

G O D M O R N I N G !

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"Culture is Us!"



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Rachel was born and raised in Naples, Florida. After attending college in Gainesville for five years, she finished her education at Florida Gulf Coast University and moved back to Naples in 2008. She has worked for the Collier County Health Department since November 2008.

As a Health Educator in the Tobacco Control Program she works with the community to identify strategies to effectively reduce tobacco use and access to tobacco products. She also coordinates the Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership to promote policy change in Collier County and decrease exposure to secondhand smoke. Another component of the Tobacco Control Program is the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) clubs in Collier County. SWAT is a youth advocacy group that promotes leadership and community involvement. SWAT uses these avenues among teens to generate awareness about tobacco. She has volunteered at the Coastal Clean-Up since 2008 and is thrilled to continue to build a partnership

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September is New Generations Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	77	84%		
Makeups:	10			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	5		Student Guests:	4

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Dave Deiros, *FGCU Women's Softball Coach*

Last Meeting: Stephen F. Schlueter, *District Governor, for Rotary District 6960, 2012-2013*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Joe Bonness	September 20	57
Al Garland	September 25	75
Renee Moisan	September 25	48
Bengt Myrin	September 22	69
Ted Soliday	September 24	66

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
No club members have a wedding anniversary this week.		

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Bill Robinson	September 25	4



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.



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Fifty years of Rotary Youth Exchange in Japan



In 1962, Australia was a country grappling with change. Many older Australians were still emotionally rebuilding after World War II, and the nation was beginning to dismantle its anti-Asian “White Australia” immigration policy.

When Yoko Sekimoto arrived in Melbourne that year as Japan’s first Rotary Youth Exchange student, she didn’t realize that many people were wary of her visit. Fifty years later, she continues to marvel at the graciousness of her hosts.

“Everyone treated me like a daughter or sister. It was only 17 years after the war, but I felt a warm welcome and great hospitality,” says Sekimoto (her married name – at the time, she was Yoko Miyazaki).

Japan’s Youth Exchange program began with help from an Australian Rotarian. Don Farquhar addressed the 1961 RI Convention in Tokyo about the need to build friendships and cultural understanding throughout the world – particularly with Japan. He considered student exchange to be the best way to do that.

“Don was a person of both immense courage and foresight,” says Stuart McDonald, program development officer for Youth Exchange in Australia. “In 1942, during World War II, Don was blinded in action against the Japanese. However, he maintained a desire and a mission in life to promote peace and goodwill.”

After Farquhar delivered his speech, he was approached by a Japanese district governor, who asked him to help arrange the first Youth Exchange involving a student from Japan. The Rotary clubs of Rosebud and Kurume coordinated Sekimoto’s year abroad. A few weeks after her arrival, another group of Japanese students came to Sydney, and the next year Japan welcomed several Australian students. The country’s exchange program had officially begun.

Sekimoto’s visit to Australia, along with the beginning of Youth Exchange in Japan, was considered so historically significant that photographs from her exchange are now

(con’t at right)



We’re havin’ a Blood Suckin’ September 27th!!



Upcoming Rotary Events

Friday, September 28th - Wine Tasting at Flemings Prime SteakHouse



Friday, November 2nd - Sunset & Suds “5K Evening Fun Run”



Thursday, December 6th - Christmas Party



housed in the National Archives of Australia, McDonald says.

“It was a hard time for Japan when I was 16,” Sekimoto says. “When I came to Australia, it was just like heaven. It was such a different style of living. That became a big turning point for me – it completely changed my life.”

Her experience as an exchange student awakened a curiosity to explore the rest of the world. After returning home to finish high school and college, Sekimoto worked as a flight attendant, married, and lived in Egypt before going back to Japan.

“Yoko’s story is just one great example of Youth Exchange,” McDonald says. “Fifty years later, thousands of friendships have been formed between people from all over the world and Japan.”