



Chris Peters



Chris is a Clearwater, Florida native and has been with the Mighty Mussels since 2017. A graduate of the University of Florida Chris has spent his life in baseball, starting with the Phillies in Clearwater at a young age. Following college his first job was as Assistant Food and Beverage Manager for the Ft. Myers Miracle in 2007. Chris was with the AA Jacksonville Suns from 2008-2015 and was general manager of the club from 2011-2015. After one year with the AAA New Orleans Zephyrs he returned home to the west coast of Florida and loves Southwest Florida!

Planning



Strategic planning is how an agency defines its future.

What do you want to see our Club achieve in the next five years?

Strategic planning is how an agency addresses concerns and aligns resources to achieve organizational success.

Are you ready for a change?

On February 28, 2024, President Dan Detrick announced: “Following the Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers, I am exercising my authority to appoint an *Ad hoc* Strategic Planning Committee to address several issues within our Club.”

Members of the *Ad hoc* Committee who have committed to this multi-month process are President-elect Steve Belcher, President-elect-elect Anne Rose and Past Presidents Bob Beville, Skip Camp, Steve Pontius, Bob Sheehan, and Victoria Stephan.

WHY strategic planning? First and foremost, it will provide a sense of direction and forward momentum. Secondly, it will help us to proactively adapt to changes in our environment.

HOW will we move forward? By analyzing our current state (strengths and weaknesses), by exploring our opportunities, competition, and environment. And by charting a course of action to achieve long-term goals.

JOIN US! Give us your feedback. Talk to us after the Tuesday meetings. We are listening to your ideas!

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~~Pres. Dan Detrick~~

STEVE!!

PE Belcher here...President Dan is vacationing for a couple weeks, something about an African Safari?? Watch out for charging elephants I say!

As I write this message, it's been a week of new champions, with UConn claiming the men's NCAA Basketball Championship for the second year in a row. And how about the woman's final, which had a record 10M+ viewers watching South Carolina claim the crown over Katelin Clark's Iowa Hawkeyes. It's truly remarkable the impact that one player has had on the woman's game.

And speaking CHAMPIONS "for a cause", we enjoyed a great program last week from Lori Burke of the Humane Society. Her passion for the pups and kitties was really evident in her presentation. One statistic that jumped off the page was the number of animals that are given up by their owners for adoption...nearly 1,000/yr! Since our meeting, Lori shared some great news...Louie, that cantankerous old cat she featured in her presentation, has been adopted! Lori is also one of our own, a Rotarian from the Fort Myers East Club. I knew there was something special about her. □

We were also reminded why Rotarians do what we do. Esther Keisel from Child Care of Southwest Florida joined us to extend her sincere thanks for Rotary's support through our Literary Grant. I witnessed the children's excitement firsthand along with President Dan when we delivered a variety of books to one of their locations. Truly impactful on the lives of many children.

I encourage all of you to mark this date in your calendar:

May 4th from 8:30am to High Noon is our District 6960 Assembly. Florida Southwestern University 8099 College Parkway Fort Myers, Fl 33919.

Saturdays are tough for all of us, but this one is in our own backyard at FSW. Whenever I take time away from the typical mundane weekend activities and jump into a Rotary learning event, I ALWAYS walk away fulfilled and happy I did it. Give it a go, I dare you, AND I guarantee you won't regret it! One more thing, the Club will pay your \$35 registration fee.

Programs on the horizon include two our own: Sarah Mack on myths about diet and exercise...please tell me I no longer need to get up at 6am to go to the gym! Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, will give us an update in this all-important presidential election year. An annual speaker at our club, Supervisor Doyle and fellow Rotarian never disappoints.

Until next week...PE Belcher signing off.

Happy Birthday Rotarian!



Archie Hayward
April 17



Devin George
April 20

April 23

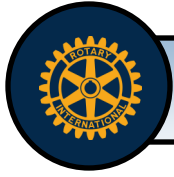
Sarah Mack

Mythbusters: Diet & Exercise

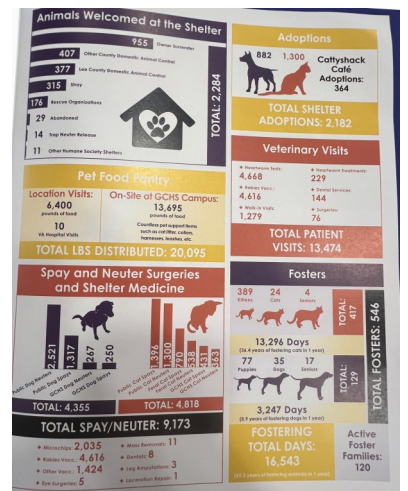
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April 30: Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections
May 7: Mother's Day Program



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Day	Location	Time	Partner
Monday	Fort Myers South	12:00	The Doubletree Hotel
	2nd & 4th		Lee Sheriff Community Outreach Center
Tuesday	Fort Myers	12:00	Riverside Community Center
	Estero	12:00	Elks Lodge, Estero
Wednesday	Fort Myers East	7:30 A.M.	Cracker Barrel, 4260 Boatways Rd.
	Fort Myers Sunrise	7:30 A.M.	Crown Plaza Bell Tower
	Bonita Springs	7:30 A.M.	Bonita Bay Club
	Cape Coral	8:00 A.M.	La Venezia
	Cape Coral Sunset	6:00 P.M.	Weston Hotel Marker 92 Restaurant
Thursday	Lehigh Acres	7:00	Quality Inn—El Tarasco Restaurant
	North Fort Myers	8:00 A.M.	Three Fishermen Restaurant NFM
	Bonita Springs	12:00	Artichoke and Company
Friday	Sanibel-Captiva	7:30 A.M.	Beachview
	Cape Coral Gold Coast	12:00	Gulf Coast Village

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