# Rotary Club of LaBelle



# **2012 – 2013**The Year in Review

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# **About Our Club & District**

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# 2012-13 Club Officers

• President: Lester Baird

• President-elect: Andy Higginbotham

• Secretary: Jack Milholland

• Treasurer: Trisha Arnold &

**Kim Hamilton** 

• Sgt. at Arms: Bryan Beer

#### **Club Committees**

• Bulletin: Jack Milholland

• Dictionary Project: Holly Kobie

• Golf Tournament: Andy Higginbotham

• Membership: Mel Karau

• Nature Park: Mel Karau

• Pancakes/Spaghetti: Michael Jordan

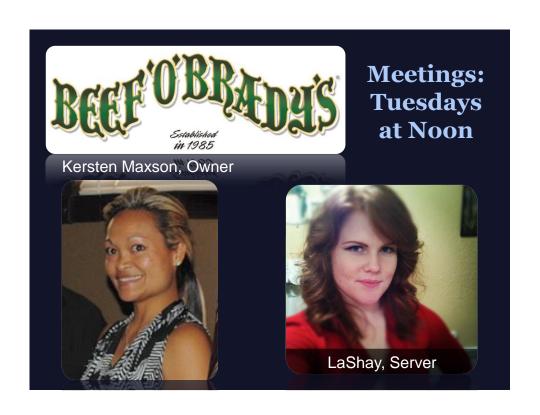
• PR & Calendar: Mel Karau

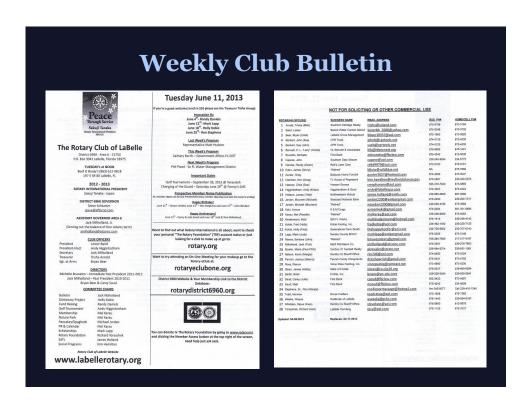
• Scholarships: Mark Lapp

• Rotary Foundation: Richard Yoraschek

• S4TL: James Holland

• Social Programs: Kim Hamilton







# 2013-14 Club Officers

• President: Andy Higginbotham

• President-elect: Holly Kobie

• Secretary: Kim Hamilton

• Treasurer: Sue Benkert

• Sgt. at Arms: Fred Kobie

#### **District 6960 Clubs Map** Bradenton East Manatee O Palmetto Anna Maria Island Sarasota Keys (Sarasota) Sarasota Bay (Sarasota) Sarasota Gateway Venice Sunrise Venice-NokomisNorth Port Central Placida Englewood Fort Myers East 🥎 LaBelle North Fort Myers Fort Myers Cape Coral-Goldcoast-ehigh Acres Clewiston Sanibel-Captiva o Fort Myers South Immokalee Bonita Springs Estero Naples Bay Naples-Pelican Bay Naples Collier Marco Island Marco Island Sunrise

#### **District Officers**

• District Governor: Steve Schlueter

• Asst. Gov. Area 6: Jack Milholland

• DG-elect: Timothy Milligan

• DG-nominee: Pete Doragh

#### **Club Members**

1. Trisha Arnold 11. Greg Gunter

2. Lester Baird 12. Kim Hamilton

3. Bryan Beer 13. Chris Hansen

4. John Benkert 14. Andy Higginbotham

5. Sue Benkert 15. James Holland

6. H.L. Bennett 16. Maureen Jordan

7. Michelle Brunetto 17. Michael Jordan

8. John Capece 18. Ayman Kaki

9. Randy Daniels 19. Mel Karau

10. James Eden 20. Matt Kindermann

#### **Club Members**

- 21. Fred Kobie
- 22. Holly Kobie
- 23. Mark Lapp
- 24. Barbara Maves
- 25. Jack Milholland
- 26. Maria Musler
- 27. Kevin Nelson
- 28. Joshua Parrish
- 29. Bianca Ross Loren

- 30.James Sloan
- 31. Brian Smith
- 32. Carey Soud
- 33. Matt Soud
- 34. Ron Stephens
- 35. Norman Todd
- 36. Steve Whidden
- 37. Richard Yoraschek



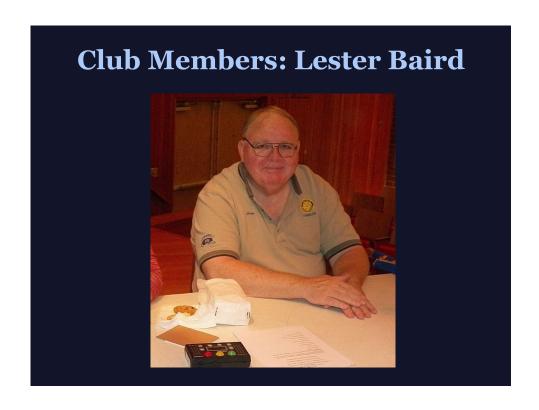
# New Club Members (2012-13)

- Ayman Kaki
- Bianca Loren Ross
- Holly Kobie
- Fred Kobie
- Brian Smith

# **Club Members: Trisha Arnold**



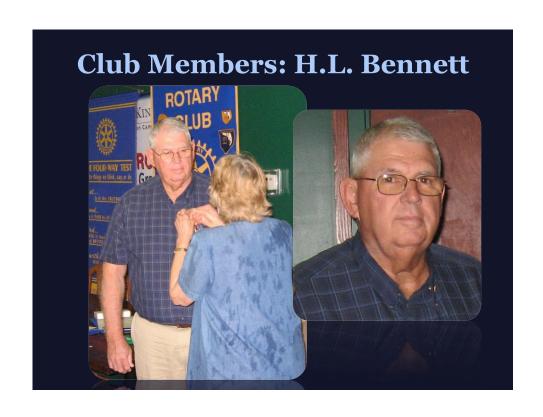








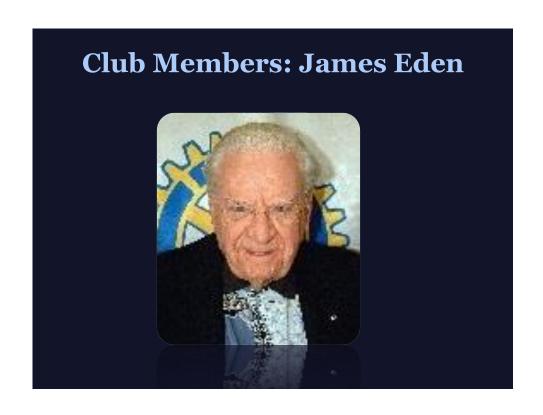








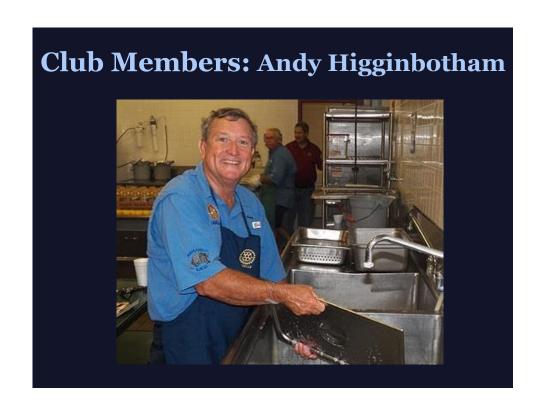




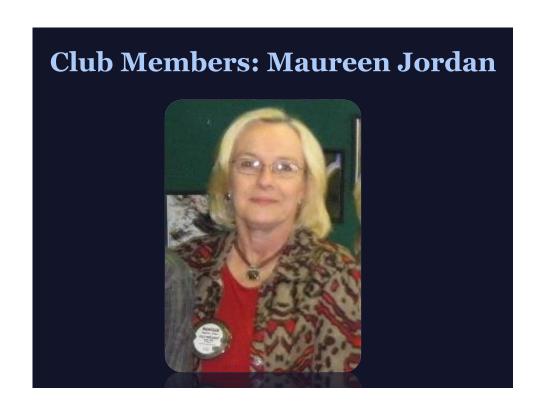




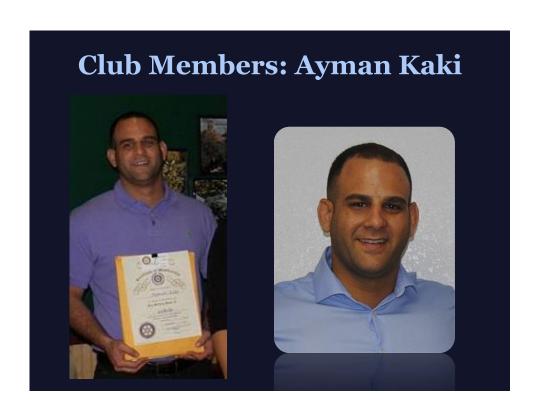




















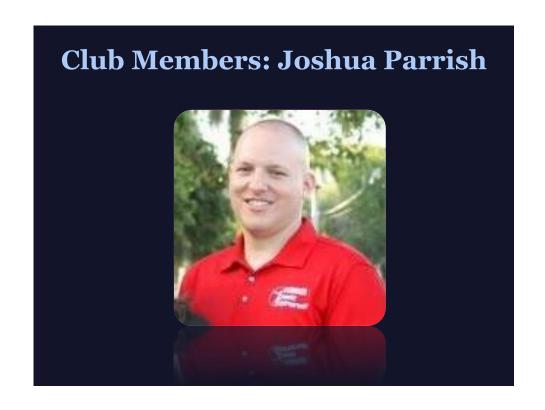


















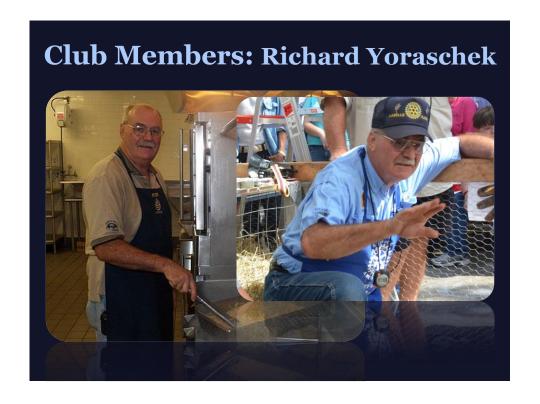












#### **Presenters & Guests**

- July 10, 2012: Buse Erol, Exchange Student from Turkey
- July 17, 2012: Gary White, LMS Principal
- July 24, 2012: Hal Bennett, New Practice Football Field
- July 31, 2012: Stephen F. Schlueter, Rotary District 6960
- August 7, 2012: John Capece, Rotary Club of LaBelle
- August 14, 2012: Arlene Bettencourt, United Way Hendry/Glades
- August 21, 2012: Norm Todd & Dallas Townsend
- August 28, 2012: Judi Kennington-Korf, Hendry County Admin.
- September 4, 2012: Butch Wilson, Clewiston Museum Curator
- September 11, 2012: Lisa Sands & Russell Rieder, Salvation Army
- September 18, 2012: Frederick Ford, Florida Fresh Cargo
- September 25, 2012: Bianca Loren Ross, Hendry County Dept. of Health
- October 2, 2012: Tris Chapman & Shane Parker, Hendry County
- October 9, 2012: Don McCumber, Swim Team Kayaker
- October 16, 2012: Holly and Fred Kobie, Rotary Club of LaBelle
- October 23, 2012: Evan Lubell, Aloia, Roland & Lubell, LLP
- October 30, 2012: Heidi Ruster & Colin Downey, Red Cross

































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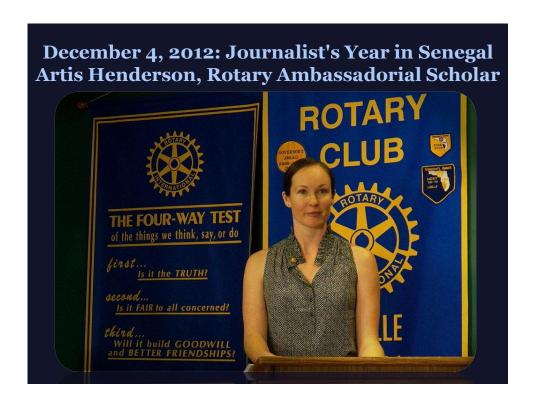
- November 6, 2012: Curt Sinclair, Exotic Hibiscus
- November 13, 2012: Sonja Crawford, Hendry County Extension
- November 20, 2012: Michal Fidler, Intelligentsia International
- November 27, 2012: Martina Frycova, Intelligentsia International
- December 4, 2012: Artis Henderson, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
- December 11, 2012: Joe Timm, Edward Jones
- January 8, 2013: Gary Breakfield, Hendry Co. Adult Education
- January 15, 2013: Steve Agius, Rotary Club of Estero
- January 22, 2013: Brenda Hoots, Supervisor of Elections
- Jan 29, 2013: Jodi Higginbotham, LaBelle Middle School
- February 5, 2013: Aaron Angell, Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- February 12, 2013: Karson Turner, Hendry County Commission
- February 19, 2013: Ayman Kaki, K & M Pharmacy
- February 26, 2013: Kim Hamilton, Florida House of Representatives
- March 5, 2013: Phillip Pelletier, Hendry Co. Property Appraiser
- March 12, 2013: Judith Paskvan, Healthy Families
- March 19, 2013: Cathy Timuta & Lasheba Travis, Co. Health Dept.

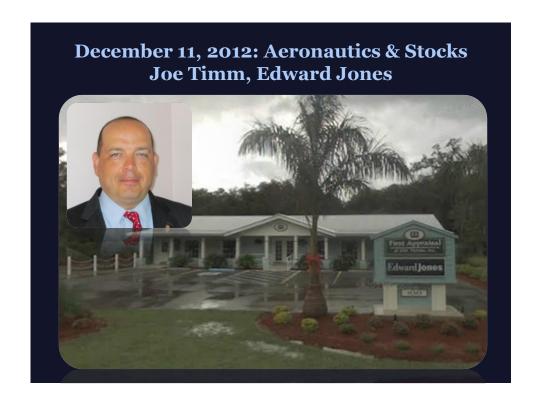


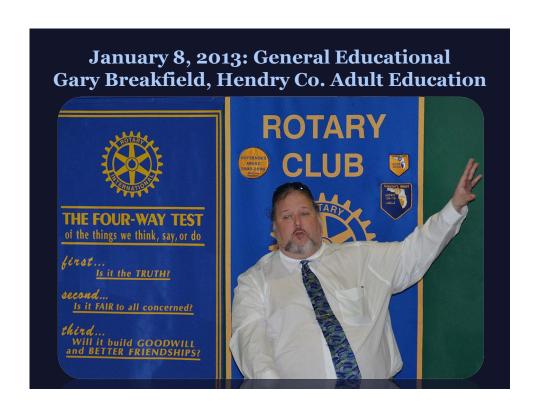


































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- March 26, 2013: unknown
- April 2, 2013: John Capece, Caloosahatchee River Citizens Assoc.
- April 9, 2013: Russ Gardner, Hendry & Glades Co. Health Dept.
- April 16, 2013: Club Assembly
- April 23, 2013: Martina Frycova, Intelligentsia International
- April 23, 2013: Bill Nordstom, Shriners Hospital for Children
- April 30, 2013: Lynn Beasley, Hendry Regional Medical Center
- May 7, 2013: Greg Gillman, Economic Development Council
- May 14, 2013: Jesse Kroll, OMF International
- May 21, 2013: Margaret Wuesterle, SWFRPC
- May 28, 2013: Magdalena Mirowska, Intelligentsia International
- June 4, 2013: Matt Hudson, Florida House of Representatives
- June 11, 2013: Zachary Burch & Kris Cella, Florida DOT
- June 18, 2013: Phil Flood, So FL Water Management District
- June 25, 2013: Winston Lane Goodwin, 2014 Scholarship Award

# April 2, 2013: Caloosahatchee River Issues John Capece, Caloosahatchee River Citizens Assoc.











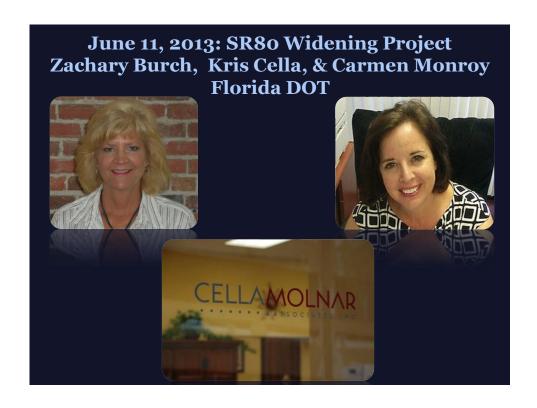


















# **Donations**

- \$500 Hendry-Glades Youth Leadership
- \$500 LaBelle Middle School Football
- \$4,500 Scholarship Awards
- \$200 Saheli Vocational Centers
- \$200 Firehouse Theater
- \$1,800 Wheelchair Foundation
- \$100 Relay For Life
- \$2,075 Elementary Schools (Spaghetti)

# Ponations: Hendry/Glades Youth Leadership YOUTH LEADERSHIP HENDRY&GLADES COUNTIES













# **Donations: School Spaghetti Dinners**



LaBelle Elementary School Principal John Baker accepts a \$775 check



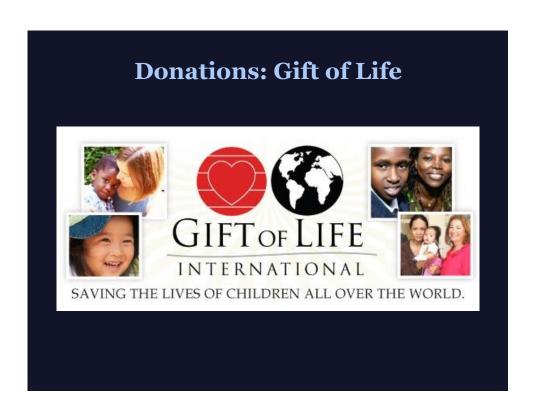
County Oaks School Assistant Principal Robin Jones accepts a \$650 check



Upthegrove Elementary School Principal Larry Luckey, Jr. accepts a \$650 check

# **Donations**

- \$200 Gift of Life Foundation
- \$400 Christmas in the Park
- \$800 Earth Week buses
- \$100 FBLA Middle School
- \$100 Project Graduation
- \$4,250 The Rotary Foundation (Polio)
- \$200 American Red Cross
- \$200 Chamber of Commerce
- \$100 BackPack for Kids (weekend food)























# 50/50 Fundraising

- \$670 raised by 50/50 and
- \$670 won by Mel Karau
   on May 28
- \$1,100 raised by 50/50 and
- \$1,100 won by Andy Higginbotham

# **Projects**

- Spaghetti Dinners
- Dictionaries
- Nature Park
- Pancake Breakfast

- Golf Tournament
   Water & Sanitation
- Armadillo Races
   Rail & Water Tour
  - Scholarship Awards
  - Food Drive
    - **S4TL**
- Earth WeekCourt House Display
  - Christmas Bell Ringing
    - Xmas Burger & Dogs





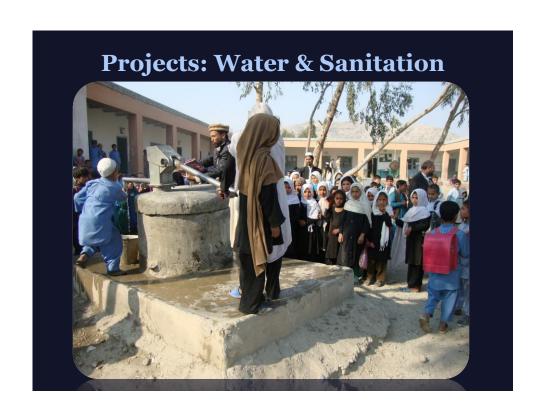






















# **Projects: Salvation Army Bell-ringing**By Rotarians & by Intelligentia for Rotary



# **Events**

- BBQ (Kim Hamilton)
- Basketball Game
- Firehouse Theater
- Christmas Gift Exchange
- Political Forum
- District Conference
- TRF Seminars
- Rotary International Convention

# **Events: BBQ**

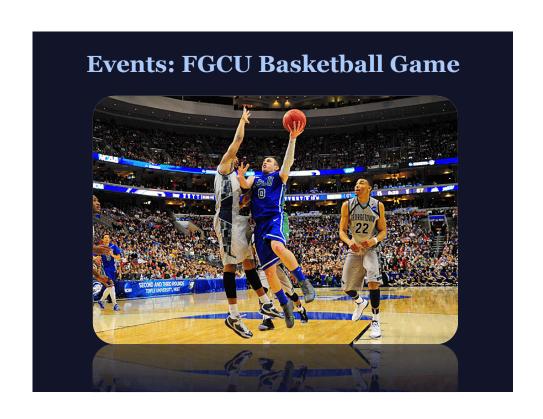


## LABELLE ROTARY CLUB SOCIAL

Date: Saturday, April 27th

Time: 5:30 until

Place: 17780 Oak Creek Rd Alva, FL 33920















# Recognitions

- Plaques & Certificates
- Newspaper photos/captions
- World War II Veteran James Eden
- Perfect Attendance Awards
  - o PAUL ROSER 50 Years
- Paul Harris Fellows
  - **OLESTER BAIRD & MICHAL FIDLER**
- In memory of Paul Roser (1936-2013)
- In memory of Wayne Weeks (1957-2013)











# **Recognitions: Newspaper Coverage**



LES appreciates Rotarians



### Christmas in the Park

On behalf of the Greater LaBelle Champer of Commerce. I want to thank all of you folks who helped out with Christmas in the Park. The City of LaBelle was a great help with the lighting and decorating along with a lot of the chamber board members and friends. T & M Portable Restrooms are always there to help out. Thanks to DOT for putting the barrier around the "snow." The pony rides were a big hit this year. Thanks to Steve White for getting us in the spirit with your music, and also to the high school clubs that helped out. If I have missed anybody, I apologize. My memory seems to be leaving me faster than I would

Many thanks to our monetary givers that make the "snow" possible: Wesley Hansen, Phil Pelletier, Kiwanis, Hendry County Rec. Board, Higginbotham & Soud, and Rotary.

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We were a little shy on the amount we raised for the "snow." We don't want to miss giving the opportunity for you to help out with this endeavor.

If you feel you would like to give to this

worthy cause for our children in the greater LaBelle area, you can still make a donation to help cover our cost. Thank you.

We feel it was a successful event and are already making plans for next year.

Also, thank you to Santa, Ms. Santa, and Bryan Beer LaBelle Chamber of Commerce





# **Recognitions: Newspaper Coverage**



Rotary donation

LaBelle Rotarians donating \$500 to local football team



**Rotary Dictionary Project** 

Hundreds of third-graders at four lo-cal elementary schools (Upthegrove, Country Oaks, Country West Glades and LaBelle) received from LaBelle Rotarians Students Dictionaries. The Rotarians Students Dictionaries. The their writing and reading akills. Holly Koble and other LaBelle Rotary club members passed out free dictionar-ties to local elementary students re-ies to local elementary students re-and the USA provide this educational community service each.



Submitted photo/Michel Fidler Rotary speaker

SPEAKER
Brenda Hoots, the newly elected Supervisor of Elections for Hendry County, presented information about her new role in the office she took over just couple of weeks ago. She talked about her office responsibilities as well as plans for improving voter turnouts.



Rotary showcased in April

uring the month of April, the exhibit case at the County Courthouse wi formation about the Rotary Club of LaBelle assembled by Mel Karau za Abduvohidova.





