



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



Evening Edition
April 21, 2021

District Assembly

This past Wednesday the district held their annual assembly. The assembly serves two purposes. The first is to allow the District Governor Elect to share plans for the upcoming Rotary year and highlight some of the areas of concentration. The second was to conduct breakout sessions for the various club directors and committee chairs such as Secretary, Public Image, and Membership. These sessions cover what is expected from a committee chair or director to have a successful tenure and what is available from Rotary to assist in this effort. Most of the information covered in these training sessions is available on the RI website in the learning Center.

One of the plans for 2021-22 is an emphasis on hunger. Second Harvest reports that there is a need for 100 million meals in our community to feed those in need. In 2016, they say, 1 in 6 children went hungry. In 2020 it was estimated that 1 in 3 falls in the same category. Because of the success with the joint food drives of the local clubs, and particularly our club's success, the district is planning on conducting several drives where clubs come together with hopes that the size will generate public interest and media coverage.

The second headlined program was the AdventHealth Hope and Healing Center.
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Meeting

Another week, another hybrid meeting. We all look forward to being able to return to all in person meetings once everybody feels comfortable in a group environment.

After the normal formalities and a new lead singer, Kate T., for the welcome song, President Gay reviewed the upcoming events, which include:

- April 26th Neighborhood Appreciation Party at the Schmieds starting at 4:30pm.
- April 29th Membership Contest Winners starting with dinner at Eaton Beach at 5:00pm followed by a show at the

Orange Blossom Opry.

- April 30th Baby Shower
- Mayo 5th Cinco de Mayo party at the Ivy's . More information to follow.

Pat C., membership chair, and president Gay then inducted our newest member, Rich Tapia, husband of Kate. Rich "earned his stripes" by volunteering at various events before he was even a member. He'll be a great addition to our club.

Jim B. then introduced our speaker, Pam
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Seminole County has been hard-hit by the opioid epidemic. An innovative AdventHealth treatment center is offering a path out of addiction for patients struggling with substance abuse.

The Hope & Healing Center, located in Sanford, is part of a partnership between AdventHealth, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Seminole County EMS/Fire Rescue, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Walmart store chain. Launched in 2019, the partnership seeks to transform the way people struggling with opioid addiction are treated by the healthcare and criminal justice systems.

"This first-of-its-kind partnership is a unique opportunity for law enforcement and health care to address one of our state's most pressing issues," Seminole County sheriff Dennis Lemma said. "We realized we needed an innovative, wholistic approach to address this crisis, which is affecting so many of our neighbors."

Like much of the U.S., Seminole County saw the opioid crisis exacerbated in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Sheriff's Office, overdoses countywide increased by more than 50 percent from 2019 to 2020, growing from an average of 39 to 62 per month.

The Hope & Healing Center is currently offering intensive outpatient services, including individual and group counseling, substance-related and recovery-focused education, reflection and spiritual healing groups, and career assistance.

It is also housing 10 inpatient residents. Eventually, the facility will be able to accommodate 26 residents at a time for 30-day treatment programs. Patients will also be supported with services that address their educational, vocational, behavioral, and housing needs upon discharge from the center.

In addition to the center, the partnership includes special training and education by the Sheriff's Office for Emergency Department staff at AdventHealth Altamonte Springs and dedicated substance abuse coordinators to navigate care for patients during and after their time in the hospital.

The Hope & Healing Center is funded in part by US\$750,000 in grants from Walmart.

"Walmart is committed to fighting the opioid epidemic here in Seminole County and around the country," Monesia Brown, director of public affairs and government relations for Walmart, said. "We are proud to work with our community partners and support this innovative approach."

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Brown from The United Methodist Church's Beds and Blankets for Kids program. This organization provides not only beds and blankets, but also sheets and other necessities for night time comfort.

According to Pam, 65% of families in our area are financially challenged and as a result of that many children have no decent place to sleep. The organization provides several different types of beds and have donated the following since January 1st.

- Baby Beds 7 at a cost of \$235.00 each
- Cribs 7 at a cost of \$150.00 each
- Toddler Beds 12 at a cost of \$175.00 each
- Twin beds 25 at a cost of \$309.00 each
- Bunk Beds 22 at a cost of \$276.00 each

In addition to new beds they also repurpose donated beds. A lot of the blankets and quilts are provided by local groups and clubs in The Villages.

Since their inception in 2017 they have delivered 637 beds and accessories/

World Immunization Week

World Immunization Week is celebrated every year in the last week of April. It aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. Immunization saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful health interventions. Yet, there are still nearly 20 million children in the world today who are not getting the vaccines they need, and many miss out on vital vaccines during adolescence, adulthood and into old age.

Using the theme 'Vaccines bring us closer', World Immunization Week 2021 will urge greater engagement around immunization globally to promote the importance of vaccination in bringing people together, and improving the health and wellbeing of everyone, everywhere throughout life.

As part of the 2021 campaign, WHO, partners and individuals around the world will unite to:

- Increase trust and confidence in vaccines to maintain or increase vaccine acceptance
- Increase investment in vaccines, including routine immunization, to remove barriers to access

While the world focuses on critically important new vaccines to protect against COVID-19, there remains a need to ensure routine vaccinations are not missed. Many children have not been vaccinated during the global pandemic, leaving them at risk of serious diseases like measles and polio. Rapidly circulating misinformation around the topic of vaccination adds to this threat.

In this context, this year's campaign will aim to build solidarity and trust in vaccination as a public good that saves lives and protects health. To this end, we will be looking for **more partners to join us**, bringing people together in support of a lifesaving cause.

For over 200 years, vaccines have protected us against diseases that threaten lives and prohibit our development. With their help, we can progress without the burden of diseases like smallpox and polio, which cost humanity hundreds of millions of lives. Whilst vaccines aren't a silver bullet, they will help us progress on a path to a world where we can be together again.

Vaccines themselves continue to advance, bringing us closer to a world free from the likes of TB and cervical cancer, and ending suffering from childhood diseases like measles.

Change of Time

Starting Wednesday, April 14th our meetings will begin at **5:00pm** with our regular half hour social time followed by the meeting at 5:30pm and the speaker at 6:00pm and ending the meeting at 6:30pm. As in the past those who wish to go to dinner should sign up with Norm D.

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Guests

- Pam Brown
- Don Brown
- Rich Tapia

Notes and Announcement

After Meeting Dinner

There will be no after dinner meeting on April 28th due to our Membership Contest dinner the following night and note on May 5th due to Cinco de Mayo party at the Ivy's.



Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep our Rotary golfers from their appointed rounds. Dusty R. and Snowbird Rotarian Bob M braved the storms on Monday and finished their round at Turtle Mound



Rich Tapia receives his pin from Membership Chair, Pat C. while his sponsor, wife Kate K. looks on

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

Meeting ID 826 152 7480 and Password 84594

Meetings

Apr 28th Jeannie Hamilton - Electoral College

Committee Meetings

Apr 28th Service Projects - ZOOM

Event

- Apr 26th Appreciation Party
- Apr 29th Membership Contest Dinner
- Apr 30th Baby Shower
- May 5th Cinco de Mayo Fellowship Dinner
- May 15th District Conference
- Jun 12-16 International Conference