

G O D M O R N I N G !

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"Culture is Us!"



**Lieutenant Colonel
Paul Garrah (ret)**
and the JROTC Cadets
from Golden Gate High School
Our recent trip to Washington, DC

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Garrah (ret) is the Senior Army Junior ROTC Instructor at Golden Gate High School, a position he has held since he retired from the military in 2004.

He served on active duty for 22 years as an enlisted soldier, a non-commissioned officer and--after graduation from Officer Candidate School--a commissioned officer. His assignments include the Pentagon (Joint Chiefs of Staff), Panama, Korea, and Germany. Colonel Garrah also participated in NATO peace-enforcement operations in Bosnia. His units include the 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Colonel Garrah's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, and six Army Commendation Medals. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Administration.

Colonel Garrah is from Maryland and because of family ties, he has been visiting Southwest Florida for over 45 years. He has been married for 15 years to his wife Beverly.

Although he loved serving in the Army, Colonel Garrah believes his current job as a public school teacher and mentor is just as important and rewarding. Each year, his students volunteer over 4,000 hours to the school and local community and Colonel Garrah strongly believes that cultivating close ties with the community is one of the keys to success in the classroom.

In 2007, The Education Foundation of Collier County selected Colonel Garrah as a Teacher of Distinction.

In 2010, the Florida Veterans of Foreign Wars selected him as the Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for the state of Florida (grades 9-12). This is the first time a JROTC instructor was selected for this honor at the Florida state level.

In June 2010, LTC Garrah was selected for the 2010-2011 Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Collier" Program and was honored by being the first person awarded the James V. Mudd Fellowship for his leadership and contributions to our community.

May is New Generations Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	75	100.00%		
Makeups:	33			
Visiting Rotarians:	5		Winter Pigeons:	3
Guests of Members:	5		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up? • Attendance for April 85.69%



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Bernadette Watkins, *Basic Manners*

Last Meeting: Dr. Tom Hale, *Do you hate your C-Pap?*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
No Club members have a Birthday this week.		

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Jerry Grace	May 9	28

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Mike Assaad	May 9	15
Earl Hodges	May 8	42



Distinguished Rotarians

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



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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



Uppsala University in Sweden to host new Rotary Peace Center

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has selected Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden, to host a new Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

“We are excited about this new partnership with Uppsala University to take the Rotary Peace Centers program to the next level,” says Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. “We are confident that our Rotary Peace Fellow alumni, actively engaged in peace-building and conflict prevention and resolution around the world, will agree that partnering with Uppsala University to host a Rotary Peace Center is a winning strategy.”

Uppsala University has an established two-year master’s program in peace and conflict studies and a research program led by a large, internationally recognized faculty. The Uppsala Conflict Data Program is a leader in the field and will provide future Rotary Peace Fellows with the opportunity to combine informed theory with data-driven field research. The university is home to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library for peace research.

The Rotary Peace Centers program offers individuals the opportunity to pursue either a master’s degree or certificate in studies related to peace and conflict resolution. Up to 110 fellowships are awarded annually. The existing centers are located at the University of Bradford, England; University of Queensland, Australia; International Christian University, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Argentina; Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA; and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, which offers a three-month certificate program.

More than 500 Rotary Peace Centers alumni worldwide are working with international organizations such as the World Bank, Organization of American States, and United Nations, as well as with local and national governments, nongovernmental organizations, and consulting firms.



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Quote of the Month: No strangers at a convention

Each month, we highlight a piece of Rotary history and share an inspirational quote from past Rotary leaders. April’s quote:

“I commend to you the opportunity for a rare fellowship with men and women from many lands. There are no strangers in a Rotary Convention. Introductions are unnecessary. To participate in friendship, show yourself friendly. Your personal enthusiasm imparted to others will make of this the greatest convention for you that Rotary has ever held.”



Arthur H. Sapp,
1927-28 RI president

— Arthur H. Sapp, 1927-28 RI president, address to the 1928 convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA



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The program receives support from donations to the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative. Paul A. Netzel, chair of the initiative, says it has obtained US\$55.8 million in commitments, which surpasses the phase 1 goal of \$55 million.

“This is an important milestone for the Rotary Peace Centers and great timing, given the exciting announcement of the new center at Sweden’s Uppsala University,” says Netzel. “Now that we’ve reached \$55 million, we’ve set our sights on a goal of \$60 million by 30 June. We’re well over halfway to our overall goal of \$95 million by 2015.”

Upcoming Rotary Events

May 14th – MEALS OF HOPE

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