

STAR WARS DAY MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU



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Rotary District 6960 RI President - Gordon R. McNally | District Governor - Alfred Current | Area Governor - David Rice

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Birthdays

Machelle Shirk
May 12th
Nika Verna
May 12th
Harold S. Eskin
May 12th
Erik Elsea
May 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael Robert Rubenstein
May 5th
Julie Maree Ferguson
June 1st

Speakers

May 03, 2024
[Dr. Elizabeth Bouldin - FGCU](#)
History

May 10, 2024
[Dr. Jennifer Sughrue - FGCU](#)
FGCU

May 17, 2024
[Dr. Jackie Green - FGCU & 4-Way Test](#)
FGCU Education Department

May 24, 2024
[Dr. Alexander - FGCU](#)
Florida's Future and It's
Educational Investment Dilemma

May 31, 2024
TBD
TBD

Club Meeting

Cape Coral Goldcoast
Meets at Gulf Coast Village,
Auditorium, Main Building
1333 Santa Barbara Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

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President's Message

Good Afternoon Members,

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting Amy Turner, the Executive Director of the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center. Her organization plays a crucial role in advocating for the rights of the deaf and hard of hearing community, ensuring businesses and employers understand their legal responsibilities. They also run an after-school program for deaf children in Lee County. You can learn more about Amy and her impactful work here: [Amy Turner - Executive Director - Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center | LinkedIn](#)

Please remember to start bringing in your donations for the annual booze wagon giveaway. If you have not yet contributed, members are asked to bring in \$30 or an equivalent amount of booze for the event. We have picked a drawing date for the event but do not yet have tickets to sell. We plan to use Facebook to help market the event. When the Facebook page is up, we will ask you to link to it and share it with your contacts. We should have tickets available to sell starting this week.

As a continued reminder, there have been internet phishing attempts using the following address: districtgovernor247@gmail.com, with a gentleman claiming to be Alfred Current. This is fake; please **do not respond**.

We're in need of volunteers who can spare some time to assist Christine with planning and organizing our upcoming Pickle Ball Tournament. Machelle has a sign-up list ready for you if you're interested in lending a hand.

Rich and Cheryl Willet, this District's polio chairs, have sent out a newsletter reminding everyone that this week is World Immunization Week.

This is also a reminder for the several of us attending: this weekend is the District Assembly / Leadership Training.

This week's speaker is Dr. Elizabeth Bouldin from FGCU, a guest of Nika. Here are a couple of relevant links regarding her background: [Elizabeth Bouldin's Profile \(fgcu.edu\)](#) [Elizabeth Bouldin - Fort Myers, Florida, United States | Professional Profile | LinkedIn](#)

I hope to see everyone this Friday.

YIRS,
Mark D. Howell, Jr.
President 2023-2024



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Meeting
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Letter from District 6960 Polio Co-Chairs

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

In the summer of 1950, I became a member of a huge and special group of children. That year I became a member of the 33,300 survivors of the poliovirus. In 1954, I became an active poster boy for the March of Dimes collecting donations for the development of the polio vaccine. In 1955 we experienced the development of the Salk vaccine that halted the spread of the poliovirus in the U.S. Today, through the efforts of Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% worldwide. Every child in the world deserves these lifesaving vaccines that protect them against illness, disability, and death.

Today young people have no idea what polio and many other childhood vaccine-preventable diseases are due to the effectiveness of vaccines. The number of people who remember the fear and anguish caused by these diseases is dwindling every day. The consequences are significant. Parents are inundated with and susceptible to information that questions the safety of vaccines. Too many parents worldwide are refusing to vaccinate their children or they haven't adhered to a recommended schedule for vaccines. Are there signs that this is becoming a problem? Yes, for example, in 2022 nearly 33 million children worldwide were left susceptible to measles. The consequence, an estimated 136,000 people, mostly children, have since died of measles. Covid did play a role in preventing many from being properly vaccinated but in many cases, parents have just refused to have their children vaccinated. For some time now, we have heard the rumblings about vaccines.

How do we shine a light on and support immunization efforts? April 24-30 is World Immunization Week as it is the last week of April every year. It's a week the global immunization community celebrates the lifesaving power of vaccines. As Rotarians, we're members of the global immunization community. Every year during this week we need to spread the word on social media and letters to the Editor, organize an event that educates our communities on Rotary's polio eradication efforts, encourage routine immunization efforts in our communities, and dispel misinformation regarding vaccines. Like those of us who collected dimes for the development of the polio vaccine, let's continue our efforts of collecting, encouraging, and educating beyond the celebration week.

See the [World Immunization Week Toolkit](#) for graphics, videos, sample social media messages, and a Letter to the Editor template.

With Gratitude,

Rich & Cheryl Willett
 District 6960 Polio Co-Chairs
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 Direct: 239.405.1329

Date	Host	Greeters
5.3.24	Nika Verna	Christine Wright & Dylan Zsebe
5.10.24	Nika Verna	Donna Caruso & Joe Cerino
5.17.24	Nika Verna & Dale Arvay	Brad Corbett & Phil Deems
5.24.24	Nika Verna	Harold Eskin & Julie Eskin
5.31.24	Nika Verna	Robert Greco & Joan Henry

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