

July 21, 2003

- Mark Hughes and Scott and Heather Weber were inducted into our club at the July 14 meeting. Membership Chairman Dick Fields pinned the Rotary pin on each new member's lapel. Past President Virginia Orenstein gave an extra pin to each of them to represent the new members they will recruit to the club. President Jeff Orenstein reminded the new members that Rotarians live by the motto "Service Above Self." "While we can give you the pin, we cannot make you a Rotarian," he said.
- Guests at the July 14, 2003, meeting included Joe Brannon of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and Frank Willett of the Sarasota Sunrise Club, who serves as our executive vice president.
- We will again sell wine at the Sarasota Jazz Club concert in November at the Sarasota Polo Club in Lakewood Ranch.
- Virginia Orenstein and Mike Searcy remind club members to buy Rotary shirts, which should be worn to club events such as the jazz concert. The shirts cost \$20 and come in women's and men's styles. Let Mike know your size.
- District Governor Jim Henry asks all clubs to support District 6960's dictionary project. Our club last year gave about \$300 worth of dictionaries to Gocio Elementary School. This year, the club will give dictionaries this year to the new McNeal Elementary School, which we have "adopted" as a business partner.
- President Jeff Orenstein said McNeal Elementary School would like 20 Rotary members to volunteer at its parent open house, which will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8.
- Janice Novello said the McNeal Elementary officials would like to give us a private tour. She urged club members to support the school's fund-raiser, "Jake and Elwood Blues' (of House of Blues fame) Tribute to Motown." The Las Vegas-type revue, which features impersonations of Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Little Richard and Tina Turner, will begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 9 at Manatee Civic Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto" is. Proceeds will be used to support the "Schools Attuned" program to provide alternative learning programs for children attending McNeal. General admission tickets are \$15, plus a \$3 service charge, at the box office, Ticketmaster outlets or by calling Donna Arakel at 751-4789. Parking will cost \$3. VIP floor tables and a limited number of corporate tables are also available by calling Kim Robinson or Julie Aranibar at Bradenton Pulmonary Consultants, 907-9000, or Robinson after 5 p.m. at 284-8512.
- The guest speaker at the July 14 meeting was Jean Adams, CEO of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, which is being built on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard north of University Parkway. Adams said the hospital's vision is "Bringing the right health care to a world-class community."



The 4 Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

The 120-bed hospital is scheduled to treat its first patients in May 2004. Until then,

Adams is working to recruit employees. The hospital will open with about 150 employees; the staff will grow to about 500 by May 2005, Adams said.

Several physicians already have committed to the hospital, and Adams said he has his senior management team in place. He still is looking for nurses, radiologists and other key workers. Announcements will be made this summer about possible affiliations with state medical schools.

Adams also is working on other organizational issues. A community advisory board recently was formed. The development of a volunteer organization and a medical staff infrastructure governance committee is in the works.