

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, July 12, 2012

“Culture is Us!”



Diane B. Flagg
Director
Code Enforcement Dept.
Collier County
Blight Prevention

AWARDS

2009 National Achievement Award
Blight Prevention Program
National Association of Counties

2008 – Current

Director, Code Enforcement Department
Responsible for a 4 million dollar budget that funds 51 Code Investigators and support staff and assures that properties are in compliance with the Codes and Ordinances of unincorporated Collier County

2002-2008

Director, Department of Alternative Transportation Modes
Responsible for a 14 million dollar budget that funds Collier Area Transit/ paraTransit services, roadway landscaping, and Municipal Services Taxing/Benefit Units for roadway, stormwater, and landscape improvements

2001 – 2002

Director of Administration, Emergency Medical Services Department

1998 – 2001

Chief, Emergency Medical Services Department
Responsible for a budget of 14 million dollars, 180 paramedics and paramedic/firefighters and helicopter operations

1995 – 1998

Chief, Emergency Services Department
Responsible for administration of the Isles of Capri Fire Control District, Ochopee Fire Control District, Emergency Management Department, Helicopter Operations, EMS Department, and budgets totaling 15 million dollars

1993 – 1995

Director, Emergency Medical Services Department
Responsible for a budget of 11 million dollars and 150 paramedics and Paramedic/firefighters

July is New Beginnings Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	65	60%		
Makeups:	1			
Visiting Rotarians:	1		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	2		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up?

Guest Speaker

Next Week: ????

Last Meeting: Trey Radel, *The Changing Landscape of Media and Its Political Influence*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
No members have a Birthday this week.		

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Cathy Carroll	July 16	4
Gary Layton	July 16	17

Member	Club Anv.	Years
No members have a Club Anniversary this week.		

Distinguished Rotarians

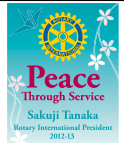
Rotarian	Honored
Doug Baird	Sept. 30, 2010
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Lois Kluberdanz	Jun. 5, 2008

Rotarian of the Year 2012

Alex Garland, Jr.



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



President Sakuji Tanaka's Monthly Message

I am part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after a terrible war. I think it is natural that my countrymen now place a great priority on peace. We saw where militarism brought our country, and we also saw the great economic growth that came when our nation made the choice to embrace peace.



Sakuji Tanaka

This was the decision that allowed Japan to grow and thrive. It allowed generations of children to grow up in safety, to become educated, to improve their lives. It fundamentally changed the Japanese attitude toward other countries and cultures. It caused us to open our minds, to become more tolerant, to seek greater understanding.

And it allowed us to redirect our energies toward positive goals. In Japan, it is traditional to prioritize the needs of the society over the needs of the individual. This has always been part of our culture. In the weeks and months following the great earthquake and disaster of March 2011, this was what helped us to survive and rebuild.

This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs – when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all – this changes everything. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace.

In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal, and I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for Peace Through Service.

A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking. Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and every-

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Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Trustee/ Chair - The Rotary Foundation

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Company, a public accounting firm. After retiring, Wilf served as the part-time executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada. He has also been chair of the Belleville Cheshire Home for Physically Handicapped Adults and the Loyalist College Board of Governors.



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

A Rotarian since 1962, Wilf has served as RI president, vice president, director, and Foundation trustee. He has also been an International Assembly group discussion leader and 2005 Chicago Convention Committee chair, and is a member of the International PolioPlus Committee. He has participated in National Immunization Days in India, Kenya, and Tanzania, and administered polio vaccine to children of Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Wilf was honored in 2001 by Pope John Paul II with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal. In 2007, the governor general of Canada appointed him a Member to the Order of Canada, the country's highest civilian honor. During his year as RI president, he was honored by Italy, Madagascar, and Pakistan. He is also the recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award, the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and the RI Service Above Self Award.

thing has something to teach us.

Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace.

And so I ask you all to put Peace Through Service at the forefront of your Rotary work this year, and to commit to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International