

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, August 4, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Missy Saracino

*Program and Volunteer Manager
Naples Equestrian Challenge*

During the summer of 2008, Missy became a part-time staff member of NEC as Saturday's Volunteer Coordinator. Then in January 2010 she became a full time member of the NEC family as our Program Administrator.

Missy grew up in State College, Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management with an emphasis in Commercial and Community Recreation. While attending Penn State, she was the Commercial and Community Chair for the Recreation and Parks Management Student Society, a member of the Penn State Equestrian Team and was on the "Morale" Team for the largest student run philanthropy, Penn State's Dance Marathon - an organization that dedicates time and efforts to helping children with cancer.

Missy has been in Southwest Florida for over 5 years now. Her past work experiences include working with the Marco YMCA as the Tennis and Sports Program Coordinator as well as working at an animal hospital.

In addition to volunteering with NEC for over two years, Missy also had the opportunity to volunteer with an FGCU Therapeutic Sports Challenge Event, in which she assisted in running the therapeutic tennis challenge. Additionally, she has also volunteered with the Humane Society and Habitat for Humanity in Collier County.

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August is Membership & Extension Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	71	79.41%		
Makeups:	10			
Visiting Rotarians:	2		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	5		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up? • Attendance for July 75.10%



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Lise Sundrla, Executive Director, Fifth Avenue South. Business Improvement District

Last Meeting: Connie Dillon, Lisa Peterson, CHS Healthcare Foundation



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Jerry Schroer	August 6	68
Rob Stoneburner	August 4	42
Joe Sullivan	August 5	75
Marc Williams	August 6	41

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Joe Bonness	August 9	36
Jon Greenfield	August 8	47
Dave Greider	August 7	17
Wil Ward	August 6	34

Member	Club Anv.	Years
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No club 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 Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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or Sustaining Members**



Foundation Trustee Chair Monthly Message

The Rotary Foundation supports your Rotary service .

A few months ago, Lorna and I attended three district conferences. The conference programs featured several Rotary Foundation activities, and we heard from Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, Group Study Exchange teams, and representatives from a number of excellent projects in which Rotarians and the Foundation have worked together. I reflected on how much our Rotary Foundation is woven into the fabric of our Rotary service.



Bill Boyd
Foundation Trustee Chair

After the conferences, I went directly to a meeting of the Future Vision Committee. The committee heard from one of our RI senior managers, who had tested the process of applying for grants and found the global grants application to be too complex. We also discussed the definition of basic education within the areas of focus, possible strategic partnerships, and training for those districts not in the pilot.

There were many other topics, but I mention these to demonstrate that there are big items and small items that need attention as we work our way through the pilot. We are all experiencing some frustrations as we build the Foundation for the future. The three years of the pilot will seem a long time for many of you, but we are shaping something that should help us serve humanity more effectively in the years ahead, and we need to test that we are getting it right.

From that meeting, it was straight into the Finance Committee meeting, where senior staff and trustees spent a day and a half working through the budget to ensure that our operating costs could be as low as possible while still giving you the service you need. Our aim is to ensure that we spend the maximum amount on programs.

This is our Rotary Foundation, and there are many people working in different ways to give you the best possible support in your Rotary service.

Bill Boyd
Foundation Trustee Chair

“The Doctor is In.”



Claude Surena

Hours after a massive earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, Claude Surena, a physician, turned his home into a makeshift triage center, sheltering more than 100 injured people.

Using the limited supplies of medicine and food that Rotarians had managed to collect, Surena, his wife, and other volunteers cared for victims, many of whom were in critical condition. The capital city of Port-au-Prince was damaged extensively, making communication almost impossible and resources scarce.

“It was difficult to witness so many people suffering and not have the capacity to give them the help they needed,” says Surena, president of the Haitian Medical Association. “I wanted to give as many people as I could some level of comfort.”

Three days after the quake, Haitian President René Préval appointed Surena the country’s coordinator of earthquake response, in charge of overseeing the recovery and redevelopment of the public and private health sectors.

A Rotarian since 1983, Surena is also head of District 7020’s Haiti Task Force, which works with local clubs on long-term recovery projects.

“Haitian Rotarians lost family and friends,” he says. “To see them still able to serve their neighbors and communities under those circumstances made me feel proud to be a Rotarian.”



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