

Here are just a few ways your generosity is changing lives.

1 Eradicating polio

Thanks to you, we are closer than ever to ending polio. In September, the World Health Organization removed Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries after going a year without a reported case of the wild poliovirus. It has also been more than a year since the last case of the wild poliovirus anywhere on the African continent. Yet it's no time to let up on our efforts. Keeping children protected from this virus and building on these achievements will require continued commitment and funding. And every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact.

2 Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Rotary's most significant effort to promote peace is the [Rotary Peace Centers](#) program, established in 2002. Each year, the program trains some of the world's most dedicated and brightest professionals, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and to resolve conflict. They include graduates of a two-year master's degree program and a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities.

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

3 Supporting education

Through a Foundation grant and in partnerships with the Organization of American States, Rotary members in Maryland, USA, provided a training program for teachers in Quito, Ecuador, which included the use of new technology. At the conclusion of the program, each school selected one

story written by a second, third, or fourth-grade student to include in a book illustrated with student art.

4 Fighting disease

In Tamil Nadu, India, two doctors, both members of the Rotary Club of Srirangam, discovered an alarming trend in the remote city outskirts of Trichy, women dying of breast cancer. They partnered with Rotary members in Maryland, USA, to purchase a large van, with the help of a Foundation global grant, and equip it with X-ray equipment. The "mammobus" has administered more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings, and detected and treated early stage cancer in six women.

5 Ending hunger

In Seattle, Rotary members are diverting millions of pounds of fruit and vegetable from food waste into the hands of those who need it through Rotary First Harvest, a program of Rotary District 5030 (Washington, USA).

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 25. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jon McLeod** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Ron Anderson had a small group of “accomplished” singers come forward to show the rest of us how to sing *I'll be home for Christmas*. The whole group sing was very good, the small group...

Don Manley reported that Ophelia, mother of the little girl from Belize who was Gift of Life recipient and guest of club members, wished all Rotarians a Merry Christmas. The girl is now twelve and often speaks about Bonita Springs and how much it meant to her. The mother was recently honored as employee of the year at the Turtle Inn in Belize. She wants us to know how much Rotary means in her heart.

Tom reported a letter from our Bavarian Bugler, **Peter Ferner**, thanking us for our hospitality during his visit. He had hoped to give us more lessons about the bugle calls but the regular meeting was replaced by the Christmas Party.

Jim Renfro rose to tell us that **Tom Driving**, Jim's Swedish dentist and trumpet playing friend, has been diagnosed with liver cancer and needs our prayers.

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-arms. George gave us his most practical definition of late, “Late is..If I say you're late.” **Don Thomson** arrived early (!) and was fined \$10 to cover those who were late. **Rex Sims** was the only one who confessed to coming to the cancelled meeting last week.

George organized celebrations to birthday

people **John Mathes** and **Sandy Hemstead**. John has been a club member for more than 35 years. During the celebration George claimed to be like Mitch Miller without the goatee. He promises that next year, “You're gonna see the new George.”

Stephanie Kissinger brought a large group from Estero High School; three **students of the month**, two **staff of the month**, and parents. Stephanie orchestrated a Great Escape, as they left in formation after the presentations.

Two new members

Tom inducted new members. Because of a technical glitch they will be given their red badges and the secret handshake next week.



Bill Jenks was sponsored by Tom Briers. His classification is Chief Information Officer (Retired).



Dave Adamson was sponsored by **Donna Flammang**. Dr. David Adamson is the co-founder and a doctor of chiropractic at Kinexis Chiropractic in Bonita Springs, FL.

LAST WEEK PROGRAM



Vince Modarelli introduced his boss, News-Press publisher, **Mike Jung** as our speaker. Mike took over as president and publisher of The News-Press Media Group on August 24th. He was previously publisher of the Idaho Statesman and is enjoying the transition from the mountains of Idaho to the beaches of SWFL.

Mike noted that the News-Press has a great tradition of publishing for 131 years and that Florida is a great state for newspaper readership. He thinks the “new” Gannett has a strong future. He believes the re-

cent acquisition of the Journal Media Group (includes Naples Daily News) signals that Gannett is poised for growth.

Mike discussed the difficulties and opportunities of evolving the print media in the “digital” age. “Newspapers don’t break news anymore. The news has already happened. Digital gives updates with push notification.” He pointed to the increasing use of “mobile” by the digital audience.

Mike believes that 100 years from now that print media will still be here, although it may look different. “But the combination of print and digital will be a powerful combination to deliver information to consumers.”

TODAY'S PROGRAM **Bob Wasno**, Facilities Manager FGCU Vester Field Station

The FGCU Vester Field Station is sandwiched between the Everglades and the Gulf of Mexico. The field station sits on an almost acre parcel on Little Hickory Island in Bonita Springs, Florida. It provides un-paralleled access to various sub-tropical habitats such as oyster reefs, mangroves and seagrasses.

The field station serves as a venue and base of operation for educational programs, community involvement and scholarly research that increases our understanding and promotes science-based stewardship of coastal watersheds, estuaries and Gulf of Mexico ecosystems.



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**Last Wk: Proxy picker
Mike Jung drew the 8♣**



The 50/50 is \$2,254

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
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Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
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**Rotary Sings:
We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.



Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas,
And a happy New Year.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
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And a happy New Year.

Birthdays

Carl Nickel Dec 22

Peter O'Flinn Dec 23

Scott Gerrish Dec 25

Andy Frech (rr) Dec 28

Bob Langhans(rr) Dec 29

This Week
**Bob Wasno, FGCU
Vester Field Station**

This Morning's Invocation

Most Holy God, to whom we turn in the midst of Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, we are thankful for the meaning of these holidays. In our respective worship situations outside of Rotary, we pray that inspiration may be gained to better fulfill our Rotarian calling of looking to the needs of others. Make us zealous to accomplish more.

Bless all special family gatherings held during these holidays. Bless our guests who have come to share with us. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the gift of food and the opportunity for fellowship.

Keep us in your loving care until we meet again. Amen.