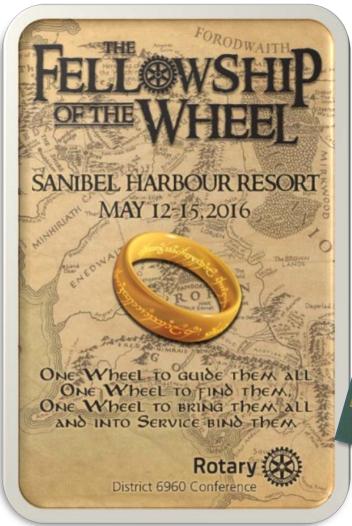


#### **DISTRICT AND CLUB EVENTS**

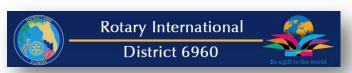
JAN 30	Pre-PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) Registration at 7:30 with continental breakfast Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center - Cost \$30			
<b>F</b> ЕВ <b>06</b>	Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2 and 3 available - Sessions begin at 8:00 AM; Conclude at 3:30 PM - Polk State College Winter Haven, FL			
FEB 13-14	Sanibel Parking – <u>Click here to sign-up</u>			
FEB 27	RLI Graduate Class – The Rotary Foundation 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Cultural Center of Charlotte County			
Mar 26	Eggs & Ears Run – <u>Click here</u> for more information			
Apr 16	District Assembly Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center Registration at 7:30 with continental breakfast			
MAY 11	VIP Realty Junior Golf Clinic 4:00 PM - The Forest Country Club			
MAY 12-15	2016 District Conference Sanibel Harbor Event and Conference Center			
MAY 13	Millennium Physician Group Sunrise Rotary Pro-Am Registration Opens at 10:00 AM; 12:00 Shotgun Start The Forest Country Club			



# REGISTER NOW FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Let us know you plan to attend by registering online. Register NOW for The Fellowship of the Wheel 2016 District Conference or send your regrets that you cannot attend by clicking here.



#### FOUNDATION SPONSORS

In a new feature for The Sunrise, we will feature the business cards of members who have contributed an additional \$25 to The Rotary Foundation. If you want to participate, please give your business card to Norman Lutz, and \$25 to Robert Knox.





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Club # 29821 District # 6960 Meeting at Saigon Paris Bistro 12995 S Cleveland Ave Fort Myers 7:30 AM each Wednesday

# **Rotary Links**

Club Website	www.fmsunriserotary.com	
Club Facebook	www.facebook.com/FMSunriseRotary	
District Database	www.directory-online.com/Rotary/SecLogin.cfm	
District Website	www.rotarydistrict6960.org	
Rotary International	www.rotary.org	
Rotary Foundation	http://rotaryfoundation6960.org/	

**Area Rotary Meetings** 

Meets on	Club Name	Location	Time
Monday	Fort Myers - South	Crowne Plaza Bell Tower	12:00 PM
	FMS - Sunset	Alico Golf Center	5:15 PM
Tuesday	Estero	Elks Lodge	12:00 PM
	Fort Myers	Marina at Edison-Ford	12:00 PM
Wednesday	Fort Myers - East	Beef O'Brady's at Verandah	7:30 AM
	Bonita Springs	Bonita Bay Club	7:30 AM
	Cape Coral	La Venezia Ballroom	8:00 AM
	Cape Coral - North	Palmetto Pine Country Club	6:00 PM
Thursday	North Fort Myers	Three Fisherman Restaurant	8:00 AM
	Lehigh Acres	Microtel Inn and Suites	12:00 PM
	Bonita Springs Noon	Spanish Wells County Club	12:00 PM
Friday	Sanibel-Captiva	The Dunes Golf Club	7:30 AM
	Cape Coral Gold Coast	Gulf Coast Village	11:45 AM