



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Events

November 1st

[FERST Readers Celebration](#)

Speaker: Ferst Readers the donation of the One Thousandth Book
Subject: We will meet at Foundations Preschool at 1:45 with Michelle Maddox from Ferst Readers and Miss Amy the school Director. - Foundations Early Childhood Education Center, 700 E Dearborn St 2:00-2:15 pm

November 4th

[Josh the Otter @ Leadership Englewood Non-Profit Day](#)

Speaker: Josh the Otter Table
Subject: Leadership Englewood designed to educate the participants about the Englewood Community and the societal and economic challenges it faces. Elk Lodge, 401 N Indiana Ave from 8:30 to 9:45am.

November 9th

[Englewood Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Federal Aviation Administration
Subject: The Federal Aviation Administration is the largest transportation agency of the U.S. government and regulates all aspects of civil aviation in the country as well as over surrounding international waters.

November 16th

[Englewood Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rita Bertler
Subject: Dollars for Mammograms is a foundation established solely for the purpose of providing no-cost mammograms to area women.

November 20th and 21st 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Volunteers Needed**

[Englewood Waterfest](#)

Speaker: THE FAMILY CONSERVATION CENTER
Subject: Josh the Otter & Rotary Mini Reef Project - Due to limited parking at Englewood Beach, no public parking will be available on Englewood Beach, Volunteers must take the red bus route and park at the SunTust building

November 2nd

[Englewood Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Gerald Thompson - Cedar Point Environmental Park
Subject: Cedar Point is one of the last remaining large tracts of undeveloped land on Lemon Bay in Charlotte County. With 115 acres pine flatwoods cover over 60 % of the park also has scrub, scrubby flatwoods, mangrove swamps, salt marshes, and wetlands.

November 8th

[SMART Girls Service Project](#)

Speaker: Session 10 - Looking Up ♦ Cindy Fitch
Subject: Boys & Girls Club @ Gulf Cove Methodist Church 1100 S McCall Rd, Port Charlotte 3:34-5:00 pm

November 15th

[SMART Girls Service Project](#)

Speaker: Session 9 - We Are Family - Kathy Castellano
Subject: Boys & Girls Club @ Gulf Cove Methodist Church 1100 S McCall Rd, Port Charlotte 3:45-5:00 pm

November 16th

[Englewood Monthly Board Meeting](#)

Speaker: Artur's Restaurant - Wine Room
Subject: All members are welcome 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Club Meeting

Englewood
Meets at Artur's Restaurant
70 N Indiana Ave
Englewood, FL 34223
Time: Tuesday at 11:30 AM

1,000th Book Mailed to Local Children!



Tomorrow, Monday, Nov 1st at 2pm we would like to celebrate with Ferst Readers the donation of the One Thousandth Book at the end of this year!

We will meet at Foundations Preschool at 1:45 with Michelle Maddox from Ferst Readers and Miss Amy the school Director.

We have also received a \$2104 donation from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation towards this Project!

Below is the press release

1,000th Book Mailed to Local Children!

At the end of 2020, Deborah Hegedus, former President of the Rotary Club of Englewood, reached out to Ferst Readers to partner together to bring books to local Englewood children as part of their literacy component. Through a Rotary District Grant, Foundations Early Learning Center began receiving an age-appropriate book and literacy resources monthly for every child, birth to five years old, as well as their classrooms in January of this year at NO COST to the families or the center.

Now, almost one year into the project, the 1000th book was mailed!

In September, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation awarded funds to continue the partnership with Ferst Readers to provide books to the children and classrooms at Foundations Early Learning Center and hope to expand the program during 2022, with the help of the Rotary Club of Englewood and the local community.

Why is this program so important to our area? Poverty and illiteracy go hand in hand. Research shows that 61% of children in low-income households do not have an age-appropriate book in the home; and that having access to books at home is more important than a father's education level and it's one of the top predictors of school success.

Locally, 67% of the school-age children in Charlotte County and almost 50% of the school-age children in Sarasota County are on Free and Reduced Lunch, which tells you there are a lot of families in the Englewood community who are struggling financially. When parents are focused on providing basic needs ♦ food, clothing, shelter, and medicines ♦ buying books is not at the top of their list.

Since a baby's brain is 85% developed by age three, it is important to have access to books which will help build background knowledge, vocabulary, and above all, a love of reading BEFORE the child enters kindergarten. For the past 21 years, Ferst Readers ♦ vision to create better learners, brighter futures, and stronger communities by giving every child under five access to quality books in their homes has done just that and for the past year, it has added 1,000 books into the homes of children in your area.

Here is what parents and teachers are saying about the program:

♦The kids love getting their books, you can see the joy on their faces. I also always add one to my library. ♦ -Ms. Patty

♦My kids really enjoy them. You should see their faces when I tell them they get to keep them. They love seeing their names on the books as well. ♦ -Ms. Diane.

♦Austin loves his books! We read them all the time before bed. ♦ ♦ Parent

If you would like to help grow Ferst Readers in the Englewood area so more children, birth to five years old, can receive a book each month, please email Michelle Maddox, Ferst Readers Program Manager, at michelle@ferstreaders.org or call 706-818-6016. You can also learn more about the program or donate, visit www.ferstreaders.org. For \$36, a child will receive an age-appropriate book and Leap Into Books parent newsletter mailed to them monthly for one year. Join us to making Englewood ♦s most valuable resource ♦ its children ♦ into little readers who will become future leaders one book at a time.

Years of Service



Walter Buzz Wescott
11-01-1990
31 Years



Esther A. Horton
11-01-1992
29 Years



William R. White III
11-01-2010
11 Years



Blaise Castellano
11-01-2011
10 Years



Kenneth R. Brennen
11-10-2015
6 Years



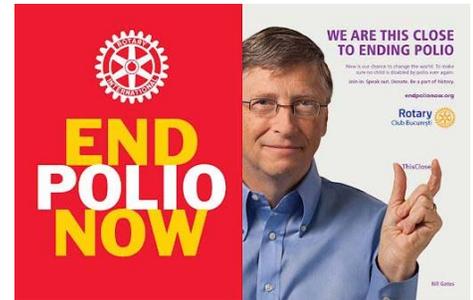
Kathy Castellano
11-09-2017
4 Years

Birthdays



Donald Landis
October 31st

Thank you to everyone who donated and sold tickets for the Tiki Party Wagon. We raised \$1715 for END POLIO NOW. That will then be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1 which turns into \$5,145.00. The winner was picked at the TRF Luau. ♦ The Gates Foundation's longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio, ♦ Gates said. ♦ That's why we're extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. ♦ He added, ♦ I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality. ♦



Rotary Mini Reef Update

This week Ocean Habitats will be installing 30 reefs from Englewood to Port Charlotte. We still have the by one get one 50% off through December 31st. These make great holiday presents for family and friends.

Let the Mini Reef bring your waters to life by providing a nursery habitat to help hundreds of native fish and crabs grow up.

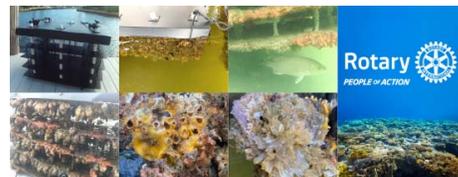
Abundant clean water is the foundation of our region's environment, quality of life, and economy. Unfortunately, massive amounts of polluted water are entering our waterways from development, fertilizers, septic tanks, and discharges from Lake Okeechobee. Much of coastal Florida was transformed with dredge-and-fill operations that created canals to maximize waterfront development. These canals provided homeowners with easy water access to our diverse waterways. They also led to the loss of mangroves and wetlands that provided natural filtration of pollutants and are devoid of wildlife. Worse, the cumulative effect of the algae and nutrients being introduced into our waterways has further intensified the effects and frequency of red tide.

We look to our elected officials to enact public policy to solve the quality of our local waterways, but everyone can help.

Here is one way YOU can make a difference and protect our water and restore wildlife habitat.

The Rotary Clubs of Englewood, Venice Suncoast and Venice Nokomis are partnering with the non-profit Ocean Habitats to offer Mini Reefs to the community, artificial reefs that offer mangrove-like nursery habitat in dockside settings. These artificial reefs will encourage the growth of filter-feeding organisms that clean seawater, as well as, recreate an environment that mimics the safety of mangroves for juvenile fish.

HOW THE MINI REEF WORKS



The Mini Reef brings life back to the waters, as it floats under your dock out of sight. Each one of these mini reefs develops its own ecosystem full of thriving marine life. First, small shrimp, crabs and baby fish use the structure as a safe place to avoid predators, but soon other residents move in.

Over 150 different filter feeders like sea squirts, barnacles, and oysters grow on the Mini Reef. They spend their days eating the green plankton out of the water passing by. A fully developed mini reef can clean all the plankton out of 30,000 gallons of seawater a day! Attracts bigger fish and mammals, too.

- For Brackish and Saltwater Use
- Grows over 300 fish & crabs per year
- Filters over 30,000 gallons of water per day
- Floats under your dock and rise up and down with the tides. Dimensions are 24" Wide x 36" Long x 24" deep
- Estimated to last 75 years
- The cost of each Mini Reef is \$300 and includes tax and installation

We are offering a special BOGO - Buy One Get One 50% off good thru December 31, 2021.

If you would like to purchase a Mini Reef [CLICK HERE](#) or have questions, call Pat Bieneman (941) 258-4527.

Rotary License Plates Support Youth Services



PLEASE HELP FLORIDA'S YOUTH

We are looking for Floridians who want to support Rotary's Youth Programs across the state and we'd like to count on you. You do not have to be a Rotarian to get a Florida Specialty Tag with the Rotary symbol all you have to do is get yours today through www.floridarotarytag.com and help us get to the 3,000-mark so the plates will go into production! Get on for your car, motorcycle, RV, motorcycle trailer, boat trailers, corporate fleet vehicles and more, and help us support this great cause! Read on for ordering instructions.

To order your voucher, go to: [OrangeCountyLPVoucher \(pointandpay.net\)](http://OrangeCountyLPVoucher.pointandpay.net)

- Under My Bills:
 - Payment Type ♦ Place an R and Rotary will come up, select ROTARY
 - Fill in Driver's License number
 - Tag/Plate if you already have a vanity plate then enter your 5 letters and/or digits. If not enter 12345
- Under Cardholder Information, enter all information then complete all Payment Information for your credit card
- Hit CONTINUE
- If screen gives you an error message go to the red indicator on screen, fix the error and click CONTINUE again
- You next screen will ask you to review and confirm, click CONFIRM and SUBMIT
- Your next screen is your receipt ♦ no need to PRINT as you will get a confirmation by email within minutes

Next you will receive a certificate by snail mail. Put it where you will remember where it is when your tag comes up for renewal (i.e. place in your glove compartment).