Last Week’s Speaker

Bruce Garrison, the Charlotte County Unit Executive Director for the American Cancer Society, was our speaker on April 7th. Bruce explained what services were available through our local unit. The office in Port Charlotte has resource rooms filled with items which may be needed by patients. A Look Good, Feel Better class is presented by a cosmetologist to help women work through the changes they endure during treatment. Man to Man assists men going through prostate cancer treatment, with informative and sharing meetings. Reach to Recovery pairs past breast cancer patients with new ones, meeting in the hospital or private homes. Our local ROCK program sends children, who are undergoing treatment, to a special summer camp. This program also has college scholarships available to past participants.

DIZ NOTES

Yes, our busy fundraising season is winding down with the Block Party this weekend. Please sign up, particularly for the post-6:00 P.M. shift. Hopefully, we’ll run out of hotdogs and hamburgers soon after 6:00 P.M.

All of the Rotary clubs in District 6960 are participating in this event on May 14, either in Fort Myers, Sarasota, or Naples. All one million meals will be given to Kids Against Hunger of Southwest Florida, and will stay in Southwest Florida.

Submitted by John Dzurak

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Thanks to all Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, and friends who worked hard last Saturday to make the ‘Taste of Punta Gorda’ a successful event.

The Group Study Exchange Team from

Poland will be here during the week of May 22. They will speak to us at our May 26 meeting. If you are interested in hosting a GSE at your house that week, please contact Area Governor Ed Russell at fullsales@comcast.net.

The Million Meal Packing Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Harborside Convention Center, 1375 Monroe Street, in downtown Fort Myers. I will pass around a sign up sheet for the first shift, 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. We need to get 10 names on this sheet. Then, I’ll pass around a second sheet to see if we can get another group of ten people.

If you have ideas for speakers, please contact John Dzurak at johnzdurak@hotmail.com.

April 14th — Today in History

1611 - Word “telescope” is 1st used (Prince Federico Cesi)
1614 - Pocahontas, daughter of chief Powhatan, marries planter John Rolfe
1775 - 1st abolitionist society in US organizes in Philadelphia
1777 - NY adopts new constitution as an independent state
1814 - Napoleon abdicated & was banished to Elba
1828 - 1st edition of Noah Webster’s dictionary published
1836 - Congress forms Territory of Wisconsin
1853 - Harriet Tubman began her Underground Railroad, helping slaves escape
1860 - 1st Pony Express rider arrives in SF from St Joseph, Mo
1865 - Pres Abraham Lincoln shot in Ford’s Theater by John Wilkes Booth
1941 - 1st public showing of Edison’s kinetoscope (moving pictures)
1902 - JC Penney opens his 1st store, in Kemmerer, Wyo
1910 - President Taft begins tradition of throwing out ball on opening day
1914 - Stacey G Carkhuff patents non-skid tire pattern
1918 - Douglas Campbell is 1st US ace pilot (shooting down 5th German plane)
1925 - 1st regular-season Cubs game to be broadcast on radio (WGN)
1935 - Sandstorm ravages US midwest (Dust Bowl)
1942 - Destroyer Roper sinks German U-85 of US east coast
1945 - American planes bombed Tokyo & damaged the Imperial Palace
1946 - Manager Mel Ott of Giants hits 511th HR & final HR
1948 - US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Eniwetak
1955 - Farnborough air show marks 1st combat videotape recorder
1967 - In the Vietnam War, US planes bombed Haiphong for 1st time
1980 - 1st Cubans of the Mariel boatlift sail to Florida
1981 - 1st Space Shuttle-Columbia 1-returns to Earth

Upcoming Speakers/Events

April 21st — Meeting Leaders:
Pledge of Allegiance — John Chislett
Invocation — John Dzurak
Song Leader — John Dzurak

April 16 — Punta Gorda Block Party! SEE YOU THERE!
April 21 — Keith Cary, chief judge for the 20th judicial circuit.
April 28 — History park presentation with a short visit there after meeting for all those interested.
May 14 — Million Meal Packing Event — Harborside Convention Center, Fort Myers.

Note:Sponsor rotation is subject to change.

Today: Historical Re-enactment by the Charlotte County Historical Center

Today’s Meeting Leaders

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Lynch
Invocation: John Dzurak
Song Leader: John Dzurak

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Today’s Speaker

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Today’s Re-enactment of the Charlotte County Historical Center

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Song of the Week...

Let me call you sweet-heart.

Let me call you sweet-heart, I’m in love with you.

Let me call you sweet-heart, I’m in love with you.

Keep the love-light glowing in your eyes so true.

Requesting a three day pass

An Israeli soldier who just enlisted asked the Commanding Officer for a 3-day pass.

The CO says “Are you crazy? You just joined the Israeli army, and you already want a 3-day pass? You must do something spectacular for that recognition!”

So the soldier comes back a day later in an Arab tank!

The CO was so impressed, he asked “How did you do it?”

“Well, I jumped in a tank, and went toward the border with the Arabs. I approached the border, and saw an Arab tank. I put my white flag up, the Arab tank put his white flag up. I said to the Arab soldier, “Do you want to go on a three-day pass? So we exchanged tanks!”

The visitor was astonished. “Was Joshua Hemingway a writer, also?”

“Yes, indeed,” said his guide. “He wrote a check.”

She’s new to football

A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. Afterward he asked her how she liked the game.

“Boring,” she said.

“What do you mean?” he asked.

“Well, everyone kept yelling, ‘Get the quarterback back!’”

Secret Formula

The police recently busted a man selling “secret formula” tablets he claimed gave eternal youth. When going through their files they noticed it was the fifth time he had been caught for committing this same criminal medical fraud.

He had earlier been arrested in 1794, 1856, 1928 and 1983....

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