



Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club Newsletter

March 31, 2016

NEWS

Contribute to the newsletter! Committee news, club news, member news, and photographs are welcome. Please send submissions to Taiye Sangoyomi (taiye@yahoo.com)

Speaker from the March 24 meeting was Gene Paul Stifter, from Grandma's Place.



RPB President Bruce Elkind with Gene Stifter

Grandma's Place, located in Royal Palm Beach, provides temporary shelter to children from birth to 12-years old who have suffered abuse and/or neglect and removed from their own homes by the Florida Department of Children and families. The goal of Grandma's place is to stabilize the children, get

1 them checked out medically, and then placed with a family member or foster family. Gene said there are lots of ways we could assist, including volunteering, in-kind or monetary donation.

Feature News: Successful Women Mentor Youth Through Rotary

When Clara Montanez was a student, she never heard the word mentoring. The idea of having a role model help you pursue your ambitions was unfamiliar to her.

of investment for Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. "I went the route of getting married and having children first, and started my career later in life. I had no model for how to do that."

"You basically chose your career based on personal interest and hoped you could find a job," says Montanez, senior director

That changed for Montanez the day a friend invited her to join Rotary.

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Future Speakers/Program

Date	Speaker
31-Mar-2016	Club Business Meeting
7-Apr-2016	Evan Piper, Motivational Speaker

Recap from March 24, 2016 meeting (by Bruce Elkind)

- RLI on April 16 in Melbourne
- Encourage 1 on 1 outside the meeting venue to get to know, like & trust fellow members and learn more about them
- Possibly a social/membership drive the last quarter
- Achieved 107% of our Foundation goal in giving so far
- Projects coming soon: Josh the Otter, Ball Drop, Crystal Apple Award, Scholarships, RYLA, Looking for Host Families for Exchange Student for next Year
- Events coming up: District Assembly, District Conference, Installation of Board of Directors, Installation of Eric as District Governor
- Business meeting on March 24
- Guest Speaker was Gene Paul Sifter from Grandma's Place

Successful Women Mentor Youth Through Rotary (from page 1)

"Frankly, I was dragged into Rotary. I didn't see a connection at first," says Montanez, who's been a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., since 2003. "But then I met several women, including Doris Margolis, who took me under her wing and started mentoring me on how to get more involved. I began seeing the value in having someone I could count on as a mentor, and I have become more of a leader in our club, in my community, and at work."

Rotary's mentoring opportunities motivated Montanez, Rotary's alternate representative to the Organization of American States, to help organize an event for International Women's Day, 8 March. The event, to be held at the World Bank Group headquarters in Washington, will feature Deepa Willingham and Marion Bunch, both previously honored as Rotary Women of Action. Rotary International Director Jennifer Jones will

moderate the event, which will be streamed on World Bank Live.

Montanez says Rotary has given her a platform to mentor young women as they balance career and family, as well as manage the challenge of repaying student loans. According to a recent study by the American Association of University Women, the student loan debt burden weighs more heavily on women because of the persistent gap in pay between women and men.

"I think Rotary has given me access to young people, like Rotaractors, and they are ready to accept guidance because Rotary is a safe place to reach out and get advice," says Montanez.

Similarly, Jackie Huie, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, Michigan, USA, recognizes Rotary's mentoring power. In 2007, Huie's club created

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Upcoming District Events (by Eric Gordon, incoming District Governor)

District Assembly

The 6930 District Assembly will be held on Sunday May 14th, from 9am to 12 pm, at Keiser University in West Palm Beach, with breakfast starting at 8:15 am.

Purpose of the assembly is to provide club leaders with guidance for the tasks they will assume. It is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world. Workshops offer motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. The sessions provide participants with valuable new ideas to make their clubs more effective and interesting. Presidents,

President Elects, Board members, Committee Chairs, and members interested in leadership positions are encouraged to attend.

Another important feature of the retreat is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objectives are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

Registration is open and can be found on the 6930 district calendar on DacDb.

District Conference

The **purpose** of the district conference is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions of Rotary-related matters. The event will recognize the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in the district in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service.



The conference will also give Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provide a memorable fellowship experience. Many Rotarians have said that they were never truly enthusiastic about Rotary until they saw an inspirational presentation at a district conference

The conference is not just about the business of Rotary but fun as well. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the facilities by participating in a golf tournament and other recreational activities planned for the weekend. Also, you will be able to enjoy camaraderie over meals highlighted by the Governor's Ball Saturday night, the installation of

the District Governor for 2016-2107, and the handing off of the "Home of The District Governor" banner to the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club.

Registration is now open on the District Calendar on DacDb.

Successful Women Mentor Youth Through Rotary *(from page 2)*

a program that matches high school juniors and seniors with a mentor in the field they'd like to enter. The program started with 40 students at one high school and has now expanded into schools across the area.

"I got a letter from a girl who came from a poor background, and through the program, she got a chance to meet with an attorney in town," says Huie, president of Johnson-Rauhoff, a multimedia company that fosters creative thinking for artists. "It inspired her and gave her confidence to go to school and study law. She got accepted into four law schools and is on her way to becoming an attorney."

Besides the investment in young people's futures, mentoring brings clubs important community recognition. For example, Huie's club has 150 members, a large number for a club that doesn't hold membership drives, she says.

"Everyone in southwest Michigan knows about Rotary," says Huie. "We had a student

who wanted to be a CEO for a large corporation. After we arranged for him to meet with the CEO of Whirlpool, his father was so impressed with the whole program that he joined Rotary."

Many of the program's early participants went on to form an Interact club, and there are now more than 200 Interact members at four area schools. Forty of them will travel to the Dominican Republic this summer to install water filters and take part in a medical mission.

"It's important for Rotary to make an investment in young people," says Huie. "My own daughter is in Interact because of my membership in Rotary. I think her world is broader, and she looks at the world differently. We all do, because of what we've learned through Rotary."

by Arnold R. Grahl
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Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club Leaders

President	Elkind, Bruce Lee
President-Elect & Program	Logan, Steven Mark
Vice President	Jordano, Keith
Secretary	Scherer, Joan
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Club Service Co-Chair	Balch, Lynn
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Meeting Information

Location:

Wild West Diner, 12041 Southern Blvd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Date & Time:

Thursdays, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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