

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, July 19, 2012

"Culture is Us!"



James A. Calamari

Deputy Commander

Florida Disaster Medical Team 2
State Medical Response Team 6

Mr. Calamari has been in public service since 1984 and the emergency services since 1989.

He served on the local level in New York in Law Enforcement, EMS, and the Fire Department.

Mr. Calamari moved to Florida in 1997 and continued his public service career in the Department of Corrections and then later moved on to continue his emergency service commitment in the Golden Gate Fire Department.

Mr. Calamari accepted a position as a Paramedic on the national level with a US Public health service disaster medical team. He is now a Deputy Commander on that team.

Mr. Calamari has responded to numerous events, incidents, and disasters both locally and nationally.

Mr. Calamari has degrees in Liberal Arts, Executive Business Management, Emergency Management, and Public Administration.

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July is New Beginnings Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	70	75%		
Makeups:	9			
Visiting Rotarians:	1		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	2		Student Guests:	1

Did you make up?

Guest Speaker

Next Week: Tina Streeter, Development Director
Children's Advocacy Center

Last Meeting: Diane Flagg, *Director, Code Enforcement Department, Collier County*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Alex Garland Jr.	July 20	42
Charlie Lewis	July 19	85
Shelley Lund	July 22	40
Gene Turner	July 20	68

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Doug Conroy	July 24	13
Claude Haynes	July 24	8

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.



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Helping save kids' lives in northern Rwanda

By Dr. Alexandra Vinograd, a former Rotary Scholar and Youth Exchange Student

I just returned home from two years living and working as a physician in rural Rwanda.

Like the other times I have returned home from abroad, I welcome the familiarity of things. I love understanding the subtleties of language and knowing how to greet someone without seeming awkward. I like the hot showers and my spring mattress and the coffee shop on the corner.

But, inevitably I miss what has become my home away from home. This time, I miss the hospital on the terraced green hill-top in northern Rwanda.

As any returning exchange student can attest, the most common question you are asked upon returning home is: "How was it?" I struggle to come up with a few words or a phrase to sum up my last two years in Rwanda.

It was amazing and challenging and inspiring and tragic and beautiful and frustrating all at the same time. I want to tell you about the thousands of hills in northern Rwanda and the green and blue and purple hues that light them at sunset and the gorillas that play in their forests.

I want to tell you about the children who must never have been told that the yellow jerrycans of water they carry home every day are heavy because they lift them with such ease. I want to tell you about the women in their bright clothes balancing rainbow colored umbrellas and baskets of pineapples piled high upon their head all while climbing up and down impossibly steep mountain trails.

I also want to tell you about my patients. I want to tell you about the infants who would have died if that hospital was not there. They are now learning to coo and babble and crawl and toddle. I want to tell you about Alice and Axel and all of the other children who died despite our best efforts. They remind us to try harder. I want to tell you about the sorrow on a father's face when he hears that there is nothing we can do for his son except control his pain as he dies. I want to tell you about the doctors and nurses I worked with who keep trying and keep learning in spite of



Alexandra Vinograd treats a patient at the hill-top hospital in northern Rwanda.

(con't at right)

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Foundation-Trustee Chair - Goals for the Year

Accepting the leadership of The Rotary Foundation after my predecessors – in particular, Past RI President Bill Boyd – did such a great job is a challenge. Oh, it's not that I don't know about the job. You can't have been a Rotarian for 50 years without knowing and loving the work that our Foundation has done, is doing, and will do.

I know it all comes down to three things: raising money, investing money wisely, and spending money effectively. However, if the trustees and I are to have a truly significant year, we must have a plan, and every district, club, and individual Rotarian needs to be part of that plan. We have five goals:

1. Eradicate polio.
2. Train districts and clubs for the global launch of the Future Vision Plan on 1 July 2013.
3. Assist RI President Sakuji Tanaka in his quest to achieve Peace Through Service . The successful projects and programs of our Foundation are what will bring about that peace.
4. Encourage every Rotarian and every club in the world to become immensely proud of our Foundation by giving something to the Annual Fund. The amount isn't as important as the giving, but by setting a reasonable target of at least an average of US\$100 per member, we will see our annual giving and our service grow to record levels.
5. Ensure that districts and clubs introduce stewardship policies that will complement the opportunities they will have to decide on and undertake humanitarian projects under the Future Vision Plan. This will make Rotary more visible and more attractive to members.

I know these goals may be easy for some and quite challenging for others, but accepted with enthusiasm and confidence, they can only, in the words of Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith, make Rotary bigger, better, and bolder.



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

these tragedies in hopes of saving more lives.

Instead, while those images and emotions and memories wash over me like a tidal wave, I tell you, "It was great." And it was.

Editor's Note: Vinograd returned to the United States in June, after working for two years at a hospital in Rwanda, helping to treat children in life-threatening situations. The only pediatric specialist serving an area of 400,000 people, she accompanied doctors to teach other doctors and nurses to improve the quality of care provided. Watch a video about her work.

