

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

Thursday, September 6, 2012

*"Culture is Us!"*



## Nick Casalanguida

*Administrator  
Growth Management  
Collier County Government*

Mr. Casalanguida joined Collier County in 2004 with over fifteen years experience as a principal in a Massachusetts engineering, surveying and consulting firm. His first assignment was with the Collier County Transportation Planning Department in 2004 as a project manager then promoted to director in 2006. Mr. Casalanguida was named Deputy Administrator on June 1, 2010 when the Transportation Division and Community Development and Environmental Services divisions merged to form the Growth Management Division. On March 27, 2012 Nick Casalanguida officially became the Growth Management Division Administrator.

The Growth Management Division Construction & Maintenance departments are: Transportation Engineering, Road Maintenance, and Alternative Transportation Modes. The Transportation Engineering Department includes the following sections: Roadway, Stormwater & Bridge Project Management, Right of Way Acquisitions, Road Construction/Construction Engineering & Inspection, Traffic Operations, Traffic Engineering & Sign Operations, Signal & Lighting/Operations & Inspection, and the Traffic Management Center. The Road Maintenance Department includes the following sections: Maintenance Operations, Right of Way Permitting, Records Management, and Survey. The Alternative Transportation Modes Department includes the following sections: Collier Area Transit/Transportation Disadvantaged Services, Landscape Operations and Municipal Services Taxing Units. This side also houses the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was established in 1982 following the Federal Highway Act that requires urbanized areas to develop transportation plans and programs as a condition to receive federal capital or operating assistance.

Mr. Casalanguida's focus has been directed to efficiencies, customer service, preservation of our infrastructure and smart growth policies working on growth management, public and private partnership agreements as well as transportation concurrency.

## September is New Generations Month

### Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	78	76%		
Makeups:	2			
Visiting Rotarians:	4		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	3		Student Guests:	0

*Did you make up? • Attendance for August 71.62%*



## Guest Speaker

**Next Week:** Stephen F. Schlueter, *District Governor for 6960 - 2012-2013*

**Last Meeting:** Tashima Diana Barzey - *Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
PJ Obrecht	September 8	48
Don York	September 10	77

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Butch Manley	September 6	7
Mick Moore	September 6	15
Greg Scasny	September 7	16

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 Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008



## Rotarian of the Year 2012

**Alex Garland, Jr.**



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



## Providing clean water in Ghana: priceless



Villagers gather to celebrate a borehole in Diani, Ghana.

Have you ever questioned if your involvement in Rotary is really making a difference?

Rest assured, you are, and I'm the lucky guy who gets to witness and experience your involvement. I'm passionate about bringing clean water to remote villages in the African bush of Ghana.

Jon Morris and Walter Hughes, members of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Virginia, USA, at a new pump in Ghana.

There are two priceless moments that happen when we provide clean water to a village. The first occurs when that big drill rig finally hits water. Imagine the people's anticipation as they see the trucks and equipment roll into the village and as they watch the drill rig crew work. Everyone cheers when the water flows.

The second priceless moment comes when the hand pump is installed. People throughout the village come to the well with their buckets and cups in hand. Everyone is silent as one of the elders starts pumping the handle. Cheers erupt when the water comes forth. Seeing the smiling faces of the men, women and children make all of the challenges worth it.

I've got to see some pretty amazing things and travel to very remote villages. I've been there during the dry and the rainy season. I've traveled through corn and millet fields, washed out roads, walked for miles in the hot African sun to see the work of Rotarians from around the world in Ghana. A recent trip brought me to a village, two hours from the nearest city called Domeabra, which means, "You've got to love me to come this far!"

One of the most amazing things to happen in Ghana is the recent eradication of Guinea Worm Disease, which is spread because of dirty water. Rotarians played a big role. We are now focusing on a neglected tropical flesh eating disease called "Buruli Ulcer." The mode of transmission is

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## Upcoming Rotary Events

**Friday, November 2nd - Sunset & Suds  
"5K Evening Fun Run"**



**Thursday, December 13th - High School  
"All-Star Football Game"**



**Saturday, March 2nd - 2nd Annual  
"Craft Beer Fest"**

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still unknown but it is found in water and the soil of muddy swamps, rivers and rice fields. We believe that new wells will reduce the disease because the need to fetch dirty water from those sources will diminish.

I can't describe how amazing this journey has been. I've been fortunate to see firsthand how your support changes people's lives. What makes Rotary so amazing is that we've partnered with over eighty clubs from the U.S., Canada, and Switzerland. Three host clubs in Ghana are leading the effort: Sunyani Central, Tamale and Bolgatanga Goodwill.

I was recently able to take my wife, Susan, and daughter and future Rotarian, Missy Hughes, with me this past January. They were impressed that so many Rotarians from around the world care about the Ghanaian people. They got to experience how goodwill and better friendships have been created, and how clean water is beneficial to all concerned. Your support is making a difference and changing lives!