

# G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, March 24, 2011

*"Culture is Us!"*



## Stefanie Ink *Girls Going Places*

The Girls Going Places Program was created in 1999 to educate young women about the financial and entrepreneurial opportunities available to them. Girls Going Place is designed to encourage financial literacy and educate teen girls about starting businesses; managing personal finances; and the advantages of business ownership, entrepreneurship, and financial independence.

The conference is part Lynne Tarman and Stefanie Ink of Alliance Financial Group's mission to champion community initiatives and programs that promote the importance of planning to maximize wealth and reach financial aspirations. Alliance Financial Group is proud to be a leader in a movement that supports and mentors tomorrow's generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as educating today's youth about the advantages of business ownership and financial independence.

For the last ten years, Girls going Places has called it's Spring conference home at FGCU. We are now please to announce that after ten years of tremendous success, a Fall Conference will be opening in Collier County with the help of Edison State College and the Edison State College Foundation.

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### Upcoming Rotary Events

**March 26th** - "Grapes & Apes"

Naples Zoo

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Naples

**May 21st** – WILD GAME PARTY

More details to follow on Tickets, Venue and Time.

**June 9-12** - District Conference  
Marina Village Resort in Cape Coral

## *March is Literacy Month*

### Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	76	78.07%		
Makeups:	5			
Visiting Rotarians:	1		Winter Pigeons:	3
Guests of Members:	1		Student Guests:	1

*Did you make up?*



### Guest Speaker

**Next Week:** Coach Chuck McWilliams, Barry Higgins and Cori Higgins of the Collier Carnage

**Last Meeting:** Brandon Dowdy, *Executive Director*, YMCA of The Palms



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Blanca DiBenedetto	Mar. 25	54
Mark Miller	Mar. 25	63
Dick Myers	Mar. 25	83
Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Bob Belcastro	Mar. 27	29
Charlie Lewis	Mar. 26	15
Glenn Witzenburg	Mar. 30	25
Member	Club Anv.	Years
Jeff Clapper	Mar. 30	5
Al Gal	Mar. 30	5
Jon Greenfield	Mar. 25	1
Bob Lashenka	Mar. 25	1
Shelley Lund	Mar. 25	1
Dick Myers	Mar. 26	30
Tim Norris	Mar. 30	5
John Stanley	Mar. 26	30
George Zurlo	Mar. 30	5



### Rotarian of the Year 2011

**John Clapper**



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## India closer than ever to eradicating polio

Recent successes in India's relentless effort to eradicate polio are raising hopes that the goal is in sight. The incidence of the disease is at a record low, with only one case reported in 2011, as of 1 March, and just 42 in all of 2010. That compares with 741 cases the year before.



State government leaders kicked off the January NID in Jaipur, Rajasthan, at an event organized by India Polio-Plus Committee member Vinod Bhatia and other Rotarians

A major factor is the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both types of the poliovirus. Another is rigorous monitoring, which helped reduce the number of children missed during National Immunization Days (NIDs) to less than 1 percent in 2010, compared with 14 percent in 2009, according to the World Health Organization.

During NIDs in January and February, Rotarians helped immunize children; organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies; and distribute banners, caps, face masks, comic books, and other items to children. Sporting signature yellow vests and caps, the volunteers fanned out to sites including schools, train stations, and bus depots across the country.

Teams of visiting Rotarians from Hong Kong, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom also took part in activities related to the 23 January NID, which immunized 174 million children.

In Veraval, Gujarat, a city of about 340,000 people, Rotarians and others worked at more than 100 immunization booths. "The town clearly bought into the whole project, and kids were flowing into the booths for immunizations," reports a Group Study Exchange team from District 9980 (New Zealand).

In Murshidabad, the highest-risk area for polio in West Bengal, Rotarian and non-Rotarian doctors organized health camps to screen and treat children for other illnesses and immunize them against the crip-

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## THANK YOU

to all who participated in the \$7,500 Raffle held at the Winter Pigeon Party last Saturday Night.

Congratulations to  
**Dave and Christine Greider,**  
our **\$5,000 Grand Prize winners**  
who donated one-half of their winnings  
to the Collier County Sheriffs  
Junior Deputies program.  
Also, Congratulations to all 5 of  
the \$500 winners.

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pling disease. Had it not been for the camps, "many of those children may have remained unvaccinated," says Jenny Horton, a nurse, veteran Rotary volunteer, and member of the Rotary Club of Kenmore, Queensland, Australia.

Rotarians in India "have learned to take the battle against polio to every nook and corner," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. "It is time to step on the eradication accelerator."

Says Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee: "What we have achieved in the country through the PolioPlus program is historic and, despite some last-minute difficulties, the goal of eradicating the disease is within reach. We now need to strengthen and focus our strategy ... in endemic regions to finish off this final battle toward a polio-free India."