

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, June 2, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Jim Wall

Southwest Florida Works

Jim Wall currently holds the position of Director of Business Development for Southwest Florida Works.

- Jim has lived in Southwest Florida for the past twenty years
- He has worked as a Human Resource Professional and Corporate Trainer in the medical field
- He is originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota and a graduate of the U of Minnesota, Duluth ... which pretty much explains why he now resides in tropical Southwest Florida!
- He is also known locally as "The Career Doctor"
- Jim has hosted a cable T.V. show called "Take This Job & Love It"
- He has hosted a radio call in show called "Doctors On Call"
- Presented numerous workshops and seminars to both Job Seekers and Businesses involving healthy and successful job search and hiring practices.

Jim is here today to reveal one of the best kept secrets in Southwest Florida "Southwest Florida Works".



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June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	72	71.30%		
Makeups:	5			
Visiting Rotarians:	2		Winter Pigeons:	1
Guests of Members:	2		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up? • Attendance for May 76.27%



Guest Speaker

Next Week: GSE Team from Poland

Last Meeting: Dr. Joel Bohémier, *Trinity Chiropractic*,
Maximized Living Health Center



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
No club members have a birthday this week.		

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Vivian Duryea-Shea	June 6	24
Beth Krier	June 7	8

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Kent McRae	June 7	4



Distinguished Rotarians

Rotarian	Honored
Doug Baird	Sept. 30, 2010
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Keith Geiman	Jan. 8, 2009
Lois Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



**100% Paul Harris Fellows
or Sustaining Members**



Tanaka elected RI president for 2012-13

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, was elected president of Rotary International for 2012-13 by delegates during the fourth plenary session at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

"It is my honor to accept the nomination to serve as president of Rotary International," said Tanaka. "Since I joined Rotary, I have embraced every new challenge of Rotary service. To me, challenge is a very important word. It inspires us. It also helps us to be and to do our best. It allows us to bring out our fullest potential."

He said Rotarians share a responsibility to make Rotary clubs stronger by attracting quality members and ensuring that every club meeting is productive and meaningful. He also called upon clubs to make an action plan to bring in younger members.

"We need to stop talking about this. Instead, why don't we just do it!" he said.

Tanaka also took a moment to thank Rotarians for the outpouring of assistance after the earthquake and tsunami that struck his country in March. "People around the world, particularly Rotarians, offered help to rebuild the communities that were lost. Only with the knowledge that we are not alone, can we work together for the long healing process after such tragedy."

For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.



Sakuji Tanaka delivered his acceptance remarks during the fourth plenary session.

Eradicating polio will take renewed resolve, says Gates

Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading -- and threatening hundreds of thousands of children.

Gates, the keynote speaker at the third plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention, 24 May in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the world where polio is no longer considered a threat.

"That's a blessing and a curse," said Gates. "The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future."

Gates praised Rotary for reducing the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent worldwide since 1988.

"Your work has brought us so far," he said. "I'm so proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio."

Gates noted that only one case of polio had been reported in India this year, as of March.

"India is approaching zero cases," said Gates. "None of this would have been remotely achievable had it not been for Rotary. We would not be where we are without you. Nor can we get to where we're going without you."

Gates said that he and his wife, Melinda, have made eradicating polio their foundation's top priority. With the world on the threshold of eradication, the hard work really begins, he said.

"Polio eradication has been our single biggest investment in recent years, as far as innovation and creativity. The last 1 percent will be the longest and hardest 1 percent," he said. "It will require more work and more commitment than ever before. Without the redoubled effort of everyone in this room, and your fellow Rotarians around the world, we will not succeed. Redoubling is crucial to ending polio."

The Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling US\$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating the disease. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. To date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million for the challenge.



Bill Gates addressed Rotarians during the third session of the 2011 RI Convention 24 May.