

AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY	Largo , Noon at Alfonso's Restaurant
TUESDAY	Holiday , Noon at IHOP New Port Richey
WEDNESDAY	Countryside , 6:00 pm at the Dunedin Brewery Dunedin North , 7:30 am at the Dunedin Country Club Palm Harbor , 12:15 at Positano Ristorante Italiano
THURSDAY	Clearwater , 12:15 at the Belleair Country Club Clearwater Beach , 12:15 at the Holiday Inn Oldsmar/East Lake , 12:15 at Alberto's Italian Grille Tarpon Springs , at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club
FRIDAY	Belleair , 12:00 at the Belleair Country Club Safety Harbor , 7:30 am at the Safety Harbor spa
ANYTIME	Clearwater East , 12:00 at Cove Cay Country Club The E-club , www.rotaryclub34.org

CALENDAR



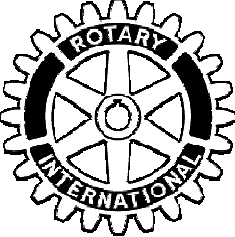
June 21-24 – 2009 Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England
June 30 – Installation Dinner at the Dunedin Country Club, 6 PM
July 7 – Governor's Visit

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



Service Above Self

TODAY

JUNE 23, 2009

INVOCATION: Lynn Wargo
JOKE: Jeff Rhoads
SPEAKER: Katie McGill
“Dress for Success”

NEXT WEEK

JUNE 30, 2009

Invocation Dinner, Dunedin Country Club, 6 PM

Guests

Bill Francisco introduced his wife, Ginger.

Happy Bucks

Jim Haley was happy to be a part of the Triathlon. Plus he was married 27 years ago last Friday. Ray Kingsbury thanked our wonderful Tri leader, Sarah McCallum, and congratulated her on the fantastic job she did organizing our event. Bill Francisco said “ditto” to Ray’s praise. Jeff Rhoads did too. Bob Johnson is going to his granddaughter’s wedding on Saturday. Lynn Smeraldo thanked Sarah McCallum. Pete Krulder said it was a pleasure working with Sarah and offered his congratulations on the Tri too. Joan Gutierrez is celebrating her retirement of 28 years at the Property Appraisers Office and 1 year at the Clerk of the Court’s office. Kristin Howard was happy to be celebrating her Birthday in the Keys with the women in her family. Happy Birthday Kristin! Pres. Jonathan thanked everyone who came out to volunteer his or her time at the Triathlon, especially Sarah!

50/50

Jim Haley had the winning ticket, trying to win the \$79 pot. He won \$6 instead.

Announcements

Pres. Jonathan thanked Joan Gutierrez for her 18 years as a Rotarian and recognized her contributions to Rotary, our Club, City and County. She plans on staying a member of our Club and will be making up in Tampa. Pres. Jonathan talked a bit about the Tri, noting it was the most successful to date. One participant had an accident on the Bike Course. He'll be invited to participate next year as the Club's guest. Tom Bell, a 31-year member of the Rotary Club of St. Pete, sent a letter about his participation in the Tri, praising many aspects of his experience and offering a few suggestions for next year.

Program - GSE Team to the Philippines

Our Club member, Martine Stapp, was introduced as the leader of our GSE team to the Philippines. Martine has been a member of our Club for 4 years and was selected as an Alternate to the team from Turkey, then graciously moved into the leadership position for the Philippines team when needed. She did a fantastic job and was obviously well loved by her team members. She also recently hosted several team members from the visiting GSE team members from the Philippines and Turkey.

Team members were introduced to our Club members: Tami Shadduck, Jessica Bylsma, Brian Duncan and William York.

Our team spent a month in Cason City, NE of Manila. The 93 clubs of its District joined together to welcome our group. The team's presentation used overseas was so impressive, DG Russ Miller took it to the District Conference to show it off and the Philippines visiting team took it home with them. Martine and her group showed their presentation to our Club. It was impressive and a great reflection upon Rotary and our community.

Team members talked about what touched them most about their visit. For Martine, the orphanages were a real challenge. She found it humbling to see what Rotarians are trying to do to house and feed the children and improve their lives. She found it motivated them, and her, to do more.

Jessica (a member of the Coast Guard) stayed with active Air Force members in the Philippines. Their Air Force handles many of the tasks that the Coast Guard handles in the US. The Rotarians she met and their drive to make a difference in the lives of their citizens also amazed her. She also saw the great respect their citizens have for Rotarians who are a legitimate force for change, more so than the Philippine government.

Brian was moved by the poverty and challenges it presents to the Philippino people, yet he marveled about their positive attitude and smiles on their faces. He said it was the "happiest sad place you'll ever see."

Tami talked about the warm welcome Rotarians and the GSE team members received everywhere. She found Rotarians to command a great amount of respect in their country because of all the good work they do. She works in reproductive health and her most memorable moment was when she met a Philippino Senator who authored a reproductive health bill, recognizing the link between reproduction and poverty.

William talked about the sharp contrast between the rich and poor in the country. His host families were among the wealthiest, yet they worked hard to help the poor in their country.

All the team members commented about how they enjoyed the food of the country, although Brian apparently ate anything and everything, including something he didn't really want to describe to us. They also all praised Martine for the wonderful job she did in leading them and the great advice and example she provided.

After their presentation, several club members asked questions of the team. It was clear they felt the US was well regarded in the Philippines and our culture and theirs is very integrated. They see us as their partners. Everyone speaks English.

William talked about the social aspect of their country – they sang Karaoke about 3 times a day. Apparently our music has been a big part of life in the Philippines for decades. They also embrace basketball.

The team experienced several Rotary Clubs that were all women, although there are a few women in most Clubs. Apparently the Women Only clubs were a blast and thoroughly enjoyed by team members.

As their presentation concluded, Martine was happy and honored to announce that team member Jessica had become a Rotarian after her GSE experience.

Pres. Jonathan concluded the program with a few comments about GSE. He also reminded our members to please plan to attend the Installation Dinner where he will recognize those who have worked so hard this year then hand the leadership reigns over to our President-Elect, Carole Owenby, on Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m. at the Dunedin Country Club. There will be no lunch meeting that day.