

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

NEXT WEEK:

January 26

11:30 A.M.

**Board Meeting
Camp Rotary, Inc.**

followed by:

January 26

12:15

**Our Fabulous
Student Awards
Program !!
Join Us !!**

A Look At Civil Rights

Rev. Viola Buchanan



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
Our 2011-2012 Theme

Our Speaker Today

was introduced by Rev. Bill Simpson

Reverend Viola Buchanan was a dynamic and energetic speaker who kept our audience quiet and fascinated!



She is the pastor of the Bethel AME Church in Lynn and has been extremely active not only in our community but nation-wide in movements to “free” black and other minorities from oppression and prejudice on many fronts.

One of her exciting moments was meeting President Obama and participating in ceremonies based in part on the teachings of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Using an excellent presentation she created for our meeting utilizing the Port-hole’s latest configuration of the ceiling-to-wall projection system, she gave us up to date statistics of the racial percentages in Lynn and the effects of the lack of schooling in some neighborhoods creating “adults” that eventually cause great problems - and urged everyone to try to upgrade our schools in these neighborhoods.

23% of black males in Lynn not graduating from high school are in jail. She commented that Lynn must make a commitment to inclusion - *everyone* must graduate.

Thank you Viola !

Our Pot Has Grown to \$1,434 !!

Our speaker drew one ticket stub and one of our visitors drew the other!

Can you believe it? Our new member, Donna McMillan, a VP at Eastern Bank was the lucky draw and got BOTH tickets !!

As you might imagine, the money is safe for another week !!

Our Visitors This Week

included Peg Simpson, Dr. Iona Black from Connecticut & Lynn, Athea Flamer and Verdray Madzimoyo - friends of Rev. Viola !

January 2012 Events

ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Celebrate Rotary Awareness Month by training members on Rotary history, programs, or how to raise awareness of your club’s projects among your community. Or, ask members to share a personal story or experience that they have had because of Rotary. Every Rotarian has a Rotary story that can be educational and inspiring. The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to renew inspiration for the rest of the Rotary year.

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PRE-PETS TRAINING
Contact DGE Terri Kidder -
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Do You Remember Gerry (Anthony) Gerolamo?

Gerry was president of our club during the 1975-1976 Rotary Year. Thanks to Susanne Bowering of Wakefield, we have this great story from Gerry's current club, to which he has been elected to Honorary Rotary Membership!



Gerry when he was
President of Lynn
Rotary in the
1975-1976 Rotary Year



Gerry today as a
member of the Marco
Island, Florida club !

Your editor does not have the space in TIPS for the entire story in the **CoastalBreezeNews.com** on-line newsletter but here are some excerpts!

For as long as anyone in the Marco Rotary Club can remember, Gerry Gerolamo has been by far the club's best dressed member.

A few years ago, for an interview, Gerry counted and found he had 55 suits plus 40 sport coats in addition to enough bow ties to never be seen in the same one twice—and for very good reason. At the zenith of his career, Gerry owned two clothing stores in Lynn, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston, and employed 32 people. How he accumulated so many bow ties is an accident of the fashion industry that he took advantage of.

Anthony (Gerry) Gerolamo has been elected to Honorary Membership by the noontime Rotary Club of Marco Island.. **At 96, Gerry is their most senior member.** He is being honored for his long standing membership of 42 combined years between The Rotary Club of Marco Island and his home town club in Lynn and, in addition, for his outstanding leadership and recruitment of new Rotary members since moving to Marco Island in 1979.

At the turn of the 20th century, Gerry's dad, Constantino Gerolamo was a young vendor hawking newspapers in a piazza in Rome. He was selling papers for Mussolini, the later dictator of Italy. Constantino wanted to better himself so in 1903 he immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island. In 1910, he married Gerry's mother Maria and on February 19, 1915, Gerry was born.

Gerry had two brothers, Wilson and Walter and one sister, Evelyn.

Supersized ambition, hard work and a creative mind, Constantino eventually became a most successful clothing designer in a time (the great depression) when most fathers had a difficult time placing food on the table.

Gerry Gerolamo was a most active volunteer leader in his community and served on many boards including the Five Cent Savings Bank of Lynn, his local hospital, a community college, the Exchange Club and the Boys Club and was

president of the Lynn Rotary Club.

Gerry and his wife Eleanor moved to Marco Island in 1979 & In 2001, after 61 years of marriage Eleanor died of Alzheimer's disease.

Until recently Gerry walked along the beach 6 miles every day and feels that walking has been one of the primary reasons for his long and productive life.

"Nothing! Nothing is worth more than this day" is his motto!

Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2011



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

January 26 - Bob Dugas & Adam Sherman

February 2 - Obie Barker & Bob Kennedy

February 16 - Barbara Maitland & Joyce Elliott

Please remember, Greeters have to **BREAK DOWN** also !!