

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Flagler

A 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Member Club

Tuesday 7:45 AM • Chesterfield Hotel • 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach

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Members:

Alex Anderson	Foreign Service
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Glenn Espig	Jewelmer: Owner
Roop Gill	Plastic Surgeon (double board cert.)
Neri Holzer	Physician (ret.)
Joseph Ierardi*++	Healthcare Consultant (retired)
Daniel Kahan*+	Architect
Nixon Lajoie	General Contractor
Chad Layton	Attorney – Family/Divorce Law
Russ Morley	Real Estate Broker-Associate
Elssy Oms	Psychiatrist
Ozzie Osborne*++	Information Technology (IT)
Mary Rogan ++	Community Leader
Marvin Rosenberg++	Periodontist
Thomas “Mac” Skelly+	Trust Administration (retired)
Beth Walton [^]	CEO, Town of Palm Beach United Way
Frederick Wright, Jr.	Real Estate Investor



Danielle Hickox Moore	Honorary Member (Mayor of Palm Beach)
Jack McDonald*+	Founding/Honorary Member
Jesse Newman*+	Founding Member (deceased)
Philip Whitacre*++	Founding Member (deceased)

* Past President + Paul Harris Fellow ++ Multiple PHF
[^] Corporate Membership

September Speakers – Stephanie Branscomb, Speaker Chair

Tues 7 th	Edwige Gilbert, Author of ‘The Fresh Start Promise’ and CEO/Founder of New Life Directions
Tues 14 th	Tim Gannon, Successful businessman, Serial Entrepreneur, and Polo Player
Tues 21 st	Celeste Simon, CEO, World Affairs Council
Tues 28 th *	Michael Wolford, M.D. Emergency Medicine, WPB VA Medical Center

*Monthly Club Board Meeting immediately following regular weekly meeting.

September Message from RI President, Shekhar Mehta



I am sure you are having an enriching experience as you *Serve to Change Lives*. One of the ways you can make the greatest change in a person’s life is to help them learn to read. Literacy opens up the world to us. It makes us better informed about life in our own communities and opens vistas to other cultures. Reading and writing connects people and gives us another way to express our love for one another.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates.

Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world’s adult population — 762 million people — lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime.

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Celebrations

Member Birthdays:

3rd – Neri Holzer
24th – Ozzie Osborne



Member Anniversaries:

4th – Marvin and Baylie Rosenberg
9th – Mac and Patti Skelly



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary International (RI) News: Rotary International has designated certain months of the year as times for Rotary clubs to emphasize the involvement of all Rotarians in designated activities or to highlight specific Areas of Focus. Clubs are encouraged to plan special programs on the appropriate topics during these months. **September has been designated as Basic Education and Literacy Month**, a time to highlight Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

Rotary District 6930 News: Need to "make up"? Try one of our local neighboring clubs: (1) ***Palm Beach*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at The Chesterfield); (2) ***West Palm Beach*** (Tuesdays at Noon at The Ben, Downtown WPB); (3) ***Lake Worth*** (Wednesdays at Noon at Brogue's Down Under); (4) ***Singer Island*** (Fridays at 12:15 pm at Sailfish Marina); (5) ***The Northern Palm Beaches*** (Tuesdays at 8:00 am – currently meeting On Line); (6) ***Jupiter-Tequesta*** (Tuesdays at Noon at Mangrove Bay, Jupiter); (7) ***Royal Palm Beach*** (Thursdays at 7:30 am at Hilary's Restaurant and Deli); and (8) ***Wellington*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at the Wanderers Club).

5 Minutes with...Russ Morley

Classification: Real Estate Sales

Occupation: Realtor with Waterfront Properties

Personal: Married; 2 girls (23 and 26)

What car do you currently drive: Mercedes GLE

What is your ideal car: The one I'm driving

Favorite hobbies: Tennis, Flying, Golf, Scuba & Free Diving

Favorite restaurant: Too many to list

Favorite food: Grilled Salmon

Favorite drink: Pinot Noir

Favorite store: ?

Favorite vacation spot: Walker's Cay

Favorite color: Sky Blue

Favorite "toys": Scuba gear, guns, and computers

Favorite animal: Dog

Most famous persons you ever met: Donald Trump, Chuck Yeager, Buzz Aldrin, Dan Marino, Troy Aikman, Jerry Jones

Most interesting person you ever met: Don Henley

If you could choose a different career, what would it be?
Marine Researcher

Favorite thing about being a Rotarian: The fellowship

Tell us something about you that hardly anyone knows: I have flown to every landing strip in the Bahamas

September Message (continued)

Especially for girls and women, literacy can be a life-or-death issue. If all girls completed their primary education, there would be far fewer maternal deaths. And a child is more likely to survive past age 5 if he or she is born to a mother who can read. Improving outcomes for more people worldwide is possible only if countries remove barriers to education for girls. The economic argument for doing so is clear: In some countries where schooling is geared toward boys, the cost of missed economic opportunity is more than \$1 billion per year.

Empowering people through education is among the boldest goals we have as Rotarians. We don't have to travel far from our homes to encounter those whose lives are being curtailed because they struggle with reading, rely on others to read for them, or cannot write anything more than their own name.

Starting this month, consider how your club can *Serve to Change Lives* through literacy: Support local organizations that offer free programs to support adult literacy or local language learning, or that provide teachers with professional development centered around reading and writing. Become literacy mentors, or work with an organization like the Global Partnership for Education to increase learning opportunities for children around the world. Have conversations with local schools and libraries to see how your club can support their existing programs or help create needed ones in your community.

Literacy is the first step out of poverty. As Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai has noted, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."

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