



ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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District 6960
Area One
Zone 34

President's Message



Our club continues its migration to DACdb for basically all aspects necessary for our members to interact with club functions.

Jessica Babcock and Linda Sandlin will help to train members on DACdb. The club will be using DACdb to sign up for lunches and eventually for paying dues. Linda Sandlin said she would be happy to go over elements of DACdb for any individual with questions.

Part of our migration is the verification of each member's information. Kathy Pasternak indicated that an email would be forthcoming to members for the Rotary Verification of Infor-

Please follow the instructions to check your personal information and contact Kathy with any questions. klpeight@gmail.com.

Member 4-way Test Impact

We have initiated a new segment with this meeting: "How has the 4-Way Test Impacted Your Life?"

Pat Rutledge reviewed what the 4-Way Test is, and then spoke about how adhering to the fourth principle—"Is it fair to all concerned?" guided her and the other members of the Scholarship Committee to offer scholarships to all eight of the final applicants as they were all deemed to be very deserving of the awards.

New Membership

Linda Sandlin spoke about membership, noting that Roy Helfrick will be inducted at the next meeting, and that Rene Ford has been approved by the Board and announced her request for membership to the club membership. Two other potential members are Luke Noble (a corporate membership from Raymond James sponsored by Darcie Guerin) and Ken Moss, III, with both insurance and power washing businesses who is sponsored by Phil Penzo.

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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

July 20- Membership/Social Team Meeting on Zoom at 5:00

August 5th- Club Meeting on Zoom with featured speaker Dan Smith, Director of Community Affairs

August 19- Club Zoom meeting with featured speaker Nancy Kot, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

August 24- Membership/Social Team Zoom Meeting at 5

August 26- Fund Raising/Flags for Heroes/Spirit Awards Meeting at 5

September 2nd Club Zoom meeting with feature speaker Brittany Piersma

September 16th Club Zoom meeting with feature speaker Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections

October 7th Zoom Club Meeting with feature speaker Linda Turner, Eagle Sanctuary

October 21st- Club Meeting In-Person- Students of the Month

November 4th- Zoom Club Meeting with feature speakers Linda Ryan and Linda Columbo

November 18th- Club Meeting in person with Students of the Month

December 2nd- Club Meeting In-Person Marco Island Charter Middle School Band/Choir

December 16th- Club Meeting In Person- Students of the Month



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Upcoming Events

July 23, PARTY!!! Jim and Allyson Richards have graciously invited us all and spouses/significant others to their beautiful home at 1884 Cascade Ct. **Friday night, July 23rd, 6:00** for a fun evening of fellowship and yummy food catered by Mangos. (All we need to bring is dessert and a smile.) This will be our first big in-person Rotary party since the pandemic began. Let's all celebrate the new Rotary year together! If you have not signed up with Linda yet you need to do so right away.

August 4th- 6pm- Join your Rotary friends to support the Museum and enjoy an excellent presentation for Free at Rose Auditorium: 'The Swamp Peddlers' by author & historian, Jason Vuic- shares stories of how modern Florida was built, and the American Dream was transformed. For more info contact Pat Rutledge. exec@themihhs.org)

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!! Rotary's 1st ever Baseball Game Social will be **August 28th** at the Ft. Myers Mighty Mussels Stadium planned by Tom Menaker. If we have a group of 16 or more then the tickets are only \$10 each and the Announcer will recognize our Rotary Club at the event. We need to make reservations to reserve our group seating so please email Linda Sandlin right away if you would like to attend and how many in your group. We will car pool and have a blast!

December 11th- The Rotary Entry in the Christmas Street Parade- "Rotary's Gifts to the World"



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Opportunities to serve our Community

August 14th Golf Tournament (Co-sponsored by Rotary Noontime & Rotary Sunrise) to raise money for the Marco Island Charter Middle School.

This is our big community event for the summer so please sign up to golf or as sponsor and invite your friends and your favorite businesses to golf or sponsor as well.

Our Club chairs: **George Abounader**, georgeabounader3962@gmail.com and **Kathy Pasternak**, klpeight@gmail.com

All golf committee meetings follow the Sunrise Club regular meetings on Tuesdays at the Sand Bar at 8:30am. Debra Shanahan from Sunrise is the chair of the event.

July 20 8:30

July 27 8:30

August 03 8:30

August 10 8:30

August 14 Tournament at Hammock Bay

September 18th - Quarterly Tigertail Beach Cleanup

November 20th - Meals of Hope Packing Event

December 4th - Keep Collier Beautiful Quarterly Cleanup



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Tigertail Beach Cleanup

Our first combined Community Service/Blue Zone/Social was led by Rotarians, Michael and Deborah Passero, owner of Paradise Cycle Boat Tours, at the Friends of Tigertail Quarterly Beach Clean Up. The Rotary Club is a Blue Zone Club and the Passeros made this community service project an extra special event.

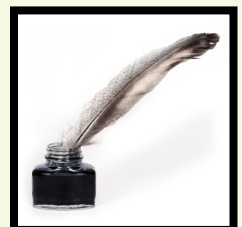
Michael served healthy Mango Banana Smoothies and Deborah led the group in a WholyFit Exercise Session on the beach following the clean-up project. Participants included Michael and Deborah Passero, Bill Kohut, Rene Ford, Mary Zachrich, plus additional friends and family.

Thank you to all for supporting this community project to keep our island beautiful and for supporting our Club with a Blue Zone project to keep our Community healthy. Please see the collage photo by Deborah Passero on the next page.



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- George Abounader
- Kathy Pasternak
- Pat Rutledge
- Linda Sandlin





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Flamingo Fiesta Rotary 6960 Conference



Alan & Linda Sandlin represented the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime at the fabulous Flamingo Fiesta Rotary District 6960 Conference hosted by Immediate Past District Governor Darryl Keys at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center.

As the District leaders and all the clubs and members in the District worked extra hard this year to serve all the challenging needs in our communities and the world, Governor Keys kept us smiling with his pink flamingo theme all year long! The conference featured outstanding internationally acclaimed speakers including RI 2020-21 President Holger Knaack, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, John Germ, Rotary superstar John Smarge, new RI President Shekhar Mehta of India whose Rotary theme is “Serve to Change Lives.”





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Additional inspiring speakers were Blake Collingsworth and his emotional presentation on Josh the Otter and water safety for children, MK Mueller, author of “8 to Great” based on 8-step process that helps people follow their dreams, and our District heroes, past, present & future District Governors, Rich Kirschner, Darryl Keys, Andy Lyman, Neil Snyder and Alfred Current. The Rotary Club of Marco Island was honored at the Awards Ceremony with 2nd place for the Membership Award and 2nd place for the mid-size Rotary Club of the Year Award.

Alan and Linda attended special sessions on Flags for Heroes, the new Rotary Intern Program, Rotern, and the new District Literacy Committee. The Sandlins reported, “You cannot come away from a Rotary District Event without being totally moved and inspired by the great work Rotary is doing to change lives in our communities and in the world. Through Rotary and its 1.2 M members every little bit that an individual does is multiplied to make a big difference in so many people’s lives.”



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Speaker Highlights July 15th, 2021

Barb Bollinger

Path2Freedom

President Love introduced the speaker for the meeting, **Barb Bollinger, the Director of Development for Path2Freedom**. Following career paths which included education and marketing, Ms. Bollinger served first as a volunteer and later became the Director of Development for Path2Freedom, a faith based not-for-profit which focuses on working with victims of commercial sex trafficking (one of the two areas of human trafficking). Path2Freedom is focused on supporting and rehabilitating teenage girls who have been victims of this terrible crime.

The speaker then stated that the U.S. ranks as the #1 consumer of human trafficking, and that 85% of the victimized girls are U.S. citizens, and 73% were born in the U.S. She further noted that Florida is the only state in the top three for both reported cases and per capita cases. The other two states are California and Texas. Human Trafficking is second only to drug trafficking in the financial gains which are recognized from its criminal pursuits--\$150 billion annually.

Ms. Bollinger then explained when the not-for-profit was founded and who the founders were. Seventy percent of the victims they support come to them through the Department of Families and Children (DFC) or Social Services. The organization is licensed with the DFC and was founded in 2015.

The mission of Path2Freedom is to provide hope and healing for teenage girls who are survivors of human trafficking, and to provide a safe environment and long-term programs for recovery.

The organization's vision is to develop a model of care replicated nationwide.

Ms. Bollinger then described in detail the Magnolia Program which is a Family First Model of Care. It is based on six pillars of restoration: (1) Family First—a safe house which is run like a family with a married couple as mentors; (2) Individualized; (3) Focus on the girls' successes; (4) Licensed medical help and oversight; (5) Collaborative with individuals who have different areas of expertise; and (6) Evidence based.

In response to a question from George Abounader, the speaker stated that they currently have six girls who are residents of the safe house. The girls do not have to stay there and are free to leave. Some may stay for several months, and two have been there for a year.



Happy Birthday

Sue Haviland	July 8
Michael Passero	July 8
Prem Advani	July 11
Kathy Pasternak	July 19
Janice Ayasun	July 10



Happy Anniversary

Sue & Wayne Haviland July 6



*With best wishes from your
Rotary Family*