

Meet Our Speaker: DENNY MITCHELL

Denny Mitchell, became a volunteer at Big Cat Rescue 12 years ago. He and his wife took a tour and were immediately motivated to help out.

Denny started out as a keeper, which means he was a cleaner, and eventually became a feeder for the cats. This gave him a chance to get to know the cats and vice versa. No one touches the cats at Big Cat Rescue, but they know the hand that feeds them. He now does outreach and leads tours and has taken well over 10000 guests through the facility. His wife was also an active volunteer, but was forced to leave the program last year since she no longer has enough time to help out. Aside from a full time job, she also runs a boarding and equestrian center with their daughter in east Tampa which they started 2 years ago.

Denny has sat on the volunteer committee at Big Cat Rescue which sets policy and procedures for the volunteer program that has over 100 people. He is a senior partner in the organization.

He sold his manufacturer's rep business several years ago and is now semi retired. This has allowed him to devote more to time to Big Cat Rescue and its mission. He is also a counselor for Score, a resource of the SBA, which mentors small business. He also serves on the board for the Tampa Bay Think Tank, which promotes business development in our area.

The Mitchell's have been residents of Tampa since 1975.



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PRAYER FOR TODAY: Dear Lord, during the holiday season, help me to spread Your message of love. Amen.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Denny Mitchell,
Big Cat Rescue

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: George Donovan,
Trip to Africa

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK Susan Adger, Author

Upcoming Events:

December 14	Christmas Party, 6:15, Bayou Club
December 25	No Meeting
January 1	No Meeting
January 8	Former Governor Bob Martinez Holland & Knight, Senior Policy Advisor

Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2013-2014:

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Rotary clubs take action for typhoon-ravaged Philippines

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more.



The situation remains dire as widespread destruction has made food, water, and medicine scarce in remote areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall on record.

Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

"I know we all want to help. I am urging our clubs to take action to provide emergency aid now and begin planning for the future when we can help rebuild homes, schools, and businesses," says Burton. "We are in the business of helping people in need."

Rotary partner ShelterBox has committed aid for 4,000 families in the form of emergency shelter and other relief assistance.

Such disasters are "exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox," says Burton. "It gives Rotary members worldwide the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to the life-threatening

conditions faced by the people of the Philippines."

For nearly 100 years, Rotary clubs in the Philippines have been creating positive change in their communities. The first Philippine Rotary club was formed in Manila in 1919. Today, more than 800 Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines give members the chance to make a difference at home and around the globe.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio, our top priority, began in the Philippines. In 1979, Rotary funded the immunization of six million children with the oral polio vaccine. Based largely on the success there, the World Health Assembly authorized the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Rotary clubs in the Philippines have improved water and sanitation, led medical and dental missions, created literacy programs, and participated in reforestation plantings. When a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Philippines in September, clubs were there to bring aid to those in need.

"Rotary members often are both first-responders and rebuilders when major disasters strike because clubs are present in every corner of the world," Burton says. "We continue with recovery efforts long after international relief agencies have gone because Rotary clubs are part of the communities we serve."

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination

These are genuine answers

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire