



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Club 4327  
Chartered 1966

### ***Noontime News*** *October 21st, 2021*

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

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



There are always so many Rotarians to thank for the work they do, but I want to give a shout out to three special members. Thank you to [Lynne Minozzi](#) for coordinating our first in-person meeting this year with the Yacht Club! Your behind the scenes work has not gone unnoticed!

[Linda Sandlin](#) has committed over 50 hours to prepare a Powerpoint to display our information as a background for our meeting

Thank you, [George Abounader](#), for organizing and managing the **Students of the Month** program. This program has always been our Rotarian's favorite program. We look forward to having the students visit our club once again and sharing with us why their teachers picked them for the award. George put together a packet for their honor and to share a little bit of Rotary mission with them. The packet includes the 4-way test, certificate of accomplishment which is inserted into a Rotary gold foiled "Leading By Example" folder, and a Rotary sack pack. The students' picture with their awards will be submitted to the paper.

We had another wonderful opportunity to install new member at this meeting - [Cathy Gorman](#). Cathy has been on the island for several years. She operates Gorman's Auto and Tire Co. [Linda Sandlin](#) introduced her to the club as her sponsor and chair of the membership committee. See "Spotlight on Cathy Gorman" on page 6.

For the latest information on meetings, events and more, visit  
[marcoislandrotary.org](http://marcoislandrotary.org)

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## ***Upcoming Scheduled Meetings***

**November 2nd** - Zoom Board Meeting 5:00pm

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Zoom Club Meeting with feature speakers Linda Ryan and Linda Columbo

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** - Club Meeting in person - Students of the Month & District Governor Andy Lyman official visit - Bring your used glasses & sunglasses to donate to Glasses For Mexico

**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***

**November 4th** - **World Music with Patchouli & Terra Guitarra**  
5:30/7:00pm, Center for the Arts - Admission \$25/\$30

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** - **Meals of Hope Packing Event** in partnership with the Marco Sunrise Club.

**December 4th** - **“Keep Collier Beautiful”** Quarterly Beach Cleanup

**December 9th** - **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***

**November 13th**- Rotary Bird Watching Walkabout At Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Ft. Myers - 7751 Penzance Blvd.

Depart: St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot 7:30 AM (carpooling). Return: After we lunch/brunch together in Ft. Myers.

RSVP to Jessica Babcock - [jessica@stmarksmarco.org](mailto:jessica@stmarksmarco.org)

### ***About:***

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is over 3,500 acres of wetland ecosystem with a Boardwalk trail and Interpretive Center. The cypress slough catches and slowly filters rainwater on its way towards Estero Bay.

A myriad of animals like otters, alligators, turtles, wading birds, and more live at the Slough year-round. Others, like migrating birds and butterflies, use the Slough as a feeding area or a winter home.

(Wear good walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Bottled water and bug spray is recommended)

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

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







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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.

Christmas Island Style Street Parade  
December 11<sup>th</sup>

Join the fun this year by walking in the parade with  
your Noontime and Sunrise Rotarian friends

Wrap yourself in the spirit of giving back  
to our community in friendship and Joy!

Mingle & Jingle

"The best way to spread  
Christmas Cheer is  
singing loud for all to  
hear"!

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

**February 19-26**- "Flags For Heroes" events

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



## 2021 Meals of Hope Packaging Event



**Hope Warriors** - It's time....to get ready to pack meals on **November 20th!!!!!!**

WE ARE GONNA BE OUTSIDE AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE MARCO YMCA AIRNASIUM. Fingers crossed for good weather. **Looks like we will be starting at 8:30am, but stay tuned just in case.** Thank you Marco Y for your support.

Music....of course. Kevin Fitzgerald will be spinning tunes as he has done for years. Thank you Kevin.

COVID shut down most of our fundraising, so we really need donations. You can donate at [www.mohmi.org](http://www.mohmi.org) or bring me a BIG CHECK at 247 N. Collier Blvd. REGISTRATION will be open soon, but is not open yet.

Thank you to those who already sent BIG DONATIONS, our "FRIENDS of HOPE" 2021:

**CONDEE COOLING AND ELECTRIC** -takes care of all your electrical needs <https://condee.com/>.

**STEVE JOSSELYN and BETTE MCGILVRAY**-great Realtors with Premier Plus <https://www.premiereplusrealty.com/agents/603343732/Stephen-Josselyn/>; <https://www.premiereplusrealty.com/agents/60334365/Bette-McGilvray/>.

**TOM MENAKER**-a great Rotarian.

**LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM G MORRIS, P.A.** -protects your rights <http://www.wgmorrislaw.com/>.

**DENNIS AND JOAN PIDHERNY**-signed on for 3 years as a FRIEND of HOPE.

**JIM AND ALLYSON RICHARDS**-always helping the Island.

**JACKI STRATEGOS** -great Realtor with Premier Sotheby's [https://www.sothebysrealty.com/eng/associate/180-a-801-4043506/jacki-strategos](https://www.sothebysrealty.com/eng/associate/180-a-801-4043506/jacki-strategos;);

**CHUCK AND MARY THOMAS**-Chuck is one of the best Illinois attorneys <https://www.hinshawlaw.com/professionals-Charles-Thomas.html>.

**ROBERT AND CATHERINE THOMAS**-great Rotarian and supporters.

**Please support these special people and their businesses the way they support us!**

**Bill "Captain Happy Hope" Morris**





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## *New Member Spotlight*



The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is honored to welcome Cathy Gorman and Gorman Auto Service and Tire as a new business member of our Club. Cathy, along with her husband Tim, have been well-respected business owners on Marco Island for 29 years. They have 3 grown children, Catherine, Claire and Sean. Cathy has a heart for community service and especially children, having been very active with numerous school organizations as well as the Board of St. Christopher's Children's Hospital. She was a past Charter Member of Kiwanis, current Board member of the Hilton Grand Vacations Club and ARDA.

Cathy has also volunteered for Dogs on Deployment, Blue Star Mothers of the Gulf Coast, Vice President of Naples High Band, San Marco Parish Council, and Marco Community Bank Advisor. In between her busy work and volunteer schedule Cathy enjoys travelling, cruising, painting, reading, cooking... And her heart is always drawn to animal and children issues. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self" and clearly Cathy is a shining example of that motto. Welcome to our Rotary family Cathy!

The Club recognized and cheered for all our fabulous new members for 2020-21: Linda Cassens, Jessica Babcock- Webmaster, Michelle Richards- Flags Sponsor, Michael Passero (Paradise Cycle Boat Tours)- Blue Zone Chair, Darcie Guerin (Raymond James)- Flags Sponsor, Sharon Lewis- Flags Team, Kathy Pasternak- Secretary & President Elect & Flags Team, Pamela Rivard (Iberia Bank)- Flags Sponsor, Bill Kohut- new Socials Chair & Flags Team, Claudia Sotolongo- Flags Team, Samantha Bruntjen (Gulfstream Homes), Steve Suiter- Flags Team, Roy Helfrick- Flags Team, Rene Ford- Flags Team & Beach/Island Clean Up, Luke Noble (Raymond James)- Flags Sponsor, Kenny Moss (Insurance Solutions)- new Community Service Chair & Flags Team & Meals of Hope, Steve Lampar- Flags Team, Cathy Gorman (Gorman Auto Service & Tire) - Flags Team

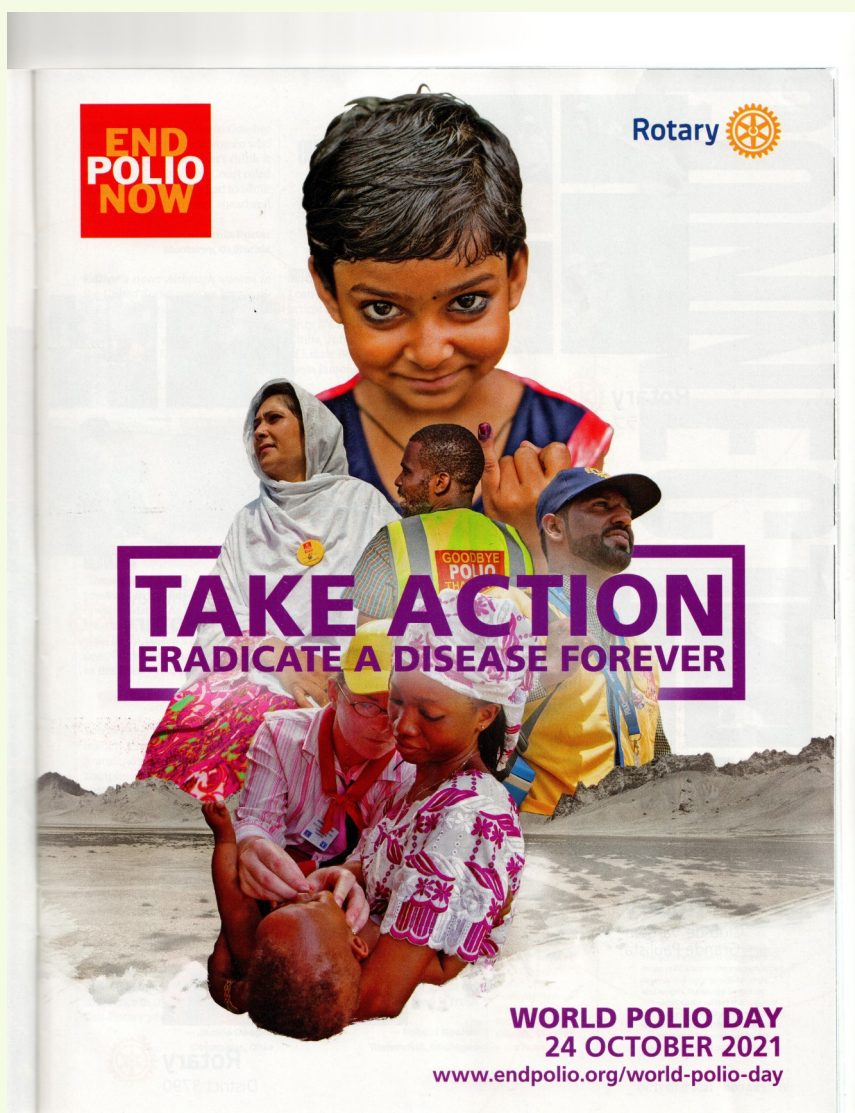
**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

# **WORLD POLIO DAY** **IS 24 OCTOBER**

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



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"Thank you" to all our generous Rotarians who donated to support Rotary's mission to eradicate this crippling disease.

There is still time to recognize World Polio Day with a gift to realize the dream of a Polio-free World.

**Pat Rutledge**

**2021 Polio Plus Chair**

**Past President 2018-2019**

**Giving to any cause is a personal choice that comes from the heart. If you are inclined to support Polio Plus with a gift of any size, please mail your donation to:**

**The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime  
PO Box 353  
Marco Island, FL 34146**

**made payable to the Marco Island Rotary Club Foundation and note "Polio Plus" in the memo line.**





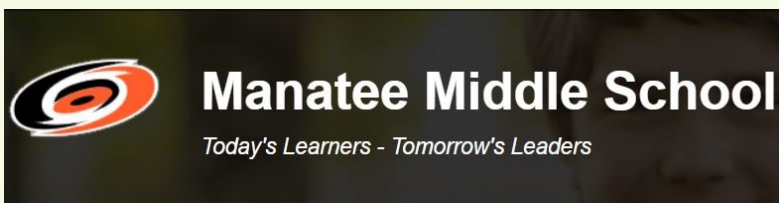
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## Students of the Month

**George Abounader** introduced the Students of the Month program. He explained why we raise money—to support others in a number of ways, including providing scholarships.

Two students from each of the schools were present and were introduced by a school administrator—Mrs. Garcia (Lely), Ms. Scott (Marco Island Academy), Mr. Dyer (Middle School) and Mrs. Yanich (Marco Island Middle School).

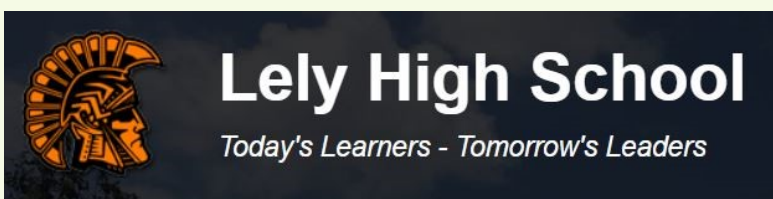
The students who were honored at this luncheon were:



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Catyana Saintil



Aubrey Ryann Guidry and  
Gabriel Alexander Alsokary



Mia Suzanne Whitthoff and  
Coby George



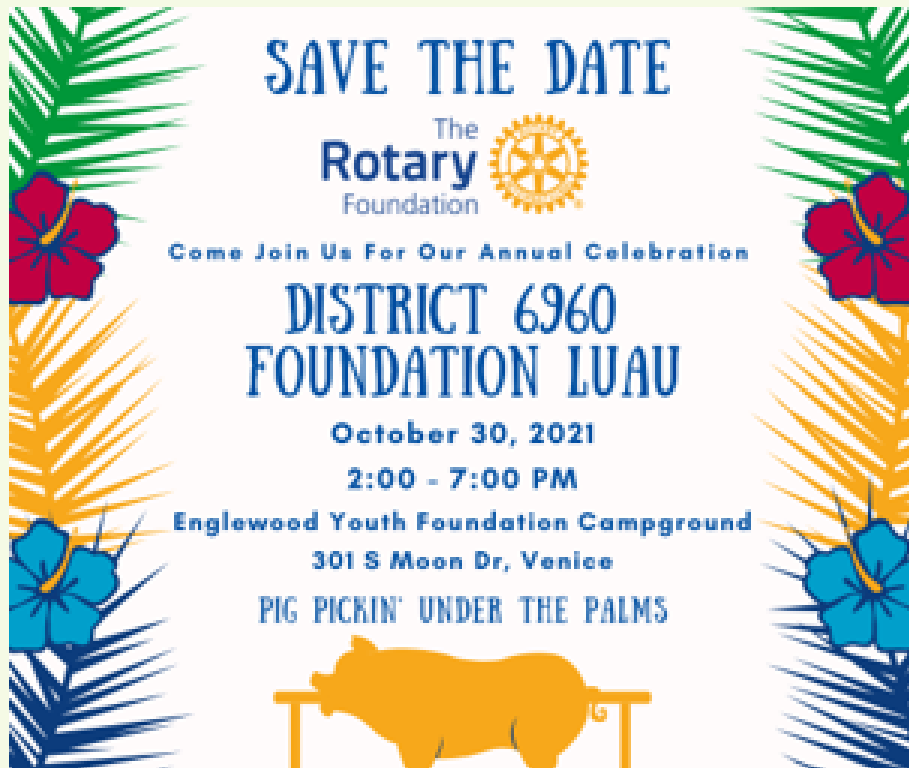
Xavier Parra and  
Isabella Burgos

The students spoke of their gratitude for the opportunities they had received, their interests and career aspirations and challenges they have encountered. One of the school administrators said that each student in the room reminded those who work with them of why they chose to be educators.





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Registration is open for our Annual District Rotary Foundation Celebration. Our outdoor gathering this year will replace the traditional hotel ballroom meetings of the past.

**Register NOW** for the District 6960 Rotary Foundation Celebration Luau - to those 134 people who already registered, thank you!

Join us for fellowship, food, and fun as we get our first look at our District Disaster Committee's reveal of our disaster equipment trailers, portable restroom trailer, and water purification trailer paid for by a District grant. There will be nature walks escorted by our Environmental Committee, steel drum duet playing your favorite tunes under the Olde Florida canopy of trees nestled by the Myakka River, and our own Rotary District 6960 'Hit and Run' band. Clubs may bring and showcase projects and grants that need collaborative help.

You don't want to miss the NC style BBQ featuring a whole hog smoked/roasted to perfection with all the trimmings. Kids 15 and under eat free. Adults pay only \$25 each. Dress code is tropical casual. Don't forget your fishing pole. It's on the river under the palms. Parking is a distance from the event area so there will be transportation from the parking area by golf carts. There is also handicap parking as well. Come join the fun and bring the kids.

**DINNER IS SERVED AT 4:00 PM**



## State of Florida

### Rotary License Plates

**ROTARY CAR TAGS - We need your help to get us to 3,000 pre-sale tag orders. It is really easy to do when you follow these instructions. If you still need help just call me.**

**Use this link:**

[OrangeCountyLPVoucher \(pointandpay.net\)](http://OrangeCountyLPVoucher(pointandpay.net))

#### **Steps:**

##### **Under My Bills**

- Payment Type - Place an R and Rotary will come up
- 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

**Cardholder section**, enter all information for credit card

Hit "continue"

- If the screen gives you an error message, go to the red indicator on screen and fix the error and click continue again
- Your 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 used my glove compartment. When your tag is up for renewal, you will use your certificate to pay for the specialty tag in addition to paying your regular registration fees.

If on the off chance that we do not get to 3,000 presale tags, you can still use the certificate for your registration fees. When we do get to 3,000 and your tag is due for renewal, just take the certificate to the tax collector's office for processing.

Any issues with the system, just call me and I will be happy to help you process it.



# Happy Birthday

**Rene Ford**

*October 18th*



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# Happy Anniversary

***Michael & Deborah Passero***

*October 23rd*



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***With best wishes from your  
Rotary Family***