

# G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, September 1, 2011

*“Culture is Us!”*



**Tim Durham**  
*Chief Deputy  
Supervisor of Elections*

Tim is originally from Flemington, New Jersey. In 1977, after high school, he joined the U.S. Army and served as a scout in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 5th Infantry Division, and the 101st Airborne Division. Tim left the active Army in 1984 to attend college, but continued his military service as a drill sergeant in the Army Reserves.

He graduated from Rutgers University in 1989, with high honors, and moved to Florida to attend law school. That year, Tim severed his ties with the Army to focus exclusively on law school, graduating from Florida State College of Law in 1993. He was a college professor at Thomas University (Georgia) before moving to Southwest Florida in 1999.

Tim worked at the Collier County Sheriff's DRILL Academy, the County Attorney's Office, and is currently the Chief Deputy for the Supervisor of Elections. Post-9/11, he reentered the Army after a 15-year hiatus, serving in Iraq from November 2005 to November 2006 as a squad leader in a military police platoon. Tim was 47 at the time. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Tim celebrated his 21st wedding anniversary this year, has a twelve-year-old daughter named Cheyanne, and is active at his church.



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## September is New Generations Month

### Attendance Last Meeting

**Members Present:** 72  
**Makeups:** -  
**Visiting Rotarians:** -      **Winter Pigeons:** -  
**Guests of Members:** 7      **Student Guests:** 1

### *Did you make up?*

*(Attendance info is abbreviated as John Stanley is on vacation.)*

### Guest Speaker

**Next Week:** ??????

**Last Meeting:** Kevin Sweeney, ScubAdventures, Underwater Photography

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Member</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Age</b>
Jesse Hinson	September 1	58

<b>Member</b>	<b>Wedding Anv.</b>	<b>Years</b>
Uli Altwater	September 3	34
Wafaa Assaad	September 3	43
Dick Baker	September 1	55
Don Lintzenich	September 4	46
Butch Manley	September 6	6
Mick Moore	September 6	14

<b>Member</b>	<b>Club Anv.</b>	<b>Years</b>
Al Garland	September 3	41

### Distinguished Rotarians

<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Honored</b>
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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## Former Rotary Scholar from Japan helps her homeland recover

Naoko Kurauchi, a nurse and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, provided medical relief in Miyako, Japan, two weeks after her country was hit by an earthquake and tsunami on 11 March.



Ambulances driven by Kurauchi's medical team share the road with a boat swept away by the tsunami.

The disaster was overwhelming, she says. "My mind suddenly slipped back to the [South Asia] tsunami in 2004, which was what made me decide to apply for the Rotary scholarship," explains Kurauchi, who studied international health at Queen Margaret University in Scotland in 2008-09.

Talking via Skype from Okinawa with her family in Tokyo, she could see their house shaking from aftershocks. "I was used to seeing these things happen in countries where infrastructure is inadequate," says Kurauchi, who never expected a major disaster to strike so close to home.

Her team traveled from Okinawa to Miyako, arriving with two ambulances full of medical supplies and food. Evidence of the tsunami was everywhere. "There were boats in the middle of the road, cars on top of houses, and houses on top of roofs," she says, adding that "the whole town was filled with mud and garbage."

Kurauchi served in Miyako for five days. "I believe we all have something to offer," she says, but emphasizes that "the aid needs to be really organized and well prepared."

Her passion for humanitarian service has taken her to other parts of the world as well. In February, she traveled with Japanese Rotarians to India for a National Immunization Day. And while she was a Rotary Scholar, she did field research in Niger for her master's thesis on PolioPlus, interviewing staff from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Islamic Relief, and other groups about the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

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## We're havin' a Blood Suckin' on September 8th



### A Foundation Thought

#### Supporting the Foundation.

Your life and mine will be valued not by what we take, but by what we give.' What an appropriate quote for us Rotarians to live by and open our hearts and pocketbooks to support the works of The Rotary Foundation. Having a healthy foundation is the key to any nonprofit organization involved in the business of service to others, and Rotary is certainly that! We are in the business of giving – giving of our time, our resources, our knowledge, and our love – to make this world free of disease, hunger, poverty, and hopelessness.



"Rotary taught me the concept of helping out," she says.

During her studies in Scotland, Kurauchi was hosted by the Rotary Club of Livingston, Lothian. Her host counselor, Harry McPherson, and his wife, Myra, made her feel especially welcome, she recalls. "Countless times I went over to their place to just have dinner and spend the night. I don't think I'd be as attached to Rotary as I am today if it weren't for them."

At first, Kurauchi found it difficult to overcome cultural obstacles in Scotland. In Japan, for example, greetings are always bows. "I had to remind myself to put my hand out to shake hands, and to give people hugs," she says.

But "getting over these cultural differences gave me courage to do new things and adopt new ideas," she explains.

Reflecting on Japan's recovery from disaster, Kurauchi believes the damage will take years to mend, both psychologically and financially. "I wish for things to settle down as soon as possible so that I can show how beautiful the cherry blossoms are, when the wind is full of their pink petals."