

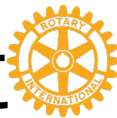


Rotary Club of North Fort Myers

Where the Tropics Begin

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Gator Tales



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

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This weeks speaker: Introduction by Greg Grier
Elliott Toevs

Deputy Director for ECHO North America

Elliott currently serves as the Deputy Director for ECHO North America while also overseeing the Appropriate Technology Department. He first joined ECHO as an intern in 2011 then went on to work with Aurora International in the Peruvian Amazon. He returned on staff with ECHO in 2017.

ECHO's mission is to introduce sustainable plants, techniques, and technologies to farmers around the world who are struggling to feed their families. They started in North Fort Myers in 1982 on 2 ½ acres of land. In 1991 an additional 7 ½ acres were purchased. In 1998, a generous donation made it possible to build two large buildings: a visitor center and a technical resource building.

In 2001, ECHO received a grant to develop the Global Farm and Research Center in which six separate areas of tropical climates are simulated. Each of the six agricultural interns takes care of his or her own climate zone. Currently featured on the farm are the tropical lowlands, tropical highlands, monsoon, semi-arid, rainforest clearing, community garden, appropriate technology and urban garden. The global farm is not only a hands on training ground for those searching for help in tropical agriculture, but also an educational tool to make the public aware of hunger related issues and the answers there are to alleviate malnutrition and starvation.

Today, ECHO reaches millions of small-scale farmers in more than 190 countries.

Elliott is blessed to have a wonderful wife, Alexa, and four children who keep them on their toes.

PLEASE WELCOME Elliott Toevs !!!

PLANNING AHEAD

May 17: Induction Party @ Magnolia Landing

June 13: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see Hugh

October 11: Bike Night

December 13: Christmas/Holiday Party - Magnolia Landing

December 18: Christmas/Holiday Family Breakfast

December 20: Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Publix - see Jack

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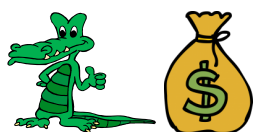
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Craig Gindele won the

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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."



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- 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 05:22: Dr Stephen Wener - Honor Flight

Last week 05:08: Ross Webb - Edison Sailing Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Member	Birthday
Terry Tucker	05-22
Christina Schwinn	05-25
Fran Smith	05-26
Ed Shumate	05-29

Member	Wedding Anv.
No members got married this month	

Member	Club Anv.
No members joined Rotary this month	

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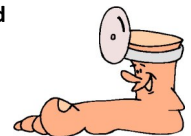
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