



Rotary Club of North Fort Myers

Where the Tropics Begin

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Gator Tales



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We meet Thursdays 8:00 a.m., Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant, N. Ft. Myers

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This weeks speaker: Introduction by Terry Tucker

Spencer Roach - Florida House of Representatives

Spencer is a retired Coast Guard JAG Officer who spent his first 10 years in service as an enlisted man, serving as a search and rescue coxswain and counter-narcotics officer before earning an officer's commission. He attended both Edison Community College and Florida Gulf Coast University while serving on active duty, earning a degree in Political Science and graduating *summa cum laude* from FGCU. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Texas. He retired from the Coast Guard in 2016 and returned to Lee County, where he has been a resident since his assignment to Coast Guard Station Ft Myers Beach in 2000.

During his two decades of service, Spencer's assignments included tours of duty in Alaska, a six-month combat deployment to the Middle East enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq, and service in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. He was selected for the prestigious Judge Advocate General Program (JAG) and attended the University of Miami, School of Law on a military scholarship. His most recent assignment as a JAG was representing returning soldiers and sailors injured in the line of duty, ensuring the government honored its commitment.

Spencer grew up in a proud blue-collar household, working with his father and uncles in a 4th-generation family-owned plumbing company. From an early age he gained an appreciation for the trades and an unwavering belief that a superior personal work ethic is the great equalizer in pursuit of upward mobility.

Spencer was inducted into the FGCU Soaring Eagles Distinguished Alumni Association and was profiled in National Jurist magazine in 2009.

He has been twice presented with Legislative Tributes from the Florida House of Representatives, in 2004 for his volunteer efforts with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of SW Florida, and again in 2016 to commemorate his retirement from the Coast Guard.

Spencer has always had a passion for public service, and after retiring from the Coast Guard he served as the District Director for Congressman Francis Rooney, who represents most of Lee and Collier Counties. He is a certified ESL teacher and has been active in a variety of volunteer work for well over a decade, although his passion is helping children in foster care.

While in law school, Spencer managed a program that provided Financial Literacy classes to children aging out of foster care, and currently he serves as a volunteer *Guardian ad Litem* in the 20th Judicial Circuit.

Spencer is an avid scuba diver and has traveled extensively all over the world with a focus on Central and South America.

PLEASE WELCOME SPENCER ROACH !!!

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John Mina won the
\$12.00 50/50 but NOT the
\$241.00 POT !!!

PLANNING AHEAD - THIS YEAR

Feb 9; Bike Night— See Tim

Feb 19: Wine & Cheese Scholarship Social - See Bill T

Feb 23: RLI - Ft Myers: See Dwight

Feb 28: Rotary/Interact Spaghetti Social @ N High - See Jack

Mar 13: Josh the Otter @ Littleton Elem - See David

April 27: Rotary Charity Golf Tournament - See Terry

May 9-11: Dist Conf - Westin Cape Coral

June 1: Rotary Induction Party - See Norm



BE THE INSPIRATION

INVOCATION

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place Service above Self in our daily endeavors.

Amen.

**“Toast To Rotary
and Peace - through
Service - the World Over.”**



Share
Rotary
Propose
A
New
Member

The Four Way Test Of the Things We Think, Say, and Do

- First, is it the truth?
- Second, is it fair to all concerned?
- Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Of course it will, Now go out and live it!

Guest Speakers

Next Week 2-07: John Mina - Foot Health

Last Week: Bill Bonzer - State of Florida ABT Enforcement



Birthdays & Anniversaries



<u>Member</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Greg Grier	1-04
John Mina	1-09
Allan Parvey	1-20
Charles Hampton	1-21

<u>Member</u>	<u>Wedding Anv.</u>
None of our members married in January	

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club Anv.</u>
David Rice	1-02
Nate Smith	1-22

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