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## Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor

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Meets Tuesday at 7:00 A.M., Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Port Charlotte, Florida



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## José returns, P.J. invites son to meeting



Fellowship is the cement that keeps a club together, and **José's** return after hip surgery and other medical problems was a welcome surprise for all. **Leroy** takes meeting notes.



In the picture above, member **P.J. Fisher** invited his son to join him for a Rotary meeting. Other than some gray hair (more and less), it's hard to tell them apart!

## Golf Tournament April 12



Today's Club Assembly will focus on our upcoming Golf Tournament. The key to success is players, sponsors and participation by club members—let's give it 100%

## Odds and Ends

- **José Basilio** has a new e-mail address: [joselbas179267@aol.com](mailto:joselbas179267@aol.com)
- **Vern Ward** has completed a 12 minute video on the Lucky 7 Fishing Tournament. It covers both the 2007 and 2008 tournaments, and shows the Captain's meetings, the auctions and boats bring in their catches. This represents a lot of work, and it would make a great program one Tuesday morning.
- Pitch in to wash mugs on Thursday, April 3. More hands = less work.
- Finally, **NO MEETING NEXT TUESDAY MORNING—SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER TODAY!**

Club #4308

**Rotary International President: Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson**  
**District Governor, District 6960: Gary Israel**  
**Area 7 Governor: Dawn Krebs**



# District Web site offers variety of services

By Guest Editor Leroy Jackson

*“Set high personal standards. Make others aware we expect the same. Respect the pursuit of excellence. Recognize, dignify honest work.”*

Williams R. Robbins,  
RI President  
1974-75



Has anyone seen our guest editor **Sath Voleti** lately? Anyway unprepared as I was I took the pad and stepped up to the plate as the scribe.

The morning was cool and dark but we were warmly greeted at the door by **Steve Carter**. Pre meeting discussion was lively as we sipped decaf or regular.

President **Steve** sounded the bell close to 7:00 am and we started with a prayer led by president-elect **Bonnie Gado**. We were so thrilled to see nuestro amigo **Jose Basilio**, who led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Breakfast followed.

We had several visitors who we serenaded with our distinctive “We’re glad you’re here” welcome song, with **José's** addition of “Ole!” and “Cha Cha Cha.”

Attendance was a problem for **Leroy** to figure out. Doing double duty this day presented a challenge so the attendance was estimated at approximately 85%

There were several happy dollars. Most notably everyone was glad to see and welcome back **José**. He is doing quite well but he admits he misses his vino.

**Rob Lowe** filled in as our sergeant of arms and he did a remarkable job collecting for the 50/50 and birthday and anniversary dollars.

One of the Rotarians from the Punta Gorda club told us of the upcoming Air Show at Charlotte County Airport and extended an invitation to join them at a fundraiser and luncheon next Friday at Benedetto's Restaurant in Punta Gorda.

We were reminded of the *Punta Gorda Block Party* on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to wash cups on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. TIPS training (how to serve beer and check for underage drinkers) for all volunteers will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Location is Peace River Distributors, near the airport.

## Ponce



Smiling about his impersonation of Bob Clendenin this morning, Ponce takes his roll as Rotary Greeter.

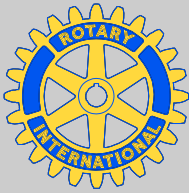
**Chris Gover**, our program chairman, gave a very informative presentation on accessing the district web site. He pointed out it can be used to do make ups, check on club news and events taking place at nearby Rotary clubs in the district.. He stated bulletins from previous meetings are kept on the site for four weeks. Even good old Ponce can be found on this site.

We said goodbye to **Lloyd LeGrow**, as he is returning to the frozen north. He led us in the four way test and the meeting adjourned at 8.00a.m

## Upcoming Club & District Events

- April 12: CH Rotary Golf Tournament
- April 19: District Assembly
- April 19: Punta Gorda Block Party
- May 26-31: District Conference at sea
- June 15-18: International Convention
- August 23: District 6960 TRF Seminar

**Just 11 days to the Golf Tournament! See Sherry or Dave about last minute plans today!**



# Meet the members of our GSE Team to the Caribbean



*Melina Frederick*

*Melina was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana but currently lives in North Port, Florida. She obtained her Bachelors degree in Business and Office Education in 2004 from the University of South Florida. At North Port High School, she teaches various levels of computer education to students in grades 9 through 12. In 2006, Melina received her Master's in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment from Walden University. She is also an advisor to the Interact Club which has volunteered and worked on many projects such as Habitat for Humanity, food drives for local shelters, fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy, adopting a family during Christmas, assisted at nursing home, and adopting a park for clean ups.*



*Daniela Eckert*

*Daniela grew up in the hospitality business in Germany. For more than 17 years she worked in the F & B industry and related sectors. She managed her family-owned Reiterhof Wirsberg Bellevue Spa & Resort Hotel and the related Restaurant and Convention facilities in Bavaria. She is qualified to be part of an examiner panel for undergraduates and graduates, and lectures hospitality trainees and apprentices during their three-year studies. Daniela teaches and is on the panel of the Hotel Master School, in Rothenburg ob der Tauber and the Hospitality School in Pegnitz. Starting in mid-January of 2008 she will give guest lectures in several classes at the Florida Gulf Coast University Resort and Hospitality Management Program.*



*Mike Rauschenberger*

*Mike, a descendent of immigrants from Germany, was born in Brookfield, Wisconsin. He is the youngest of four children. On his High School gymnastics team he finished number one in the United States. After graduating, he began a career in Law Enforcement. In 1998 he was officially sworn as an officer with the City of Waukegan, Illinois. There Mike worked patrols, tactical operations, and undercover narcotics, reaching the rank of Sergeant of Narcotics. In 2006 he moved to Fort Myers, Florida to be closer to family. Mike is employed by the Lee County Sheriff's Office as a Detective within the Major Crimes Robbery Unit. He appreciates spending time with family and enjoys the beauty Lee County has to offer.*



*Mike Liggins*

*Born in Hatboro Pennsylvania, Mike currently lives in Estero Florida, a small community on the southwest coast of Florida, between Naples and Fort Myers. Mike's parents moved to Florida in 1977. Being raised, but not born in Florida, Mike can only claim to be a 'freshwater native' of Florida. Mike holds a bachelor's of science degree in environmental engineering from the University of Central Florida. His wife, Regina (also an engineer) home schools their three children ages 8, 5 and 3. Mike has over a decade of experience in civil and environmental engineering. As director of engineering, Mike is responsible for planning, design, and construction for Bonita Springs Utilities.*

*The above is from the GSE team brochure that will be distributed to clubs the team visits.*

## THE 4-WAY TEST

Of things we think, say or do

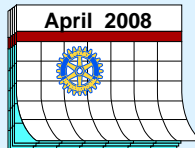
First, Is it the TRUTH?

Second, Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third, Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth, Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Harbor Calendar



Today

- Program: Club Assembly—Golf Tournament final plans.
- Bulletin: Tom Fisher
- Greeter: Bob Clendenin

April 8

- 28th Anniversary Dinner at Isles Yacht Club: cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm, music by Tim Goodman from 7 pm - 9 pm
- **Tuesday morning meeting canceled**

April 12

- Golf Tournament

April 15

- Program: Wayne Sallade
- Bulletin: Moe Desforge
- Greeter: Tom Fisher

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## Nearby Rotary Clubs For Make Ups

### Monday

#### **Fort Myers South**

12:15 PM - Holiday Inn Bell Tower

### Tuesday

#### **Arcadia**

Noon - DeSoto Mem. Hospital

#### **Englewood**

Noon - Englewood Hospital

#### **North Port Central**

Noon - Heron Country Club

### Wednesday

#### **Placida**

7:00 AM - Rotonda Hills Golf C.

#### **Harbour Heights - Peace River**

7:00 am - **Charlotte Harbor YC**  
exc. for 1st Wed. at 7:00 pm

#### **Fort Myers East**

7:30 AM - Lee County Civic Center Expo Building

#### **Cape Coral**

8:00 AM - Waterford Ballroom

#### **Port Charlotte**

12:15 - South Port Square  
Lunch at Noon

### Thursday

#### **Englewood Lemon Bay Sunrise**

7:00 AM - Englewood Hospital

#### **Murdock**

7:15 AM - Perkins Restaurant  
Breakfast at 7:00 am

#### **North Fort Myers**

8:00 AM - Lochmoor Country Club

### Friday

#### **North Port**

7:15 AM - Olde World Restaurant

#### **Punta Gorda**

Noon - Best Western Motel  
Punta Gorda

#### **Cape Coral - Goldcoast**

Noon - Power Squadron Building  
Cape Coral

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