

**November 24th, 2003**

Guests at the Nov. 24 meeting included: District Governor Jim Henry and his wife, Jean; Area 7 Governor Lynn Hathaway-Howe; Ellen Campbell, executive director of Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee County; Melissa Hammond, an optometrist with a practice on University Parkway; Dan McCloy, who is employed by Nextel and is Alberta Myara's neighbor; and Renee S., of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center.

President-Elect Paul Adamson and President Jeff Orenstein presented Ellen Campbell with a check for \$2,378 to benefit Meals on Wheels. We raised the money selling tickets at the Taste of the Ranch event.

The nominating committee met, and slate of 2004-2005 officers will be announced at the Dec. 1 meeting. If you want to run for an office, please talk to Paul Adamson, Virginia Orenstein or Jeff Orenstein.

The club's holiday party will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Fairfield Inn. A sign-up sheet is circulating; members should bring hors d'oeuvres, salads or desserts. Albert Myara donated a case of wine. Virginia Orenstein will prepare the entrée. It's BYOB; mixers will be provided. Dress is formal.

The Queen of Hearts pot is up to \$43.

Area 7 Governor Lynn Hathaway-Howe introduced District Governor Jim Henry and his wife, Jean.

Jean Henry talked about their colorful outfits. He shirt and her dress were gifts from President and Mrs. Jonathan Majiyagbe. Each of the 529 district governors received the Nigerian-made outfits with the Lend a Hand theme.

District Governor Jim Henry used the theme of "How Effective is Rotary?" for his inspirational talk. Highlights included:

== In 1987, Rotary International decided to do something worldwide to eradicate polio and committed to raise \$120 million by 1988. Rotary raised \$242 million instead. From Jan. 1 to Sept. 1 of this year, only 642 new live cases were reported, mostly in Nigeria and northern India. Rotarians committed themselves to raise another \$88 million by the Brisbane convention and instead raised \$112 million. Our District 6960, Area 7, raised \$492,000, which is more than several countries combined. == Benjamin Franklin established the first American service club, Junto, in Philadelphia in 1727. Eleven tradesmen met Fridays at a tavern. They were highly successful, building libraries, police and fire departments, public hospitals and schools, among other accomplishments. Their No. 1 priority, though ? like Rotary's ? was fellowship. == Rotary is not organized top down. Rotary action takes place at the local club level. The Gift of Life program started in Long Island to repair children's heart defects; this district has helped 10 children this year. Heartbeat International in 15 years has sent 30,000 used pacemakers to needy people in other countries; the project started in this district. This district gave more than 20,000 dictionaries to schoolchildren this year. == There are 31,300 clubs in the world doing much of what we do, and it all stems from fellowship.



#### **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?"