

The Rotary Club of Crystal River



# Crystal River Review

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give – Winston Churchill*

[www.crystalriverrotary.org](http://www.crystalriverrotary.org)

Jamie Mick, District Governor

Marc Shapot, President

December 17, 2012



## Top of the News..... **December is the Family of Rotary Month!**

As a year-end holiday gift, United Airlines is again offering a donation of 10 million miles to benefit charity miles partners.

Rotary has been United's partner for many years through the "Rotary Miles" program, which has provided free airfare for hundreds of children and adults in need of lifesaving surgery and other worthy causes.

From 6 December to 25 December, you can [vote](#) once each day for Rotary on each of your devices such as laptop, smartphone, tablet, etc. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive. So forward the link <http://10millioncharitymiles.com/> to everyone you know. Last year, we took second in the contest, receiving [2.5 million charity miles](#). Your vote could help Rotary come in first this year in the 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway!

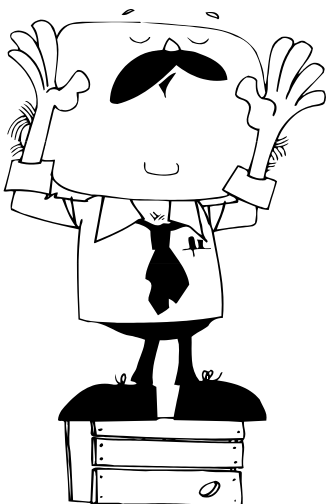
\*\*\*\*

Please remember our Family of Rotary of the NE USA. Please make a tax deductible donation to the Sandy Relief Fund for Rotarians. It's so easy to make a donation that we can guarantee that will be used to help our fellow Rotarians. Just go to [www.rotary6950foundation.org](http://www.rotary6950foundation.org) and click on the Donate button on the right. You can choose the amount you wish to give, and your gift will be tax deductible as it will be deposited with the District 6950 Charitable Foundation. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

\*\*\*\*

This coming Holiday season, share the gift of Rotary. Bring a client, a customer, a friend or relative and let them experience the power of Rotary and how a few dedicated people can change their community and even the world. Bring someone to lunch soon!

**The Rotary Club of Crystal River is looking for a few good men and women!**  
Always be on the lookout for a candidate to become a member.....some of the open classifications we have: dentist, law enforcement, non-elected government official, social worker, health field, plumber, electrician, fitness professional. Remember, we don't take applications, we take commitments! ....a steal from the Marine Corps!



### Remember these dates:

- Dec 24 & 31 No meeting!
- Jan. 18-20 Manatee Festival
- Feb 5 – dinner with RI President
- Feb 9 – Rotary Goes to the Dogs
- Feb 20 – Sandler Training
- Feb 23- Purple Pinky day

### *Birthdays - Enjoy!*

No more Birthdays this month!

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Gerry & Janet Mulligan 12/19 30 yrs.

### *Club Anniversaries*

Carl Flanagan 12/31 25 years.

*Congratulations all!*

*Have you made your annual donation to The Rotary Foundation? Please talk with Don Shook about matching funds available to easily raise your donation to a new Paul Harris Fellowship level.*

**Today is Rotary Day.....Everything you ever wanted to know about the DACDB! Or not.....!**

Christmas.....

This one day, is the most highly anticipated day of the year. Organized people begin preparing for it the day after the last Christmas. The majority of us run around like crazy after Thanksgiving when you can almost hear the starter gun go off and people swoop into the store or online shopping!

Christmas for me is the time I really remember to be thankful for all the gifts I have received throughout the year, which in truth are the most precious gifts everyone can receive. My gifts include Patty Silvey telling me one day when I was not feeling particularly good about myself that she missed me! Wow, someone actually noticed me. Don Shook who keeps me on my toes and who quietly makes sure that Crystal River is one of the most giving clubs in the district which in turns, send lifesaving gifts to people we will never meet. Each week, Cheryl Philips has the faith that someday, but not any time soon, our club will sing like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. I appreciate how each week Frances Roberts make sure she shakes my hand and has that great smile. I'm thankful for Robin Dearden who is a serious doctor, but is the epitome of "girls just wanna have fun" and making sure the rest of us do too! Who cannot be proud of Rick Snell who could be kicking back right now and enjoying the quiet life, yet he and Julie opened their home to a GSE student. I'm am ever so thankful for Alison Markham, Grant Bryson and Paul Cash for what they do keeping the club records straight because I know what a hard job that is with very little thanks! And, we are ever so lucky to have our hardworking volunteers for every event, who are there at the start and who are the last to leave; Larry Masut, Casey Jones, Keith Taylor, Blair Commons, Rick Snell, Marc Shapot, Paul Cash, plus Wendy Hall and Kris Baum. I am especially proud to have Fancy Taylor as a friend who is the most openly honest person, about everything, I know. Each week, Jim Shidner looks for me and makes sure I have a ticket and I'm thankful for being welcomed by Billy and Candy Sasser into their home, like an old friend.

If I have not mentioned you here, it not because you have not made an impact in my life, each of you have taught me something this year.....the gift of friendship, the gift of appreciation of one' talents shared, the gift of giving oneself each week to be part of a group of individuals who are greater as a whole. As a Rotary club, we have given many gifts to the community this year, but the greatest gift is the one we give to each other; friendship and the affirmation of faith that each of us matter.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!

*The 4 Way Test...  
of the things we Think, Say or Do*

*Is it the Truth?*

*Is it Fair to all concerned?*

*Will it build Goodwill and better  
Friendships?*

*Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?*

### **Rotary Club of Crystal River Leadership:**

Club President 2012-13	Marc Shapot
Club president 2013-14	Keith Taylor
Club President 2014-15	Fancy Taylor
Immediate past President	Larry Masut
Club Secretary	Alison Markham
Club Treasurer	Grant Bryson
Club Foundation Chair	Cliff Pierson
Club Foundation Treasurer	Paul Cash
Rotary Foundation Chair	Don Shook
Membership Chair	
Public Relations chairs	Laura Sullivan Mike Buchanan
Club Administration	Robin Dearden Billy Sasser
Club Programs	KC Nayfield
Club Service	Blair Commons
Club Sergeant at Arms	Robin Dearden
Interact Advisor	Don Shook