

## “Last Week”

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Every Rotarian, Every Year, which requires an annual donation to the Foundation of \$100. 17 clubs in our District have achieved 100% participation. He also shared a “Thank-You” from our wait staff and cook for our Christmastime gifts. **Jim DeKleva** is firing things up for our RAP Raffle, with tickets soon to be printed and distributed. We learned that there is a possibility cooking with Albertson’s, potentially sponsoring the Raffle with a \$5 coupon. There will also be a cash prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Joe Williams** extended another thanks for the Club’s efforts with the bell-ringing campaign, confirming that our Club, once again, was the top fund-raiser for the Salvation Army in Seminole County, a title we’ve held for the last 7 years. This year, we raised \$6,173.80. Paul Crouch thanked Joe for all of his efforts to make the annual event a success. Errol Greene recognized our birthdays and Carol Hawkins had a shot at the drawing but the \$53 pot rolled over.

## “Happy Dollars”

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She was happy to be back from a trip to Louisiana but, sadly, gained 10 lbs. with all the good food. **Bob Levy** had one for Carol and **Bob Braddock** as well as Shannon. He was also happy to be hosting his brother from Seattle and shared a great joke about a girl needing someone to watch her dog. Carl Lueck suggested Ruby may need to see someone at Jim Berko’s organization if she’s considering bungee jumping. **Carl Riechers** was happy to see Carol and Shannon and thanked Jim DeKleva for his great job greeting. **Bill Fahey** shared how the picture of Mt. Fahey slipped past him in the bulletin, warning Clark that his day is coming.



## Karl Lorenz Welcome to the Club

## “Disney Day” (cont. from pg. 1)

going on that day, including spouses, children, friends, etc. If you’re interested in going, please contact **Bill Stack** and let him know. Once the District is confident that all the tickets will be sold, they will be purchased from Disney. Sounds like a fun day at the ball park!

## Thanks (contributed by Dede Schaffner)

Fellow Rotarians:

*A huge thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to my grandson Austin’s stuffed animal drive. This is the fifth year he has done this project and to date has donated over 2,000 stuffed animals to area hospitals for children who are hospitalized over the holidays. Without the support of Rotary, he would never have reached this goal. This year Austin and his brother, Ryan, both put some of their own money in to reach the 2,000 goal! Rotary continues to serve this community in so many ways - thank you for your support of my grandson’s project.*

Dede

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## TODAY’S PROGRAM

Sally Kopke

Changing Trends - Funerals

## WHO’S WHO

Greeter: **Janet Kearney**

Invocation: **Bob Levy**

Guests: **Charlie Berg**

Happy Dollars: **Rege Davis**

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Wow! We raised  
\$6,173.80 through our  
Salvation Army  
bell ringing.  
*Thanks to all!*



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## TODAY’S MESSAGE

Disney Day

(contributed by **Bill Stack**)

One of the best things we do in Rotary is get together for fun and fellowship, particularly when it’s in a public place, promoting our organization. We have a chance to do this again by making Saturday, March 3 “Rotary Day” at Disney Wide World of Sports (WWS). March 3rd is the Atlanta Braves spring training home opener (1:05 PM) against the Detroit Tigers. The District has an opportunity to secure a block of 98 tickets (\$35 per ticket), to have DG Art Brown recognized, along with Rotary, and even a possibility of Art throwing out the first pitch. As most of you know, Art retired from Disney after having been there over 2 decades and having been involved with the building of many of the WWS facilities. What we do not wish to do is to leave the District liable for this many tickets. As a result, the District needs to know how many people think they will be

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**RAP 2012 - April 15, 2012**  
**Installation Banquet - June 24, 2012**

**Next Week's Program**  
**Fellowship Day**  
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**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**



**Russ Moncrief - 1/29**  
**Brian Carroll - 1/30**  
**Michael Merrill - 1/30**

**HAPPY DOLLARS**



**Peter Clark** collected our happy dollars last week, starting things off with \$5 for the possible sale of his house and for **Shannon Costello** who was back at the Club. **Jim DeKleva** added one for **Carol Hawkins** and Shannon as well as for our program and **Bill Miller's** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Congratulations Bill! **Joe Williams** was happy to see Shannon, Carol and **Ed Knight**, back on his feet. Shannon was happy to be feeling better and is planning on getting back to the Club on a regular basis. **Clark** was happy to see our returning Rotarians and commented on the picture of Mt. Fahey in the bulletin. The lake clean-out has disturbed some wild animals though, including a water moccasin and, astoundingly, a python! **Bill Stack** was happy to see our "left coast" members as well as Ed Knight. He also reported on his mother-in-law who is in rehab and can't drive. Her car is available for purchase, a 1994 Acclaim with less than 40K miles for \$500! What a deal! **Edwin** explained the wrong banner being hung and complimented our program. **Maria Musick** had \$5 for her daughter's great grades and for the 49ers. **Errol** encouraged Shannon and Ed to "keep on trucking," thanking the members for all their work, making the presidents look good. Carol Hawkins reported that she will be here regularly for a few months, but reported that California is a wonderful place and their house, in the heart of wine country, is just about ready to host some guests. Visiting Rotarian Bruce Frutchev was just plain happy. **Russ** had one for Joe Williams and his hard work (again complimenting the member that brought him to the Club, himself), was happy to see Carol and Shannon and complimented the program. **Carl Lueck** talked about taking our Finland guest of last week, a forester, to see The Senator, just before it was destroyed by fire. He also talked about their fund-raising method in Finland; trimming trees for the power company! **Paul McGlone** told us about getting to the meeting extra early and about once being a member of a Hope Team that went into the homeless encampments to lend assistance. **Ed Knight** was glad to be back at the Club, contributing \$10. He thanked everyone that contacted him and wished him well during his recovery, adding that he has 2 months of rehab left. **Jack Eiel** had one for our program, for Shannon and Carol and for Joe Williams. **Rege** added another for Joe and for all of the work Jim Berko brings to the community. **Pete Osborn** was proud to report that his son pulled a girl from a burning car in Naples! Amazing! **Ruby** was looking forward to her birthday, promising to bungee jump ("Happy Dollars" cont. on pg. 4)

**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Last week, **Errol** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians and **Jim Gamble** introduced our speakers. The program started off with Mr. Jim Berko, a familiar face to our Club. Jim spoke about the Children's Village, built some years ago with the help of several of our Club members, and told us about it's inability to stay in operation as a result of reduced reimbursements. He then focused on Seminole Behavioral Healthcare (SBH), an organization which offers a variety of programs for those with mental illnesses. It was started in 1969 and is run by 12 volunteers. They work very closely with the Seminole County Sheriff's office and, in fact, a member of the Sheriff's office is always present on their Board. SBH also works with Seminole County schools combating bullying, and works with the homeless as they have a high incidence of mental illness. Regarding the latter, they have "Hope Teams" that actually go out into the homeless encampments to assist these folk, many of whom are veterans. Mr. Berko then called upon Dr. Valerie Westhead, also with SBH. She spoke to the Club about the Baker Act, our State's inpatient commitment law. The Baker Act used to be the only avenue but, about 8 years ago, the legislature worked on an out-patient component for the Baker Act. This component is related to "Kendra's Law," a law which arose, as many do, out of a bad situation in New York. This law sends people to civil court where the court enters an order requiring them to take their medication and enter into a treatment plan. The "impact" of the system on the individuals definitely encourages compliance. SBH is also engaging in a pilot program to have a representative directly monitor a persons' compliance with their treatment order. The program has shown a 70% decrease in hospitalization and a 90% decrease in incarcerations, virtually the same statistics evidenced in New York. Best of all, the program saves a ton of money. The cost for a person to stay in a state hospital for one year amounts to a whopping \$125,000! This cost is reduced by this program to just \$28,000, if they stay out of the hospital. Of the 36 people participating in the program, 32 stayed out of the hospital. This amounts to a savings of \$3.2 million. Seminole County is leading the way in our State but the program needs the support of the community. Jim encouraged us to contact our representatives, convincing them that spending money through their program is actually saving money elsewhere. Following the program, Jim Gamble asked about how people come to be participants in their program. Mr. Berko indicated that they have a 24-hour, walk-in facility as well as a hotline (407-323-2036). President **Paul** was happy to recognized **Carol Hawkins** who has returned from California for a few months. Paul also dug up and presented an old plaque that the Club owed her. We also learned about our success in meeting our End Polio Now goal. We need to continue to work on our Foundation obligations each year under ("Last Week" cont. on pg. 4)

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