

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, September 29, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Kamela Patton Superintendent of Schools for Collier County

Kamela Patton is the Superintendent of Schools for Collier County, having been appointed earlier this year. Previously she spent 24 years in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the fourth-largest school system in the US serving 342,000 students (90% minority) with 371 schools, and 51,000 employees.

Kamela's previous positions include Assistant Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent and District/School Operations, Differentiated Accountability Administrative Director, Region Administrative Director, Instructional Support Director, Curriculum Director, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher at all levels of the K-20 continuum.

Dr. Patton received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1985 from Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania; a Master of Science, Reading Education in 1992 from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and a Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership in 2003 from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

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September is New Generations Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	69	77.23%		
Makeups:	9			
Visiting Rotarians:	2		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	2		Student Guests/Parents:	5

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Jack Gardner, Principal of the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and Technical High School

Last Meeting: Captain Joe McNichols, Professional Fishing Guide, Everglades National Park



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Bill Hagman	October 4	76
Ken Schena	September 30	73
John Stanley	September 30	71
Mike Welsh	October 5	60

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Mike Boyd	October 4	30

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Greg Adams	October 2	2
Mike Cook	October 5	5
Tom Hale	October 5	5



Distinguished Rotarians

Rotarian	Honored
Doug Baird	Sept. 30, 2010
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Lois Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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RI General Secretary John Hewko meets with Bill Gates on polio eradication

General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International John Hewko met with Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 7 September in Seattle, Washington, USA, to discuss moving forward together to eradicate polio and continuing to energize Rotarians to see the eradication effort through to the finish.



General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International John Hewko (right) met with Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 7 September in Seattle, Washington, USA, to discuss moving forward together to eradicate polio.

“The meetings at the Gates Foundation were very productive,” Hewko says. “Bill Gates recognized the enormous contribution of Rotary to the cause of polio eradication and the tremendous capacity of Rotarians to continue the fight. We identified several concrete opportunities to work even more closely together to achieve our mutual goal of a polio-free world.”

Polio eradication is within reach. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made significant steps forward since the launch last year of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine. Among the four polio-endemic countries, India has reported only one case of the disease so far this year. A recent report by the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board, while noting some concerns in meeting GPEI goals, nevertheless stated that India is “on track to interrupt transmission this year.”

Polio cases worldwide decreased almost 50 percent during the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010.

Rotarians are raising funds for polio eradication as part of Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge to match \$355 million in grants from the Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will support immunization campaigns in developing countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

Rotarians can help end the disease by providing funding and reminding their communities and government leaders that polio still exists and causes tremendous suffering.

A Foundation Thought

Ambassadorial Scholarships.

A former Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of North Carolina in the United States, Rinko Kinoshita is using the public health degree she earned with Rotary’s help to aid people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where more than 250,000 people were displaced in 2008 when violence flared between rebel fighters and government forces. Kinoshita says that without Rotary, she would not be where she is today — working with UNICEF to help those fleeing conflict.



Upcoming Rotary Events

October 1st - Botanical Gardens
“Chainsaws & Sweat”

October 13th - All Star Football
“Kickoff Meeting”

October 21st - Scotch Tasting
5:30 - 7:30 - *Flemings Steak House*

November 4th - Seminole Indian
Casino Night in Immokalee

November 11th - Sunset & Suds
“5K Evening Fun Run”



December 7, 2011
Palmetto Ridge High School