Rotary Club of North Fort Myers

Where the Tropics Begin

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Visit our web site: www.rotarynftmyers.org/

We meet Thursdays 8:00 AM Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant
At the Best Western Hotel 13021 N Cleveland Ave North Fort Myers

This weeks speaker: Introduction by John Mina

Norm Jones

The History Of Neckties

Norm and his family came to America in October of 1962, and he has had three careers! He started with one of America's largest horticultural companies, Yoder Brothers and rose to the position of General Administrations Director and was invited to join and head the Florida Flower Growers Association. When flower farms began to sell out to the real estate market, Norm joined Fort Myers Broadcasting (WINK) in sales in 1974 and was soon sales manager. His success led to his joining Lee County Government as the manager of the Lee Civic Center. This turned out to be the most fulfilling work for him, a most satisfying job.

Norm is a Charter Member of our Club, was our Charter Secretary, served as President in 1975-76, is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and was selected Rotarian of the year in 1992.

On October 2nd, 1986 Norm became a Proud American Citizen – the Queen's loss and our Gain! And on June 14, 2023, the Lee County Commissioners proclaimed that day as "Norm Jones Day" in recognition of all he has done for our community since coming to the USA.

To all of us In the club and to many in the area, Norm is affectionately known as "The Squire of North Fort Myers." PLEASE WELCOME OUR OWN NORM JONES!!

<— Norm recently celebrated his 93rd birthday and was surprised with a cake from our own Judy Speers. Norm's response: "My dear Rotarian friends, there are moments in life that can greatly add to the pleasures of growing old. Such a moment, occurred at our regular meeting this past week when our club chose to recognize my forthcoming birthday in a most special way. The song was beautiful (and almost in key!) and sung with care and meaning! Followed by the presentation of a wonderful cake splendidly decorated with the true Rotary emblem. The signed card is a much keepable item for me and goes into my Rotary file. Thank you, North Fort Myers</p>

THE MAGIC

Rotarians for another memorable day In this organization we are proud to be members of. In true Rotary fashion, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Y'ALL.

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Jack Hess won the **\$8** 50/50 **AND THE \$295 POT**

PLANNING AHEAD

April 26: Golf Tournament - See Hugh or Terry
May 17: Induction Party @ Magnolia Landing
June 13: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see Hugh
December 13: Christmas/Holiday Party - Magnolia Landing
December 20: Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Publix - see Jack

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."



- Second. is it fair to all concerned?
- Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships?

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

 Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned? Of course it will, Now go out and live it!

Guest Speakers



Next week 04:24: John Mina - Foot Health

Last week 04:10: David Rice - Metal Detecting to be Continued



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

-14

Member Wedding Anv. **Ed Shumate** 04-01 **David Rice** 04-08 Jack Hess 04-16

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