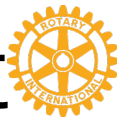




# Gator Tales



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This weeks speaker: Introduction by Josh Wurtsbaugh

### Mike Pedersen

Mike was raised in Miami where he attended Miami Palmetto High and had successful wrestling career, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the state. Mike earned an appointment to the Naval Academy, made a pivotal move to boxing, was a two-time Naval Academy Boxing Champion and was selected as the Academy's "Outstanding Boxer" his senior year in 1979.

Upon graduation, Mike chose fighter aviation. He trained as a back-seater and served in the F-4 Phantom and the F/A-18D Hornet. Mike's callsign was "Evil Frog." Mike graduated from "Top Gun" in 1983 flying the F-4 Phantom. In 1989, he transitioned to the F/A-18D Hornet. In 1991, "Evil Frog" flew 66 combat missions during "Operation Desert Storm." Three separate times he was awarded for personal valor over heavily defended Kuwait, and also received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with "V" and gold star in lieu of 2nd award, the Air Medal w/ strike numeral "6," and the Commendation Medal with "V."

His final tour of duty was at MCAS Miramar as the Program Director of a classified Advanced Tactics Training Program for five F/A-18 squadrons. Mike flew a total of over 3,000 accident-free flight hours throughout his 20-year career and retired as a Major in 1999.

Upon retirement from the Marines, Mike moved his family to Cape Coral where he was Pharmaceutical Sales Rep and District Manager, first with Warner Chilcott, then with Pfizer.

Mike has always tried to give back to his community first as a volunteer youth boxing coach for the Cape Coral Police Dept from 2000 to 2003 and since then as the assistant wrestling coach at Mariner High where he just completed his 22nd season in that role.

Mike Pedersen is a current U. S. Congressional Republican candidate for Florida's District 19, the seat currently held by Congressman Byron Donalds. The race currently has 10 candidates and the Primary election is August 18th. Mike is the only military veteran in this race.

Mike and his wife Elsa have been married 40 years and are the proud parents of Kurt, Vanessa, and Michael. They have 8 grandchildren, with another on the way – The Real Gold Medal.

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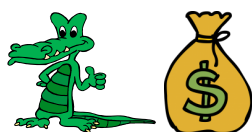
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### PLANNING AHEAD

March 13: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see David

April 10: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see David

April 11 - Bike Night—see David

April 25: Golf Tournament - Magnolia Landing - see Hugh

May 8 : Distribute Food at The Pantry - see David

June 12: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see David

June 27: Induction Party —Magnolia Landing - see Judy

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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.

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

### Guest Speakers



Next Week: 03-19: SSGT David Karnes - 9/11 Hero Marine

Last week 03:05: Steve & Fran Marsino - EHL Fragile X Foundation

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



Member	Birthday
Debbie Diggs	03-30

Member	Wedding Anv.
George & Jean Sinko	03-26

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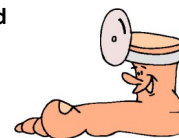
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