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January Newsletter - Happy New Year

SHARING SMILES - PARTNERING TO HEAL CHILDREN AND PROVIDE HOPE

At our meeting on January 11, Dr. Christopher Dobson, President of **AdventHealth Sharing Smiles**, and Michelle Gross, Program Director and College Park Rotarian, presented a program on **Sharing Smiles** and its work in Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Sharing Smiles has transformed the lives of more than 26,000 children and families by providing free facial reconstructive surgery, pediatric dentistry and pediatric rehabilitation (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy). Generous professional volunteers give the gift of a new smile to children in less developed countries.

Sharing Smiles has created a sustainable legacy of ongoing care for its patients by partnering with health care providers, civic and government leaders, and Rotary Clubs in each host country. Their team of specialists strengthens local talent by sharing resources and providing inter-cultural medical exchanges that enhance best practices at each site, so that smiles can last long after the teams leave and return to Orlando.

The Rotary Foundation through its Global Grants program has partnered with **Sharing Smiles** for over twenty years. The Rotary Club of College Park has donated to trips organized by **Sharing Smiles**. To learn more about their work, upcoming trips, or join their mailing list, volunteer or make a tax-deductible gift, call 407-303-9406 or email ruth.bowling@adventhealth.com.



President Robert Stuart welcomes Dr. Christopher Dobson and Michelle Gross of Sharing Smiles.



Dr. Christopher Dobson, screening patient in Merida, Mexico.



Dr. Dobson with nurse, patient and parent in Tarapoto, Peru.



College Park Rotarian Michelle Gross with patient in Peru.

NFL PRO BOWL GAMES COMING FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Rotarians and friends of the Rotary Clubs of Central Florida, make plans to attend the 2024 NFL Pro Bowl Games on Sunday, February 4th, 2024.

With Peyton Manning and Eli Manning back as head coaches, the games will build off last year's reimagined format of exciting skills challenges and action-packed flag football!

The Rotary Clubs of Central Florida will be sitting together and cheering for their favorite players and teams. Friends and family are invited to join in this one-of-a-kind event – The NFL Pro Bowl Games.

Tickets start at only \$29. With every ticket purchased, the Rotary Clubs of Central Florida will receive \$5 back for the Youth Services Foundation benefiting Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange.

Make your plans now to bring your family for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Ticket at fevogn.com/event/RotaryPB24.



THANK YOU TO TASTE OF COLLEGE PARK RESTAURANTS



Robert Stuart and John Rivers of 4Rivers Smokehouse.



Robert Stuart and Chef Nikk Burton of The Monroe.



George Stuart and Emily Cornell, owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes.



Bryan Burms presents to the Hoyne family at The Castle.



Jane Callahan presents to Heberto and Rona Segura of Duck & Drake.

Taste of College Park has become **"College Park's Best Night Out!"** thanks to the outstanding support from our restaurants. We are pleased to announce the winners of the various restaurant awards for this year. We are especially thankful for the hard work and excellent presentation by everyone. After a difficult decision with so many wonderful preparations, we are excited to announce the following winners.

- Top Dessert - Nothing Bundt Cake, Winter Park /Orlando
- Top Entree - The Monroe
- Top Authentic Venue/New Comer - The Castle Irish Pub and Restaurant
- Overall Presentation - 4 Rivers Smokehouse
- Unique Creation - Duck and Drake Kitchen

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH FOR ROTARY WORLDWIDE



January is Rotary Vocational Service Month – Here’s why! Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honor, integrity, and trustworthiness in business.

A Short History Lesson

Originally only one representative from each business or profession was invited to join a club. Paul Harris felt that if several members of the same profession were to join, they would either sit together and “talk shop” or compete against each other for other members’ business. The idea of “trade-boasting” was gradually eliminated and by 1912, Rotarians were no longer required to exchange business with one another.

The Forgotten Avenue of Service

Of Rotary’s five Avenues of Service – Club, Vocational, Community, Youth and International – Vocational is difficult to define, so it is sometimes called the “Forgotten Avenue of Service”. One reason is Club, Community, International and Youth Service activities usually involve groups of Rotarians. They enjoy the fellowship of Club Service, the satisfaction of serving the needs of their communities, and the hope that their International Service promotes world peace and understanding. But Vocational Service – the second Avenue of Service -- is generally conducted by individual members.

The Heart of Rotary

Vocational Service remains at the heart of Rotary. In 1987-88, RI President Charles C. Keller reinvented the Avenue by appointing the first Vocational Service Committee in 50 years. The committee redefined how clubs could more effectively participate in Vocational Service and drafted the new Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

HOW CELLPHONES POWER DISEASE FIGHT



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**, we’ve reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it’s crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** are strengthening the lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life. The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess. They also can note any children who didn’t receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess.

First Program of the Year Features Central Florida Foundation

The first program of 2024 for the Rotary Club of College Park featured Mark Brewer, CEO of the Central Florida Foundation. Mark was introduced by Rotarian Jeff Cowherd. Mark’s program was about the types of philanthropy and the role of the Central Florida Foundation in the community.

Mark joined the Foundation in 2000 and has earned respect for building community partnerships that meet issues head-on and produce measurable results. He is a well-known national speaker on the independent sector and philanthropy’s role in America.

Mark began his career in the media as a reporter, anchor, and journalist. Mark holds a bachelor’s degree in Business, a master’s degree in Public Administration with a specialty in Nonprofit Management and is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy.

College Park Rotary Awards Student of the Month to Area Schools



President Robert Stuart presents to Bishop Moore senior David de la Torre. Also pictured are parents and Director of Mission Effectiveness, JP Kuhlman. .

President Robert Stuart presents to Gabriel Rohr, St. Charles Student of the Month. Also pictured are principal, Dr. Jamie Rodriguez, and mother..

The Rotary Club of College Park awards Student of the Month recognition to four College Park schools – Edgewater and Bishop Moore High Schools, College Park Middle School and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. In addition to a certificate of recognition, each student receives a donation to the school of \$50. The student directs which school program will receive the funds.

The Student of the Month is selected by the school’s faculty for each month of the school year from September to May.

December Students of the Month were:

- Edgewater High School-Jessica McDaniel
- Bishop Moore Catholic High School-David de la Torre
- College Park Middle School-Edward Dodge-Zabell
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School-Gabriel Rohr

A Message from Robert Stuart, President, 2023-2024

Since the beginning of Rotary in 1905, Rotarians all over the world have believed in vocational service. It’s part of who we are and a strength that continues to help us fulfill our motto, **Service Above Self**.

In the early days of Rotary, founder Paul Harris was trying to gather like-minded businessmen together to create a business network centered in friendship and service. Because they decided to move the meetings around between members, they took the name Rotary to represent this new association. And, to further support their mission of service, these entrepreneurial men selected their very first service project, building a public latrine in downtown Chicago! There you have it – an organization founded on networking and service. Much has changed in 120 years, but our commitment to friendship and service continues foremost in our mission.

Vocational Service is one of Rotary’s Five Areas of Service and through it, we 1) Serve others by using our unique skills to address community needs; 2) Empower others through training and skill development; and 3) Inspire others to act with integrity by following Rotary’s guiding principles.

Our club, and thousands like us throughout the world, use our personal vocational service to impact our communities during every day of the year. If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about how you can serve, empower and inspire others, please look through this e-newsletter and join us for breakfast each Thursday morning at 7:15am. It’s early, I know, but I promise that you will leave each meeting inspired to serve others!

