



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Club 4327  
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### **Noontime News** *November 18th, 2021*

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

#### **President's Message**



Our meeting was the last meeting before Thanksgiving Day. Considering it is the time of the year when we gather around the table with our families and pause to reflect on that in which we are thankful. This year, in addition to family and friends, I'm **thankful for the privilege to serve our community as President of the Noon Time Rotary Club.** I

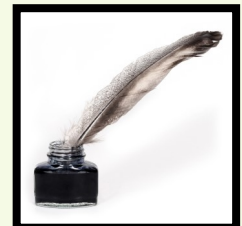
It's an honor to work for the betterment of our community with dedicated volunteers focusing on SERVICE ABOVE SELF! While we had our struggles with fundraisers, social gatherings, and meeting technology-(ha)!, we have made great strides forward with new members, business operations, events to assist our community and for socialization opportunities for our Rotarians.

I am mindful of those less fortunate and struggling in our community, state and in our country. Thanksgiving is an invitation to rededicate ourselves in our own special way that could make a difference to the most vulnerable members of our communities.

I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving holiday. I am thankful for you; without you, there would be no Rotary. **Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.** Cindy

#### **Contributors this issue:**

- Cindy Love Abounader
- George Abounader
- Sue Haviland
- Kathy Pasternak
- Pat Rutledge
- Linda Sandlin



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## *Upcoming Scheduled Meetings*

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Club Meeting In person - Marco Island Charter Middle School Band/Choir and District Guest Speaker Belinda Rodebaugh

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**- Club Meeting In person - Students of the Month

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## *Opportunities to Serve & Community Support*

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**- “Keep Collier Beautiful” Quarterly Beach Cleanup

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**- Florida Humanities Speaker Cynthia Barnett “The Sound Of The Sea” 6:00pm at Rose History Auditorium In Support of the Marco Island Historical Society.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**- “A December to Remember” featuring International Soprano, Jodi Keogan at 6:30pm. Rose History Auditorium at the Museum. \$25, Supports the Marco Island Historical Society.

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## Upcoming Events

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** - The Rotary's Entry in the Christmas Street Parade- "Rotary's Gifts to the World" in partnership with Sunrise Rotary. Jill and Arne Sandberg are chairing this fabulous, fun social event.

Email Jill Sandberg at [wlkinonsunshine@gmail.com](mailto:wlkinonsunshine@gmail.com) to sign up!



**January 29<sup>th</sup>**- Sunset dinner cruise onboard the Marco Princess along with the Sunrise Rotary Club

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>- February 26<sup>th</sup>** - "Flags For Heroes" events (See Separate Page)

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**- Spirit Awards Gala





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## Things to Know

Linda Sandlin and Rene Ford will be representing our club as part of a district wide project - "Rotary Radio People of Action" on December 1st at 8 am.

Tune in to WCCF AM 1580 on the iheart radio app (<https://news.iheart.com/apps/>) on your phone or computer to hear Linda and Rene on the Bob Alexander talk show sharing how our club embodies the "People of Action" theme.

From Flags for Heroes to beach cleanup to Students of the month, there is so much for our club to celebrate and this radio show will let the entire community know about Rotary's great work. Tell your friends, co-workers, Rotarians in other states- spread the word.

A special thanks to Cathy Gorman and Gorman's Auto Service and Tire Center for sponsoring this show. Way to step up and support the club, Cathy!



The Rotary Foundation enables Rotary members to carry out projects that make a difference locally and around the world. It makes projects, funded with Foundation grants, possible which brings sustainable improvement to communities in need. During Rotary year 2020-21, a year that communities needed our help more than ever, the Foundation approved 2,066 global grants – that's 52% more than in the previous Rotary year.

Rotary members care about making sustainable, lasting improvements to the world we live in. One way to increase that impact is with support from The Rotary Foundation. Whether it's ending polio globally, collaborating on a project internationally, or supporting their community locally, Rotary members are making a difference every day.





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## ***World Polio Day October, 2021***

**The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime stepped up to answer the call for support of Polio Plus. The following members made on-the-spot pledges for World Polio Day:**



- **Phil Penzo**
- **Cindy Love-Abounader**
- **Durell Buzzini**
- **Pat Ettensohn**
- **Ron Rutledge**
- **Linda Turner**
- **Linda Sandlin**
- **Jim Richards**
- **Prem Advani**
- **Kathy Pasternak**

**Pat Rutledge, Chair of the World Polio Day campaign, would like to express her gratitude for their support.**

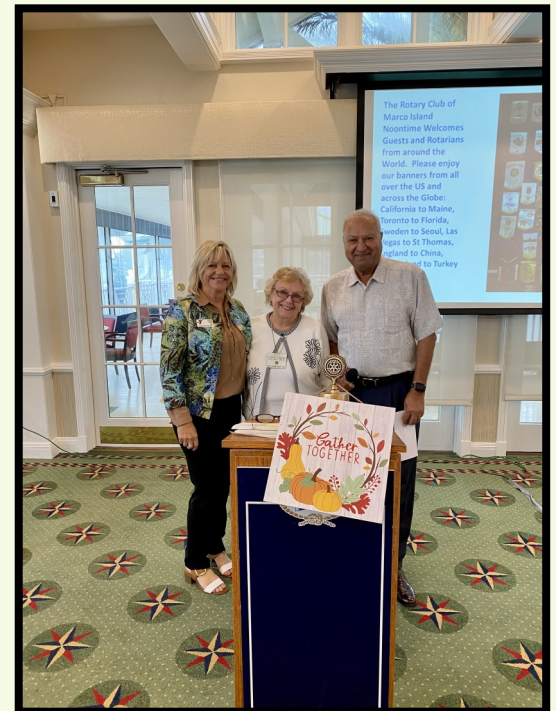


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## Community Support Presentations

**Cindy Love and Pat Ettensohn** presented to **Prem Advani** a check in the amount of **\$500** for his foundation, Educate The Children.

Prem then gave us a brief overview of his foundation and of how the funds will make an impact.



Cindy Love, Pat Ettensohn and Prem Advani



Debra Shanahan, Pat Ettensohn, Cindy Love and George Abounader (back row)

**Debra Shanahan** from the Sunrise Rotary Club presented a check in the amount of **\$6470** to our club for the proceeds of the Eagle Open Charity Golf Tournament.

These funds will benefit the Marco Island Charter Middle School.





## 2021 Meals of Hope Packaging Event



156,624 meals  
packaged!







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**November 13th, 2021**

## **Rotary Bird Watching Walkabout**

Under the leadership of birders, Jessica & Dwight Babcock, four more intrepid birders and nature lovers, Kathy Pasternak, Durell Buzzini and Alan & Linda Sandlin, met at the Episcopal Church at 7:30 am Saturday to carpool up to Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, over 3,500 acres of wetland ecosystem with a Boardwalk trail and Interpretive Center.

As we hiked the scenic boardwalk we were rewarded with great sightings of a huge pileated woodpecker, migrating flock of colorful American Restarts, black & white warbler, turtles, impressive gator, green heron+++ in addition to the surrounding magical jungle flora. Kathy won the greatest percentage increase in her bird list- 500%- previously as a New Yorker she only had only had one bird on her list- the pigeon!

We completed our morning at the Farmers Market Restaurant in Ft Myers and the green tomatoes & okra were the highlight for several in our group! Lots of laughter, good exercise, and the magic of nature. A successful day!







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## **Rotary Bird Watching Walkabout**







## 2022 Flags For Heroes Information/Timeline

**Rotary Club of Marco Island's** Premier community and fund raising event.

**Help us to spread the word about Flags for Heroes:**

- Please go to the following link on our Facebook and "Like" and "Share" the Flags for Heroes posting- Here's the link : <https://www.facebook.com/MarcoIslandNoontimeRotary>
- If you live in a condo please put up a poster and leave trifolds in a common area. Great idea: Kathy spoke to the Board President at Eagle Cay and they are going to announce it & hand out trifolds at their Veterans Day party. Contact Linda, [linda@marcorealtysource.com](mailto:linda@marcorealtysource.com) or 239-777-9200 for posters & trifolds
- Advertising opportunity for one of our club businesses- Rene and Linda will be featuring our Rotary Club and Flags for Heroes on a one hour radio show December 1<sup>st</sup>. For \$175 your business can be the sponsor and receive a shout out during the show plus 25 radio spots .... Contact Sue Haviland, [shaviland3604@gmail.com](mailto:shaviland3604@gmail.com)
- Mark your calendars & contact Linda to sign up to volunteer for any or all of the activities below. [linda@marcorealtysource.com](mailto:linda@marcorealtysource.com) or 239-777-9200
  - **January 22** - Saturday morning, **Flags Assembly**
  - **February 5**- Saturday morning- **Flag Medallion Assembly**
  - **February 19**- Saturday morning- **Mounting of the Flags Display**
  - **February 21, Monday, 5:00** - **Opening Ceremony for Flags for Heroes**
  - **February 26** - Saturday morning - **Take down & storage of flags**





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## *Speaker Highlights*

### *Andy Lyman, District Governor*



Andy Lyman, our District Governor began his talk with a reference to the events of the past year and the changes the pandemic brought to our everyday lives. He drew a parallel between “Anne of Green Gables” which he had been watching during the pandemic and Rotary. The message he found in that show reminded him our mission as Rotarians: to bring life to our communities.

He noted that Rotary is non-religious and non-political organization. Our members have their own religious and political beliefs, and we can all work together to promote positive change.

The District Governor mentioned four key skills: (1) self awareness; (2) communication—verbal, written and non-verbal; (3) influence—as Rotarians we can influence our communities by our good example and our service projects; and (4) learning agility.

He emphasized that driving membership is critical to the long-term sustainability of Rotary, and each Rotarian needs to be an enthusiastic ambassador.



## Students of the Month

November 18th, 2021

The Noontime Marco Island Rotary Club held its traditional "Students of the Month" program again on November 18th at the Marco Island Yacht Club. The students are from Lely High School, Marco Island Academy, Manatee Middle School, Marco Island Charter Middle School, and Tommie Barfield Elementary School.

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## Visiting Rotarians

We welcomed visiting Rotarians from 2 out-of-state clubs:



***Irene Ruben*** from Rotary  
Club of Indianapolis #58  
with Pat Ettensohn & Cindy  
Love



***Shirley Gofrank*** from  
Rochester, Michigan  
with Pat Ettensohn



## ***“Rotary Means Business”***

### ***Job Openings***

We have a “Jobs” Section where member can advertise Job Openings. Please email your newsletter posts to:

Pat and Ron Rutledge

[exec@themihhs.org](mailto:exec@themihhs.org) ; [rkrutledge49@gmail.com](mailto:rkrutledge49@gmail.com)

and your website posts to Jessica Babcock,

[jessica@stmarksmarco.org](mailto:jessica@stmarksmarco.org) .

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Below please find our current posts.

### **From Rev Jessica Babcock:**

I'm searching for a part-time Church Administrator for my church (St. Mark's Episcopal). If you know of anyone who might fit the bill, I have a job description I can forward to you.

You can reach me at 239-238-0302 or [jessica@stmarksmarco.org](mailto:jessica@stmarksmarco.org).

Thanks in advance for your help.

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# Happy Birthday

Bill Kohut

November 11th

Jim Richards

November 13th

Pat Rutledge

November 17th

Pat Lloyd

November 19th

Wade Keller

November 21st



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# Happy Anniversary

Ed & Barbara Pontier

November 10th



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*With best wishes from your  
Rotary Family*