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**Meet Today's Speaker: Andy Lyman
Assistant District Governor - Area 7**



Andy's profession is Information Technology and Services, but today he is going to talk to our club about Rotary. Rotary International (RI) has administrative districts. Each district is divided into areas. Our district 6960 is divided into eight areas, and our club is in Area 7. RI and its administrative districts exist solely to help clubs advance

the Object of Rotary.

Andy is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise. If you would like to get a kick start early Friday mornings, you should consider visiting the club, which meets at the Der Dutchman on Bahia Vista at 7 am. Be prepared for a "Zippy Do Da" start for your day.

THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL THEME IS:



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SARASOTA. CHECK PAGE TWO FOR HOW THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA'S IMPETUS TO OBTAIN PORTBLE DENTAL EQUIPMENT HAS HELPED MANY STUDENTS WHO DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.

Upcoming Speakers:

July 12: Mark Gordon- Business Observer

PREVIOUS MEETING (5/31/2017) by Ron Rayevich

The final **Club Assembly** of fiscal 2016/17 was certainly interesting, with more things going on than I can squeeze into this brief article. Our club membership has grown to a healthy 101 members with very low turnover rate. Our foundation has given grants of over \$60,000 during the last year. As **Ben Bates** steps down from his year as our President and **David Bowman** takes up the gavel, **Vincente Medina** is taking a leave of absence to attend to family health issues. Ben honored three of our members with Presidential Citations for their extraordinary efforts in 2016/17: **Andrea Nierenberg**, **Rick Hughes**, and **Lois Schaper**. In addition our own **Jim Henry** was honored with a RLI Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in building the Rotary Leadership Institute in the Sunshine Division (consisting of 14 Districts in Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean) over many years beginning in 2003. And finally, **Emma Gallagher**, a senior a Venice High School, received a \$1,250 scholarship to attend Florida Southern University from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County on behalf of our club. Congratulations to our past president, our incoming president, and all the honorees mentioned above, and to all our club members, club officers and directors, and foundation directors for a great 2016/17.

Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am –
Panera Bread at Bahia Vista**



SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMY PANTRIES

Thursday Sessions: July 13, 20, 27

Alta Vista -Group One: 2pm to 3pm; Group Two: 5:30pm to 7pm

Emma E. Booker – One Group Only: 5pm to 7pm

At the completion of the Dental Sealant/Examination program in May, 2017:

Summary provided by **Kimberlee McCarren**, RDH School-Dental Sealant Program Administrator and **Christine C. Griffith**, BA, RN Senior Public Health Services Manager

ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA ROTARIANS LED THE WAY IN GETTING PORTABLE DENTAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE FLORIDA HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL BASED DENTAL PROGRAM. SEE HIGHLIGHTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSION.

877 students had the opportunity to participate. 739 submitted a signed consent form. 726 actually participated. (The difference in these numbers is explained by students may have moved, may be absent the day the school is scheduled, or the child may simply refuse to get in to the dental chair.)

726 children were screened and of those screened, 550 received sealants on their permanent first molars. (All children screened do not receive sealants due to several things; some may already have sealants, some may not have the permanent molars fully erupted, yet, some may have decay on the permanent molars, and some simply cannot cooperate to have the procedure done.)

All children that participated in Oral Hygiene Instruction received a dental goodie-bag to take home containing a new toothbrush, fluoride toothpaste, and dental flossers.

190 participants were referred for follow-up dental care.

Of the 190, 157 were referred due to untreated dental cavities, one was referred due to gingivitis and 32 were referred because they had never seen a dentist before.

We were able to bill Medicaid for 52.3% of the children that participated in the program. Medicaid revenue totaled \$35,100.

We are now trying to sort data that indicates of the number of children referred actually received treatment at the health department dental clinics.

Summary/Lessons Learned:

- **Portable dental equipment worked far better for students, school and hygienist than the previous method of transporting students to dental offices.**
- Parental permission slips were not all returned, therefore there was less student participation (41% instead of anticipated 60%).
- There were less students on Medicaid than originally anticipated (52.3% vs anticipated 80%).
- Schools with highest Medicaid students had lowest participation rates.
- Cost per student was higher than anticipated (\$60.36 vs \$53.30).
- Follow-up phone calls were made to parents of children who had dental pain or active infection to ensure they received dental services ASAP.
- CDC School Dental Sealant software is awkward to use and is not compatible with the DOH HMS computer software making data analysis somewhat cumbersome.

Possible Solutions:

- Send forms home at beginning of school year so parents sign and return with all required start of school documents, in lieu of it being an extra form.
- Ensure Health Room Aides have extra forms for last-minute student permissions.
- Hygienist will attend back-to-school school open-houses, PTO meetings, back-to-school health fairs, etc. for increased visibility of program.

Conclusion:

- **This is a viable and worthwhile program, made possible through the collaboration of the health department, local foundations, FL DOH and the School Board of Sarasota County.**
- **The program will be continued, with a planned expansion for next year to grades 2, 3, 4, 5, pending the availability of part-time hygienists.**
- Additional staff has been budgeted for the program which will provide sealant services in the schools and follow-up case management to increase the number of students who receive additional dental services.
- Projected expenses and budgeted income will be closely watched to ensure program is fiscally sustainable as the DOH grant funding was one-time and will not be received next year.

Elementary Schools 2016-2017

Tuttle, Emma E. Booker, Gocio, Fruitville, Brentwood, Sarasota School for Innovative Studies, Wilkinson, Gulf Gate, Alta Vista, Glen Allen, Lamarque, Toledo Blade, Atwater, Cranberry, Imagine, Englewood, and Garden.

