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Last Week

President Steve, pictured at the left, had a busy morning giving out clocks and banners to the members of the District 1650 GSE team from Brittany, France.

Read more about this visit on page 2, and see related pictures on page 3.



Free Trip to France or Caribbean - - Help Wanted

This is an appeal to the members of District 6960. We are trying to field two Group Study Exchange Teams this April, one to Brittany in France, and another to the 15th we have only one application for team leader and three for team members. A full team is a leader and four members.

Each club's publicity chair is asked to send a press release, contact a radio or television station, post to an Internet bulletin board, announce at club meeting or all of the above.



You can even say. "Free trip to France (or Caribbean)!", in truth. While the team leader must be a Rotarian, team members are employed 25 to 40 year olds who can travel for approximately four weeks this coming April. Applications are due December 12th. This is an exciting opportunity! You must know someone who is interested. For further information, contact **Don Thomas** of the Rotary Club of Cape Coral Gold-

coast by email at: sgtarms6960@aol.com

Information from the District 6960 "News Hound," maintained by Newsletter Editor Daniel Flaherty

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"Friendship...the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization."

Albert S. Adams,
RI President
1919-20

Group Study Exchange From Brittany

By Guest Editor Bob Clendenin



ten seen.

Moments later the GSE Team streams in to greet Rotarians while **José** practices "Bon jour!" with a hint of Spanish accent.

Pending member **Rob Lowe** meets sponsor **Moe**, returning from a snowbird summer. We meet another potential member, **Mike Martin** and surprise to all, **Bob McD** saunters in at just 6:59 a.m. President **Steve** echoes "Bon jour!" as the bell tingles.

Following an all-birthday song are happy \$'s for sports (please see that section of any newspaper for details) and happily, the Veterans Day Parade and GSE. **Karol** and **Stephen** share 50/50 money.

Margaret Russell of Murdock Rotary introduces Team Leader **Claude Theard** who adds to a humorous oration on weather in Brittany saying "We are Britons first and French if necessary."

Brittany, he explains is the part of France closest to Florida. Rotary District 1650 has 46 clubs with a total of about 1500 members and covers about the same area as our District 6960.

Team member **Delphine Le Maout** is a radio announcer, employed by the leading station in central Brittany. She plays guitar and is active in Musicien d' Oz which organizes music festivals.

Next at the lectern is **Jean-Raymond Fayat**, a business analyst for the Institute of Locarn. Dealing with business and marketing strategy, it is his goal to form his own business one day soon.

The only married member is **Yann La-Chaise**. He and his wife, **Natacha** have a three-year-old son, **Alois**. Graduated from les

Sergeant **Sherry** looks for Treasurer **Dave's** briefcase while Group Study Exchange Leader **Claude** sets up his computer and projector. **Chris** is impressed. A show is running in minutes, none of that pesky "No Signal" message of-

Ponce



Neglecting his daily visits to the gym in recent weeks, Ponce has gained a few pounds, but plans to go on a diet right after Thanksgiving.

Compagnons du tour de France, school of carpenters, **Yann** is a team leader with a carpentry company.

Dairy farmer **Gwenaël Le Berre** tells us he and partners have 90 Holstein cows and 85 heifers. Cows are milked twice each day to make gruyere cheese and crepes. The farm has been in his family for 250 years.

A brief question and answer session reveals the best wine is their own; it rarely snows in Brittany; the largest city is Rennes with 300,000; the language is Celtic, very different from French. Two very important times in their history were July 1776 and June 1944.

Following group pictures and banner exchange, President **Steve** rings us into the sunshine.

Upcoming Club Events

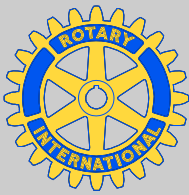
December 22

Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army at Publix in Charlotte Harbor

January 13, 2008

- Club Picnic at Ponce de Leon Park

November is Foundation Month



More GSE Team Photos

All photos by Bob Clendenin



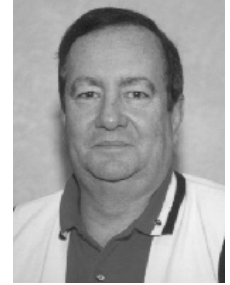
Team leader **Claude** and **Bob** were guests at a party held by **Mike Riley**, a member of the Rotary Club of Harbor Heights/Peace River on Friday evening, November 16. **Mike** has an extensive collection of vintage guitars.



Yann and **Delphine** check out the delicious food prepared by Murdock Rotarian **Cheryl "Cheffy" Bowman**, pictured below.



Don Thomas Selected For DG



The District Governor Nominating Committee selected **Don Thomas** of the Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast as their recommendation for District Governor in 2010-11. Unless there are additional candidates from the floor, he will be elected at the District Assembly next spring.

Two other candidates qualified for this positing, including Past President **Selva Sunderavel** from our club. It takes considerable time and commitment to hold this position, and Selva should be commended for willing to do so and participate in the interview for this office.

Vern Doing Better

Member **Vern Ward** is presently at Charlotte Harbor Health Center, 4000 Kings Highway, Charlotte Harbor, room 323. He's doing well with his therapy and hopefully will be discharged soon. Why not visit him or give him a call at 286-0504? The best time is in the afternoon, prior to 6:00 pm.

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of things we think, say or do

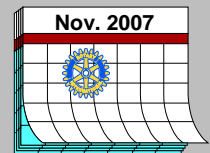
First, Is it the TRUTH?

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: Moe Desforge
- Bulletin: Tom Fisher
- Greeter: Bob Clendenin

November 27

- Program: Check with Bonnie Gado
- Bulletin: P.J. Fisher
- Greeter: Mike Colgan

December 4

- Program: Club Assembly
- Bulletin: Bonnie Gado
- Greeter: Moe Desforge

December 13

- Christmas Party at Cultural Center

December 22

- Bell Ringing at Publix in Charlotte Harbor

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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 - Portofino Waterfront Dining 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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