

Monday with Mikey: April 10, 2017

FMJ (no, NOT "full metal jacket" – "First Mate Jocelyn"!) and I are going on vacation next week. We have been looking forward to this for quite a while, but I do have misgivings about TWO events I'll miss while I am away:

First, I will miss the RC of Holiday's "All American Extravaganza" next Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Rotary Pavilion on SR 52. I DID buy a couple of chances for the two kayak drawings they are having! You can sign up on DaCdb.com

Second, I will miss the Free Whiskey (or Whisky depending on which beverage you prefer) tasting featuring whiskeys from around the world. There will be a select variety of Scotch, Bourbon, Rye, and Irish whiskey. Finger foods will be offered throughout the event, which will be led by a Total Wines in-house whiskey expert. Profiles of the whiskeys and the history (and story) of each whiskey will accompany the tasting. Registration is limited to 40. Whiskey-master Mike Fitzgerald asks that you RSVP to him at mqfitz@tampabay.rr.com so that your place will be secure. It's being held at the Total Wines & More on North Dale Mabry in Tampa on April 27th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SPEAKING OF MIKE FITZGERALD: Mike is our District Polio 6950 Plus Chair, and he reports that we are doing a GREAT job raising funds for Polio Plus this year. Please continue to give to Polio Plus as we are Rotary-Wide leaders in our efforts! Remember, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches every dollar we give with two additional dollars! RY to date, we have contributed as a group \$65,614 from our members and another \$50,000 in District Designated Funds for a total of \$115,614.! I fully expect that we'll get to \$150,000 as a district by June 30th – thanks!

I'M ALL ABOUT "TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE": Here's an idea that can "automate" your giving while supporting both the Annual Fund AND the Polio Plus Fund of OUR rotary Foundation:

- Sign up online to make a monthly contribution to TRF through "Rotary Direct."
- Elect to give \$10 per month to The Annual Fund and \$10 to Polio Plus. That will make \$120 per year to each, and you will be an Annual Fund Sustaining Member.
- OR you can opt to give \$100 per month - \$85 to the Annual fund and \$15 to Polio Plus – which will make you a Paul Harris Society member with total TRF giving of \$1,200 per year.

AND SPEAKING OF THE ANNUAL FUND:

- As of Saturday, April 15th,

o Collective Club Goals equals	\$307,000	\$215 per capita goal equals	\$395,600
o Annual Fund Giving to date	<u>\$269,648</u>		<u>\$269,648</u>
o To go to meet our goals	\$ 37,052		\$125,952
- We're currently at \$146.55 per capita, and we have achieved 87.81% of our stated goal – and 68.24% of our \$215 per capita goal.
- Three clubs in our district have not set goals on Rotary Club Central. You know who you are.
- One club (which, by the way is a club that set a goal in RCC) has not yet contributed. HmMMMM.
- The Top Five TOTAL AF giving RCs (to date) are:
 - o St. Petersburg
 - o Tarpon Springs
 - o Belleair
 - o Crystal Rivier
 - o Pinellas Park
- The Top Five PER CAPITA AF giving RCs (to date) are:
 - o Belleair
 - o St. Petersburg
 - o Pinellas Park
 - o Port Richey
 - o Zephyrhills Daybreak

As our TRF Chair, PDG Jared Brown, would say – "We're in the FOURTH QUARTER!!" IT'S TIME TO HUNKER DOWN!!!

Until next week let's all keep on "Doing Good, Having Fun!"

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PS – Check out the "My Rotary Show" on You Tube!