



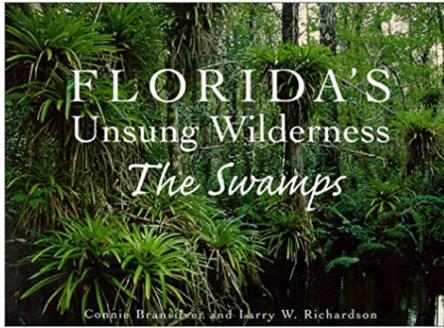
Tuesday
January 29rd, 2019

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Club of Marco Island Sunrise

Speaker(s) Today



Larry Richardson, Author "Florida's Unsung Wilderness-The Swamps"

Upcoming Speakers

- 02/12** TBD
- 02/19** Club Assembly
- 02/26** Joint Meeting with Noontime Club World Affairs
Tarik Ayasun
- 03/05** Captain Bill Walsh
Dawn Patrol Charter Fishing – Local Waters, Waterways, and Fishing
- 03/12** Tim Pinter Public Works
Director - Marco Waterways
- 03/19** TBD
- 03/26** Dan Rodriguez Deputy
Director of Public Utilities Collier County - Solid Waste and Recy



February Birthdays

Bare, Gerald E.	16 Feb
Denise Pancyrz	18 Feb
Allen (Skip) Merriam	21 Feb



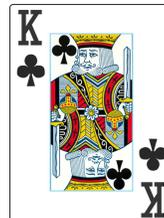
Today's Song: (see back)
"Your Are My Rotary"



Rotarians at Work

Keep Your Eye on the Money

This week's 50/50 Raffle is **\$136** and **50 cards left** in the deck. In order to win, your number must be called and you must pick the:



What is Rotary?

- We're a leadership organization...
- We're made up of local business, professional and civic leaders
- We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships
- Work in community and we have fun doing it!

The 4-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BlueZones of Southwest Florida:

Be a part of the movement that's transforming the well-being of the community. Together we can make our community a healthier, happier place to live, work, and play.



Coming Events:

- 02/14 Board Meeting** Keller Williams, 7:30 AM
- 02/16 Otter Mound Clean-up** 1857 Addison Ct, Marco Island, 8:00 AM
- 03/03 Meals of Hope 50/50**, Stan's Idle Hour, Goodland, 12:00PM
- 03/14 Board Meeting** Keller Williams, 7:30 AM
- 03/22 -24 Marco Island Seafood and Music Festival** Veteran's Park

2018-2019 Club Officers:

- President:** Tom Wagor
- President Elect:** Tom Mann
- President Elect Nominee:** Erik Condee
- Secretary:** Natalia Armstrong
- Treasurer:** Erik Condee
- Asst Treasurer:** Debra Shanahan
- Sergeant At Arms:** Joseph "Joey" Billi
- Newsletter Editor:** Natalia Armstrong



Climb every mountain

A Rotaractor ventures deep into her native Uganda with a polio vaccination team as part of Rotary's newest virtual reality film, *Two Drops of Patience*

By Patience Asimwe



Health workers must have a lot of passion. They face so many challenges to reach every child with the polio vaccine. I found that out when I traveled to a mountain community on the border of Uganda and Kenya, 200 miles from my home in Kampala, to join a vaccination team. Just getting to the homes was a challenge, let alone persuading the parents to let us in. We had to park the cars, carry our coolers with the polio vaccine safely tucked inside between ice packs, and move on our own two feet, just walking and walking. It's a bit of a trick – using your hands to steady yourself while you climb, yet still having to carry this heavy cooler. There were lots of streams and rivers, and at times we had to jump across or walk through the water.

We would sometimes walk for 30 minutes before we would see a home, because they're not so close to one another. It was lonely and scary, walking through the trees and rocks. The challenge was getting as far as we could, keeping in mind how long the journey back would take. If we walked three hours to get to a home, we needed to be sure we had three hours to get back before dark. And all that with the possibility of not finding a child at home and having to return another day.

At one point I just sat down. My feet ached. I was sunburned – and until this trip, I didn't think black people could get sunburned.

But we had to keep going to save someone's life.

I've been involved in Rotaract for a couple of years now, but I've never done anything quite like this. My mother, Margaret Okello, is a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala Naguru. She saw that I had a little energy that could be used more productively. So she suggested I join Rotaract, which I did in 2016 when I was 21. My club is involved in an adopt-a-village project in Gulu in northern Uganda, an area that saw 20 years of armed conflict. I've been there twice. And our club collects money for polio eradication. I knew about polio. I had seen victims of the disease. I had been immunized against it. It's odd, though – it's something you hear about, but you don't really get how bad it is. I found there was an opportunity to do something more to help with the eradication efforts through one of my friends, Fred Masadde. He's a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands and a Rotary public image coordinator. I decided to apply.

In November 2017, I met the team of filmmakers in Kampala who would be documenting the polio immunization effort for Rotary's newest virtual reality film. I had to request a week off from my job with the Uganda Cancer Society, where I work finding donors and funds to help with their program activities. We chartered a plane to the town of Moroto, which is way, way up in northeastern Uganda at the foot of Mount Moroto. There, we met up with people from UNICEF and the local government, as well as the Rotarians and Rotaractors who had driven three hours from the town of Soroti and would also be giving polio drops. Since there isn't a Rotary club in this part of the country, Soroti Rotarians occasionally hold medical camps here.

Your Are My Rotary! To the tune of "You Are My Sunshine"

Your are my Rotary, My Sunrise
Rotary, You make me happy when
skies are gray, The four way test will,
always guide us, please don't take my
Rotary away.

We are the Rotary, Marco Island
Rotary, We stand in service in every
way, We clean up parks and we help
the needy, and all know we're here
to stay.

It was another one-hour drive to Tapac, the community on the mountain where we were to work. I had never been in that part of the country before – it's more than eight hours from my home by car. I was so shocked. I had only seen places like this in movies and television documentaries.

The poverty was overwhelming. The thatched huts that people live in are built by the women; the men do the cattle keeping. The women harvest long grass and dry it, and also tie together bundles of sticks. Some use the mosquito nets that they get for malaria prevention to tie their things together. Some of the homes are raised on sticks, and the family's livestock are kept under the house. The doors are so small that you can't actually walk through them – you crawl.

The health center is up in the hills. It's really small, and people come to it from miles around. There's no electricity in that area, but luckily someone donated solar panels to run the refrigerator, since the polio vaccine has to be kept cool. A nurse there taught us about the cold chain and how to place the vaccine in the coolers, and explained how to administer it without contaminating the vial – you have to hold the dropper above the children's mouths without touching.

You have to smile, sing to them. You couldn't come with a tough face – you want the child to feel comfortable with you. And of course the mother helps keep her child calm.

For the full story and to watch the video go to
<https://www.rotary.org/en/go-journey-polio-vaccinator-uganda>