

## Monday with Mikey: August 8, 2016

This past week I received notification that Pasco-Hernando State College has received its charter. They are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Seven Springs in new Port Richey, with Nick Taldone as their President. Great job! I'm looking forward to the opportunity to "officially" present them with their charter! Speaking of PHSC...

When I was 18 years old, I started college at Florida Keys Community College. My first college advisor was a woman named Ann McGee. Ann was a terrific mentor and really helped me get off to a good start academically. Over the year I spent at FKCC ("FlaKeys" as we called it), Ann also became a trusted friend. Ann spoke often – really often – of this school called Pasco-Hernando Community College. At that time in my life, I had to find those two counties on a Florida map to know where she was talking about! And she kept referring to her mentor, this guy named Dr. Milt Jones. Little did I know that my future would hold for me a relationship to Past Rotary Director Milton O. Jones, and his lovely wife, Rotarian Alice. They have been great role models for First Mate Jocelyn and me to follow over the last quarter century.

By the way, Dr. Ann McGee went on to become the president of Seminole State College in Sanford – the town where I started grade school. She has had an illustrious career, transforming a small community college into a four-year institution that enjoys a stellar reputation statewide.

We never know how the quantum bundles of our collective lives will intertwine and overlap! I'm certainly grateful for the influence these folks have had on me.

On another note, the Summer Olympics are underway in Rio de Janeiro. There are four major institutions in this world that make every effort to promote peace and understanding: The International Olympic Committee, The United Nations, The International Red Cross/Red Crescent, and Rotary international. I constantly hope all four of these organizations can live up to their ideals, communicate their vision, and work tirelessly to bring peace to a suffering world: Earth, our "Island Home."

I "imagine," as John Lennon did: *"You may say I'm a dreamer – but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you will join us, and the World will live as one."*

Until next Monday, keep **"Doing Good, Having Fun!"**  
Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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