

Saturday Speakers

9:00 am

John T. Capps

Morehead City, North Carolina

“Wake Up Rotarians!”

John T formed the Baldheaded Men of America Club. John T has been on every morning TV show in the US. He is a past District Governor. He has written 9 books, including “7 Habits of Highly In-Effective Rotarians.” He will definitely wake you up on Saturday morning. Don’t miss this one!

“We take ourselves too seriously,” says John T. “I like to participate and share the international humanitarian programs of Rotary as they are and give us some laughs in order not to weep. I’m not a great Rotarian; I just toil daily in the cornfield of life, to bring a few laughs, a few tears of joy.”

John T. is married to Jane. She is an Honorary Rotarian and Chairman of The Salvation Army Morehead City Advisory Board. They are “Certified On Call Volunteer Salvation Army Disaster Workers.” When he grows up, John T. says, “I want to be a train engineer because I think I can, I think I can and YOU can too!”

10:15 am

Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis

Congressman

Ninth Congressional District

Palm Harbor, FL

We are most fortunate to have our local Congressman address our District Conference!

In Congress, Gus works in a bipartisan manner to make homeowners’ insurance more affordable, improve education, lower taxes, increase access to quality health care, protect veterans’ benefits, ensure the long-term viability of Social Security and Medicare, make government smaller and smarter, and strengthen homeland security.

Currently, Gus serves as a Member of the House Committees on Homeland Security, Veterans’ Affairs and Foreign Affairs. Additionally, Gus is the Senior Freshman Whip of the Republican Party and is Chair of the Veterans’ Affairs Task Force for the Republican Policy Committee.

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Gus lives in Palm Harbor with his wife, Eva, and sons Michael, Teddy, Manuel, and Nicholas.

10:30 am

Dr. Shelton Wood, Jr. President of the Georgetown Wesleyan University of the Americas

Palm Harbor, FL

“World Peace Begins with You.”

Shelton Wood Jr., President of the Georgetown Wesleyan University of the Americas, which provides educational opportunities in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe, will present: “World Peace Begins with You”.

Dr. Wood was the co-founder and director of Profits Plus, an organization devoted to assisting CEO's in designing, building and sustaining customer focused high performance organizations. He has worked with such organizations as the American Management Association, United Methodist Churches, Wesleyan Churches, Ford Motor Company, HCA of America, ITT, Martin Marietta, and the U. S. Department of Defense.

Dr. Wood is a Harvard University trained, retired U.S. Army officer.

1:40 pm

Natalie Carr, D.D.S.

Brandon, FL

An Amazing Rotarian Life Experience

As member of the Interact club of East Bay High School, Natalie Carr had the opportunity to experience first hand the work of Rotary. This has led to a lifetime of service – as a Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL) participant, innovator, and staff member; as Interact Club President; as a Southshore and Sun City Rotary College Scholarship recipient; as a USF student charter member of the Rotaract Club; as a member of the 2006 Rotary International Group Study Exchange to Australia; and as an active member of the Brandon '86 Rotary Club. Natalie will share her amazing Rotarian life experience!

Currently, Natalie is a pediatric dentist. She is involved not only in private practice but is very active in the local and state dental society. In the Hillsborough County Dental Society she serves as an Alternate Delegate to the Florida Dental Association,

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Children's Dental Health Month Chairperson, and Give Kids a Smile Chairperson. She is also the chairperson for Children's Dental Health Month for the West Coast Dental Association where she oversees and helps to organize the component dental society activities. She is a member of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry where she acts as a liaison to the Florida Dental Association on the State Oral Health Initiative Plan (SOHIP) committee.

Her grandmother, a schoolteacher for 39 years, instilled in Natalie the importance of education and service to others. Natalie volunteers at the University of Florida General Practice Residency program at the Hillsborough County Community College Campus as Part-time Clinical Faculty and also provides volunteer dental services at various free dental clinics. Natalie was honored with the Hillsborough County Dental Association - Community Service Recognition Award in May 2004 and the Florida Dental Association, Project Dentists Care, Distinguished Service Award in July 2005.

4:00 pm

Chuck Papageorgiou Managing Partner and founder of Ideasphere LLC

Odessa, FL

Do you find yourself skirting around the issue or avoiding important conversations? The guaranteed way to success is effective communication. Chuck Papageorgiou will present an interactive and informative session exploring conflict resolution conversation models. Chuck is a global turn-around artist and operating executive who has handled many tough conversations with people ranging from front line workers, to union shop stewards, to *Fortune 1000* company executives, entrepreneurs and investors.

Chuck is the Managing Partner and founder of Ideasphere, an executive consulting company focusing on the high-tech industry. As an operationally oriented consultant, he focuses on the strategic leadership, corporate development and management aspects of organizations. In his consultative role, he has worked with senior executives in organizations undergoing major business transformations.

He has worked with clients such as AT&T, AT&T Wholesale Markets, Bellsouth Managed Network Solutions, EDS, Textron, and others.

Over the course of his career, he has been a principal consultant and led negotiations and implementations of global outsourcing and M&A deals worth over \$9 Billion dollars.

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7:45 pm

Marie A. Williams
RI President's Representative
Past District Governor – District 7780

Kittery, ME

Conference Review and Farewell

Marie was born and brought up in Maine. She worked in banking for almost 30 years. In 1963, she married her high school sweetheart, Bruce Williams. Bruce retired as the Assistant Fire Chief of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Major Donor. They are the proud parents of three grown children - Sally, Mary and David - and have four grandsons – Christopher, Zachery, Jonathan and Cameron plus two granddaughters – Zoey and Bridget. They enjoy their family, traveling and country music.

Marie became a Rotarian in 1987 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kittery, ME and was president in 1990-91. She served as District Governor for District 7780 in 1997-98 and again in 2006-07. She is Rotary Zone 31-32 Treasurer for 2006-2008. She is Vice Chair for their 2008 Institute and will be the General Chair in 2009. Marie has been on the faculty of RLI since 2000 and was District 7780 RLI Chair from July 2005 until August 2006. She is District 7780 Trainer for 2006-07 & 2007-08. Marie is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Major Donor.