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*Improving the quality of life of  
elder citizens in Broward, Miami-  
Dade and Monroe counties.*

## June 2004

### Projects Roll On

The month of May was exceptionally busy as projects were completed in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

The **Rotary Club of Key West** presented the Elder Voices video, a compilation of interviews with longtime residents of the Southernmost City. This digital time capsule captures decades of Key West history in a one hour look back through the eyes of several notable residents. The club also hosted a "Senior Senior Prom" in partnership with the YMCA at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church. The fun culminated with the crowning of a prom king and queen.

A reprise of the successful theatre event hosted by the **Rotary Club of Coral Gables** took place, again at the Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre. Over a dozen club members hosted nearly 60 elders at a Sunday matinee performance of *The Underpants*, a Steve Martin adaptation of a Carl Sternheim play set in 1910 Germany. Transportation was provided and the Rotarians served snacks in the lobby at the conclusion of the event.

For eighteen consecutive months the **Rotary Club of Hialeah-Miami Springs** has hosted anywhere from 120 to 150 elder members of the community for an afternoon get-together. The Rotarians take an afternoon away from the

their business responsibilities to play host to a diverse group of their neighbors. The merry month of May theme was *A Tribute to Mother* with all guests asked to bring a picture, and their fondest memories, of their mothers. Along with entertainment and "dinner like mama cooked" it was a genuinely touching experience. Earlier in the month the club coordinated an outing on the Sea Escape enabling 63 seniors to enjoy the Fort Lauderdale Air and Sea Show from a waterborne perspective.

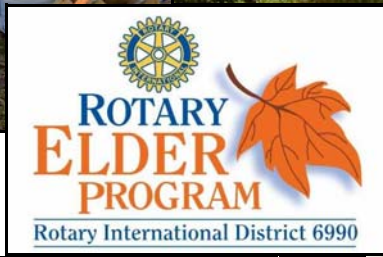
Finally in May, the **Rotary Club of Coral Springs Parkland** built a gazebo to benefit the residents of St. Andrews Towers, a HUD housing project operated by Catholic Charities. Working several afternoons in a row mid-week the project culminated on Saturday, May 15th as dozens of volunteers swarmed the site. See page three for a photo montage of the work that was done. A ribbon cutting ceremony, scheduled for June 2, 2004, will be covered in next month's edition of this newsletter.

Many thanks to the dozens of Rotarians that gave of their time and talent to take these four sets of projects from plan to reality and, in particular, Rotary Elder Program club coordinators Diane Gibson in Key West, Chris Morrison in Coral Gables, Polly Thompson in Hialeah-Miami Springs and Warren Goodman in Coral Springs Parkland. You are making South Florida and the Florida Keys a better place.

The Rotary Club of Coral Springs Parkland, in partnership with Coral Springs Medical Center, Cub Scout Pack 360, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts spent several days at the St. Andrews Towers retirement home, operated by Catholic Charities, constructing a gazebo for the residents on the site of what had been an unused shuffleboard court. **Rotarian Warren Goodman**, Rotary Club of Coral Springs Parkland, coordinated the overall project with support from nearly a dozen Rotarians from his club and the RC of Coral Springs Parkland.



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