



ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Noontime News October 7th, 2021

District 6960
Area One
Zone 34

President's Message



Your Rotarian Leaders have put in a lot of time and accomplished some amazing work in the last month for the operations of the club. The finance committee has converted our financials to our District Rotary Database. **You will now be able to pay your dues and other items online.** With conversions come some glitches, but we will have them worked out very soon. We will send out corrected invoices for those folks that the amounts were incorrect. DACdb is a helpful Rotary tool! It is utilized for member's information, emailing, document storage, etc. **I encourage everyone to ensure you can access the database and your own account.** You will be able to update your own information this way, too! Please let us know if you are having trouble using DACdb (District and Club Data Base) and we will assist you.

We are starting our IN-PERSON meetings on October 21st! It will be so nice to see everyone in person. **PLEASE REMEMBER: YOU MUST RSVP OF YOUR ATTENDANCE.** If you cannot attend the meeting at the Yacht Club, you have a great opportunity to invite a family member, co-worker, business associate, or friend to the meeting in your absence, **with no extra charge**, since the meals are wrapped into your quarterly dues. Just let us know and we will make sure they feel welcomed.

Also, on November 18th our **District Governor, Andy Lyman**, has a presentation for us. This is Student of the Month program as well. **We are asking our attendees to plan on staying until 1:30 for this important presentation re-**

For the latest information on meetings, events and more, visit

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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

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

October 21st - Flags For Heroes Fundraising Team Meeting, 1:00pm after Students of the Month

November 2nd - Zoom Board Meeting 5:00pm

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

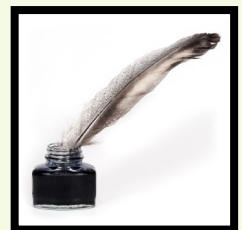
November 18th - Club Meeting in person - Students of the Month

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

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

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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

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)

December 11th- 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.

January 29th- Sunset dinner cruise onboard the Marco Princess along with the Sunrise Rotary Club

February 19-26- "Flags For Heroes" events

May 1st- Spirit Awards Gala



Opportunities to Serve & Community Support

October 14th - “Haunted Tales of SW Florida” 6-7pm, Center for the Arts - Admission \$10

October 16th - Casino Night to benefit Christmas Island Style- contact Jennifer, jtenney@tenneylawmarco.com

October 21st - Gulfshore Opera Divas in Duets 5:30-7:00pm, Center for the Arts - Admission \$25/\$30

October 22nd - Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS) Re-enactors present “Set Sail With the Crew”, a Multi-media Play. 7:00pm Rose History Auditorium at the Museum. Call (239) 389-6447 Mon-Fri 10:00am to 4:00pm for reservations. Free to MIHS Members, \$10 for Non-members.

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

November 20th - 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 14th - “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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Rotary 

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\$1100 raised by Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime in one hour for Polio Plus!

For those Rotarians that missed the excitement of the October 7th meeting, I want to share with you just a few facts about Polio and World Polio Day:

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5.

World Polio Day was initiated by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9% since Rotary's first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match funds raised at 2:1 up to \$150 million each year so every gift matters.

At our October 7th meeting, our Club raised \$1,100 for Polio Plus which, when matched by the Gates Foundation, will provide \$3,300 to deliver on the promise of a polio free world.

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.

With heartfelt gratitude for your consideration,

Pat Rutledge

Past President and Polio Plus Chair



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New Member Spotlight



The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is honored to welcome ***Steve Lampar*** as the newest member of our family. Steve shared that ever since he was a kid he has wanted to help people. Steve moved to Florida 2 years ago and his goals have expanded to wanting to “change the world, one person at a time.” His professional background includes sales and coaching and his volunteer work was with Make-A-Wish Foundation.

He is a participant in this year’s Leadership Marco to fast track learning everything about Marco Island to prepare for leadership positions in the community. Steve is currently the Development Director for the YMCA of South Collier and Greater Naples YMCA. Steve dove into Rotary even before officially becoming a member serving on the District Rotary Literacy Committee and the Flags for Heroes Team for our February 2022 event.

Steve has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. His parents lived on Marco Island for 8 years and Steve used to vacation here. He loves the outdoors, sports, hiking, boating, running and exercising and has participated in the intramural kickball league as well as playing in a wiffle ball league that is hosted at the Greater Naples YMCA. On his personal wish list of goals are to learn to scuba dive, run a 5 K and join Rotary.

Well, you just achieved one of those goals, Steve, and we are thrilled to welcome you into our Rotary family where you can “change the world, one person at a time.”



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Speaker Highlights October 7th, 2021



Linda Turner

Community Relations Director

Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation Management

Linda Turner delivered a presentation that included some history, some current activities, and future plans for the “Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary” under the auspices of the Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation (MESF).

The Foundation was formed in 2010 and has as its main mission “,, to work with the citizens of Marco Island as well as, City, County, and State organizations to guarantee the safety of the active Bald Eagle nest on the Marco Island Nature Preserve on Tigertail Ct.” The Foundation’s primary objective “... is the preservation of the American Bald Eagles and their habitats on Marco Island, Florida and to educate the community about the importance of these majestic birds and how to expand the bird population on Marco Island once known as an Eagle Sanctuary.”

Turner spoke about the 11+ acres that comprises the sanctuary as deeded by the original developers of Marco Island, the Mackle Brothers, for educational purposes.

Bald eagles have resided on the Marco Island Nature Preserve property since the 1970’s. The Preserve has a new family of bald eagles as of September 2018 and the nesting season has been a great success so far resulting in two eaglets as of February 2019. Calusa seems to be taken with her new mate and has trained him well.

The bald eagle, a state and federally protected species, holds a special status of prominence as America’s symbol for freedom and strength. The bald eagle also holds symbolic significance in our community as the City uses the eagle on its logo and signs. The Marco Island Charter Middle School’s mascot is also the eagle, and in February of 2011, the fifth grade class at Tommie Barfield Elementary named the pair of Eagles “Paleo” and “Calusa”.

Future plans call for a Nature Learning Center, Walking Paths, a High Profile Destination for the Visitors, and a World Class Vacation Destination.

The Foundation is looking forward to many years of successful breeding seasons with new families of eagles.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING DACdb for 2021 -2022

INVOICING QUESTIONS

Do I have to pay my Rotary Club Dues Invoice through DACdb or can I still pay by check?

You can still pay by check. Make out the check to "Rotary Club of Marco Island," and mail to Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime, P.O. Box. 353, Marco Island, Fl. 34146.

If I pay my dues through DACdb is there a convenience fee? If so, how much?

Yes, there is a convenience fee of 3.5% that is paid by the Rotarian to keep our club from incurring this expense.

What is the convenience fee for and who receives the money?

The convenience fee eliminates the process of writing a check, addressing an envelope, the cost of a postage stamp, and mailing the letter. Additionally, it helps the club track and record payments automatically, which streamlines our accounting process. Pay Pal receives the convenience fee money.

Is PayPal safe?

PayPal is used by hundreds of millions of people. It's considered one of the safest ways to conduct financial transactions on-line, potentially more secure than using a credit card.

How do I pay for additional amounts such as Happy Dollars, Question of the Week, Blue Bucket, etc.? Do I still pay those via check or can I use DACdb?

For many of these charges, we will invoice you when we are ZOOMING; therefore, all invoices will not look the same.

Each invoice will have a line item for the quarterly dues. Following that line, other lines may appear on your invoice (e.g. Students of the Month sponsorships, Happy Dollars, Question of the Week, etc.), depending on whether or not they apply to you.

When we are meeting in person at the Yacht Club, these dollars will be collected at the meeting, as we have done in the past.

As a new member, how will I be assessed dues?

Members joining between the months of August thru June will have their member dues prorated accordingly.

How long do I have to pay dues? What happens if I do not pay my dues on time?

Member dues are due upon receipt of invoice. Late payment will be subject to a late charge.

How do I resolve an issue with my dues bill or payment? Who can I contact if I have questions?

Contact George Abounader at georgeabounader3962@gmail.com or Gene D'Onofrio [@gdonofrio5@gmail.com](mailto:gdonofrio5@gmail.com).

When can I expect to receive my quarterly dues invoice?

Quarterly invoices are emailed on July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st.



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REGISTERING FOR LUNCHEON QUESTIONS

When we bring guests or if an out-of-town Rotarian reads about our luncheon at the Marco Island Yacht Club and decides to attend our meeting, can they pay at the meeting?

Yes, but if you know that your guest will be attending, please let Lynne know. Her contact information is (239) 259 - 0936 or lynneminozzi@gmail.com.

Since this is a plate dinner and not a smorgasbord, how will the plate count be accurate if our club members, Rule of 85 club members, guests, Kingfishers, etc. do not register on DACdb to attend the luncheon?

One week before the meeting, our Rotarians, including those who are under the Rule of 85, who have not registered on DACdb will be contacted asking them if they are attending.

Kingfishers will be contacted and Lynne will receive a count of how many Kingfishers will attend and factor that into her plate count when she reports it to the MIYC. Lynne will be the person giving the lunch count to the MIYC.

For guests or out-of-towners who have not or cannot register, we will add 3 extra meals to the count and try to make accommodations. This is tricky because the plate count is an unknown variable that will change for each luncheon meeting. **If for some reason, you cannot register, please give Lynne a call at (239) 259 0936 or email her at lynneminozzi@gmail.com one week before the luncheon and her know that you will attend.**



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District Rotary Leadership Institute

Many of us have attended the **District Rotary Leadership Institute classes** and they are transforming. We cannot say enough to recommend it. The next opportunity is coming up next Saturday the 16th at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte.

Details:

October 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cultural Center in Port Charlotte, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Classes offered: Part One - The Rotarian -the Basics of Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian
Part Two - The Rotary Club - a deep dive into analyzing your Rotary Club,
and Part Three - The Rotary Journey - the history of Rotary, the Foundation, Leadership strategies, foundation grants and strategies
Cost is \$100 which includes breakfast and lunch

We will meet in-person but will be following District 6960 COVID-19 protocols so space is limited. All participants will be able to enjoy great training and fellowship with other Rotarians while safely following protocols.


If you need more information or have any questions please feel free to contact our registrar Bonnie Bolton (information below). Rotarians can register on DACdb - just go to the district calendar and search for the class on the October 16th date. If any of your members need assistance with registering, or if you would like for a personalized link to be sent to a particular member, please let Bonnie know and she will be happy to assist.

Bonnie Bolton
bonniebolton23@yahoo.com
318-564-0440



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SAVE THE DATE

The
Rotary
Foundation 


Come Join Us For Our Annual Celebration

**DISTRICT 6960
FOUNDATION LUAU**

October 30, 2021
2:00 - 7:00 PM

Englewood Youth Foundation Campground
301 S Moon Dr, Venice


PIG PICKIN' UNDER THE PALMS



The graphic is framed by tropical decorations including green palm fronds, red hibiscus flowers, yellow palm fronds, and blue hibiscus flowers. At the bottom center, there is a yellow pig on a wooden stand.

It is time for us to join together in the great outdoors for good fellowship, fun, food and fantastic music. With just 22 days to finish the preparations, we need to know how many people to count on for the event.

There is plenty of work that goes in to this types of event and with our District Governor Nominee, Alfred Current and his lovely bride, Karen preparing all the food you know there will be something there to please everyone.

Please get your reservations in today  [Register NOW](#) for District 6960 TRF Luau

Bring all the kids for a great Rotary afternoon and let's start introducing them to Rotary too!



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“Rotary Means Business”

Job Openings

In addition to advertising our members’ and sponsors’ businesses we now have a “Jobs” Section where member can advertise Job Openings. Please email your newsletter posts to:

Pat and Ron Rutledge

exec@themihis.org ; rkrutledge49@gmail.com

and your website posts to Jessica Babcock,

jessica@stmarksmarco.org .

Below please find our current posts.

From Claudia Sotolongo:

Our Coldwell Banker Marco office is in dire need of a sales support administrator. Below is the link to the job posting. Let me know if you think of anyone, I’d really appreciate it! claudia.sotolongo@cbrealty.com 305-467-9502

https://realogy.eightfold.ai/careers/job?domain=realogy.com&pid=137447462951&pid=137447517083&location=Marco%20island&domain=realogy.com&job_index=2



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Happy Birthday

Rene Ford

October 18th



Happy Anniversary

Michael & Deborah Passero

October 23rd



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