

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, July 21, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Denise Hearn

District Governor 2011-2012

Rotary District 6960

Although born in New Hampshire, Denise's family relocated her to Michigan at a very early age. She was educated in Kalamazoo public schools and Western Michigan University. Denise joined the giant consumer products firm of Procter and Gamble in 1980 and retired from that firm twenty years later in 2000 as Sales Manager in charge of Operations throughout the State of Michigan.

Denise met and married Jerry, a retired Army Colonel, in 1998 and they relocated to Lakewood Ranch, Florida in 2000. Denise was introduced to Rotary as a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch in 2001 and has served as Club Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Directors member and Club President. In 2007 she was selected as Club Rotarian of the Year. She has served Rotary District 6960 as Aide to the District Governor, a Facilitator for the Rotary Leadership Institute, Facilitator for Florida Multi-District Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, and a member of the Hurricane Relief Committee 2004. Denise is a member of the Board of Directors Rotary Gift of Life Florida. Denise and Jerry were hosts for the first Ambassadorial Scholar from the Peoples Republic of China in 2006. Other Rotary positions in which she has served are Assistant Governor for Area 10, board member of ShelterBox USA and Suncoast Winefestival Chair in 2007.

She has traveled extensively on Rotary business, having attended four Rotary International Conventions in Brisbane, Osaka, Chicago and Copenhagen and a Friendship Exchange to England in 2002.

Denise is a Paul Harris Fellow +8, a charter member of District 6960 Paul Harris Society, a member of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society and a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Jerry and Denise have a combined family of six children and fourteen grandchildren.

July is Rotary Service Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	71	73.08%	
Makeups:	5		
Visiting Rotarians:	2	Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	5	Student Guests:	3

Did you make up?

Guest Speaker

Next Week: Connie Dillon, Executive Director of CHS (Collier Health Services) Healthcare Foundation

Last Meeting: James S. Bloom, Chief - Operations Department, Collier County Sheriff's Office

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Shelley Lund	July 22	39
Jim Morey	July 26	45

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Claude Haynes	July 24	7

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
Keith Geiman	Jan. 8, 2009
Lois Kluberdanz	Jun. 5, 2008

Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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



Melbourne club partners with homeless agency to provide shelter for city's poor

For nearly 40 years, Paul and Jean Harris hosted Rotary meetings and entertained visiting Rotarians at their home on Chicago's South Side. Today, Comely Bank, which they affectionately named after the street in Edinburgh, Scotland, where Jean grew up, is badly in need of repairs.



The home of Rotary Founder Paul Harris as it looks today.

The Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation hopes to raise \$3 million to carry out renovations, repay its debt from the house purchase, and add enhancements that would make the site a worthy tribute to Harris.

"Comely Bank is the Mount Vernon of Rotary -- it's the home of our founder, and it's too important an asset to not do something about it," said Robert C. Knuepfer Jr., 2010-11 governor of District 6450 and president of the Harris Home Foundation.

After Paul Harris died in 1947, Jean sold Comely Bank. It remained in private hands until the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation bought it in 2005 with money borrowed from the charitable foundation of the Rotary Club of Naperville. The Harris Home Foundation replaced the basement floor and made a few immediate structural repairs so Rotarians could safely visit the house during Rotary's centennial year.

But since then, the restoration project has come to a standstill.

The foundation hopes to restore the home to the way it looked when the Harrises lived there. It also wants to install digital monitors in each room that would display archived films, speeches, and photos of Harris.

During a celebration of the end of the Rotary year in late June, Knuepfer took a group of outgoing district governors and their spouses on a tour of Comely Bank. The 50-plus visitors checked out the basement where Harris held meetings around a table made of plywood and sawhorses, viewed the fireplace where he held his fireside chats, walked through the friendship garden where he planted trees in honor of his visitors, and stood in front of the bedroom window that he was looking out

(con't at right)



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The "Wizdumb" Table



when he died.

"It's got a serenity in it," said Sunil K. Sharma, 2010-11 governor of District 5890 (Texas). "You feel like you want to sit and think."

"To me, it was like walking in Rotary history," added his wife, Rashmi. After the tour, the Rotarians agreed to help with the restoration efforts on behalf of their class of district governors.

Eventually, the Harris Home Foundation would like to establish an endowment fund to pay for the home's maintenance. The foundation's board envisions creating a Rotary history trail, with stops at Comely Bank, Harris's nearby gravesite, and Room 711 at RI headquarters -- a re-creation of the office where the first Rotary meeting was held.

Knuepfer says Comely Bank could also be used as a meeting place for the RI Board and local or visiting clubs, and for Rotary Foundation functions.