

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, July 29, 2010

"Culture is Us!"



Brenda O'Connor

*Senior Vice President
The Greater Naples Chamber
of Commerce*

With The Chamber over eight years...
I oversee all Chamber programs and events, some
of which will be highlighted this morning!

Community involvement :

- Graduate of Leadership Collier Class of 2008
- Vice Chair 2009 NCH Ball
- Board of Directors Hunger and Homeless Coalition
- Member of the Citizens Advisory Board for The Shelter for Abused Women
- Facilitator Distinguished Public Service Awards
- Auxiliary Board for Youth Haven
- Facilitator of The Outstanding Citizen selection committee

2009-2010 Annual Sponsors

Silver Sponsors

Brooks Insurance Company
Cummings & Lockwood LLC
Dr. Thomas P. Hale, DDS
Hill Barth & King, LLC
Moorings Park

Bronze Sponsor

The "Wizdumb" Table
Harmon-Meek Gallery, Inc.

Our thanks to
TIB Bank for being the lead sponsor
of the All-Star Football Classic.

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present: 62 66.67%
Makeups: 6
Visiting Rotarians: 2 Winter Pigeons: 0
Guests of Members: 7 Student Guests: 0

Did you make up?

Guest Speaker

Next Week: Joe Cox, Children's Museum of Naples

Last Meeting: Steve Agius, Rotary Gift of Life

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Don Lintzenich	July 29	70
Ross Longmire	August 03	74
Bill Robinson	July 31	73
Rob Stoneburner	August 04	41

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Gary Blaine	July 31	6

Member	Club Anv.	Years
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No members have a Club Anniversary this week.

Distinguished Rotarians

Rotarian	Honored
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Keith Geiman	Jan. 8, 2009
Lois Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008
Bill Hagman	Jun. 14, 2007

Rotarian of the Year 2010

Butch Manley

 **100% Paul Harris Fellows
or Sustaining Members**



A home away from home



John Kenny (middle), 2009-10 RI president, celebrates the home's opening.

For Cameron Wilson, the Ottawa Rotary Home has become a second home. Wilson, 20, has cerebral palsy; he's also blind, developmentally delayed, and uses a wheelchair.

He first stayed at the home when he was four years old. His mother, Joan, cheerfully describes her daily routine: cutting up his food, changing his diapers, and checking on him in the middle of the night – except during his visits to the Ottawa Rotary Home.

Rotarians in Ottawa opened the home in 1982 – when the concept of respite care was new – to provide overnight relief to families whose children have severe physical disabilities or other complex medical conditions. “You have to look after the caregivers,” says Patricia Boomer, a member of the Rotary Club of Ottawa and past chair of the home's board of directors. “They need a break sometimes. They need support. It doesn't mean they want to give up their child.”

Joan and her husband use the respite time to go on vacation with their two daughters, attend the girls' soccer tournaments and piano recitals, and deal with family emergencies. Last year, Joan hurt her back while moving her 160-pound son, and again, they turned to the Ottawa Rotary Home for support while she recovered.

She credits the home with providing a sense of balance between Cameron's needs and the rest of the family's. “If it hadn't been for Ottawa Rotary Home, I don't know how healthy our family would be,” she says. “The home has alleviated an incredible amount of stress in our lives and for other families as well.”

Since 1922, the Ottawa club has focused on helping children with disabilities, supporting a local summer camp and Easter Seals over the years.

The home opened with 8 beds, later expanding to 12 and quickly becoming a model for respite care. “For

E-mail scams targeting Rotarians

Rotary International continues to receive notice of e-mail phishing scams targeting Rotarians.

One such scam claims that the recipient has been selected in a raffle for a prize and the recipient's contact information is needed. Another scam still circulating claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient's personal information, including a copy of the individual's passport and driver's license, in order to claim the inheritance.

Please note that RI does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians to avoid becoming victims of these scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.



years, people have come to us and asked, ‘How do you do this, how do you do that, how does it work?’” Boomer says.

In 2007, the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation launched a capital campaign to build a larger facility. Over 18 months, it raised \$2.3 million (surpassing its goal of \$2 million) from 11 Rotary clubs in eastern Ontario, individual Rotarians, families who use the home, and other donors.

With additional funding from several major donors and the government, along with a land donation of 5 acres by a Rotarian, the \$6.5 million project opened in February 2009. The original home also was renovated for adult residential care, for a total of 29 beds serving more than 200 families.

The new 18,000-square-foot building offers plenty of space and state-of-the-art features, such as a Snoezelen multisensory room, which uses combinations of gently stimulating colour, light, sound, shape, and texture to enhance therapy, learning, and relaxation.

In 2008, the facility received a United Way Community Builder Award and the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year Award.