

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, November 17, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Pete Doragh
*Rotary Youth Exchange
Chairman for District 6960*

Paul Harris Fellow Level 7, Major Donor
Paul Harris Society
Graduate- Rotary Leadership Institute

District 6960

- District Secretary- 2009-2010
- District RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) Chairman- 2010-2012
- Past Assistant Area Governor- Area 4

Rotary Club of Fort Myers Gateway

- Past President
- Past Secretary
- Past Board Member- 4 years

Rotary Club of Fort Myers South

- Past President- During my year as President our club participated through funding in three international projects supporting District efforts, helped fund a number of major initiatives in our community, and directed the establishment of several new club programs.
- Past Board Member- 6 years; Re-elected to Club Board 2011-2013
- Past Chairman Rotary South All Star Football Game (\$40,000 net) This was and remains the most successful annual edition of our clubs primary fundraiser.
- "Rotarian of the Year"- 2006-2007

PERSONAL

- Married to Cyndi, five children
- Graduate - Georgetown University
- Graduate - Florida State Law, with highest honors



Silent Auction Items needed
for Christmas Party
Please see Rosa Ivey for sign-up forms

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	88	86%		
Makeups:	7			
Visiting Rotarians:	4		Winter Pigeons:	5
Guests of Members:	4		Student Guests:	4

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: No meeting - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Last Meeting: Bob Knight, Chairman of the Group Study Exchange for District 6960.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Jim Boughton	November 23	60
Jack Dick	November 17	66
Al Gal	November 18	44
June Gardy	November 20	46
Claude Haynes	November 22	80
John Sweet	November 22	48

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Steve Matteau	November 21	3
Gene Turner	November 18	33

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Dave Greider	November 19	24



Distinguished Rotarians

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



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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



Former Rotary Scholar kayaks across England for charity

A 70-year-old former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar isn't letting age slow him down.

Englishman Peter Woolsey, a 1965-66 scholar to the United States, recently completed a 400-mile solo kayak trip from Kendal, in England's Lake District, to London, raising more than US\$2,500 for Age UK, a charity that provides information, advice, and support to the elderly.

When he was 17, Woolsey completed the same journey through England's network of canals and down the Thames River. As his 70th birthday approached, he decided that repeating the voyage would be an ideal way to celebrate.

"As a youngster, I was fascinated by canals and kayaking, and it grew into a passion which has stayed with me throughout my life," Woolsey says. "I've always felt that age shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your goals."

Early in his life, Woolsey's hobby earned him a job leading groups of British canoeists down the Rhone and Ardèche rivers in France for PGL, an adventure holiday company. After graduating from Manchester University, he set up and managed a water sports center at Miramar on the French Riviera.

Scholarship year

Woolsey was 25 and back in England when his stepfather invited him to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Stockton & Thornaby, Durham, which was seeking candidates for a scholarship. He won it by promising he would visit every Rotary club he could and never turn down an invitation to speak.

He made good on his promise, speaking at 84 clubs and four district conferences during his scholarship year. After studying business at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he used his scholarship experience to build ties between Wharton and the European campus of INSEAD international business school, in France, where he received his MBA.



Peter Woolsey, a 1965-66 scholar to the United States, paddles down the Oxford Canal 6 June on his way to London.

Upcoming Rotary Events

November 24th - No Meeting
"Happy Thanksgiving"

December 7th - All-Star Football Game
Palmetto Ridge High School



December 8th - Bring a Toy for the
Grace Place Children.

December 15th - Evening Meeting &
Christmas Party



Because of his efforts, students can now earn a degree by doing combined studies at the two campuses.

Woolsey went on to work as a publisher in England, France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, then created a point-of-sale system for merchants in several countries in Europe. He later launched a company that supplied banking and insurance software to businesses throughout Northern Europe and the Baltic, requiring him to commute between Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

While in Estonia, he became a charter member of the English-speaking Rotary Club of Tallinn International, before moving back to England three years ago. Complications from pneumonia and his constant travels have kept him from seeking out another club, he says.

As for his passion for kayaking and canoeing, Woolsey maintains that they're perfect activities for people of any age.

"I always say, if you can get into and out of a bath unaided, then you can probably get in and out of a canoe, so why not try it? I genuinely believe that canoeing and kayaking are two of the most gentle activities you can do, if you use a canal or a quiet river like the Thames."