



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Club 4327  
Chartered 1966

### ***Noontime News*** *September 16th, 2021*

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

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



Kathryn Pasternak, gave us her 4-way test mission moment . Kathryn is serving as our secretary this year and will be the incoming President for 2022-2023.

Thank you so much for all your dedication to the club and Rotary in general. It was great hearing your mission moment! Just a reminder the **4-WAY TEST** is listed below:

Is it the **TRUTH**;

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned;

Will it build **GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**, and;

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned!

Read "Reflections on the 4-Way Test" in this newsletter on page 10.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - **PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Our Club's First Meeting In Person after 18 months - fabulous lunch at the beautiful & prestigious Marco Island Yacht Club. Our favorite Students of the Month feature. Enjoy glorious views of the Marco River. Induction of new member, Cathy Gorman, Gorman's Auto Service & Tire. Looking forward to everyone attending this exciting meeting. We all need to sign up in advance for the yacht club's chef to prepare our plated lunches. Our Tech Finance Team is busy preparing DACdb so we can sign up and pay directly on the website. So practice signing into DACdb.

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

[marcoislandrotary.org](http://marcoislandrotary.org)

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## *Upcoming Scheduled Meetings*

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** Zoom Club Meeting with featured speaker Linda Turner, Eagle Sanctuary

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Club Meeting In person - Students of the Month

**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

**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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## *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.

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## Opportunities to Serve & Community Support

**October 16th - Casino Night** to benefit Christmas Island Style- contact Jennifer, [jtenney@tenneylawmarco.com](mailto:jtenney@tenneylawmarco.com)

**October 22nd - Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS) Re-ennactors** 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 20<sup>th</sup> - Meals of Hope Packing Event** in partnership with the Marco Sunrise Club.

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

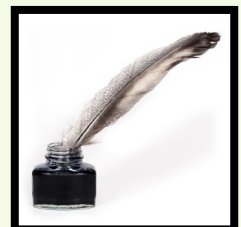
**December 9<sup>th</sup> - Florida Humanities Speaker** Cynthia Barnett “The Sound Of The Sea” 6:00pm at Rose History Auditorium In Support of the Marco Island Historical Society.

**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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### *Contributors this issue:*

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- Kathy Pasternak
- Pat Rutledge
- Linda Sandlin





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## ***Get Involved!***

With our club goal to provide each member with the opportunities for service and leadership that match your passions I would like to share several upcoming opportunities with you. I highly recommend getting as involved with the club as your time allows. The feeling of fulfillment of the “ownership” of a project that transforms lives fills you with such joy and it is also a fun way to make new friends.

- Flags for Heroes- the net proceeds from this project go to meet the critical needs in our community. More detailed description of Flags for Heroes event and sponsorship opportunity details attached above. This is an amazingly exciting and moving community event and Alan and I have the step by step process totally in place from last year’s successful experience. If you are interested in being involved with the leadership of this event in the future I would love to have you co-chair with me this year.
- One of the keys to success of Flags for Heroes is selling flag sponsorships, major sponsorships and placing posters and tri-folds in businesses. We will divide the island up into areas and we are looking for volunteers to visit the businesses in a specific shopping area with posters and to let them know about sponsorship opportunities. We will provide you with the posters and tri-folds and brief friendly “pitch.” We found the businesses are receptive and really appreciative of your community service. If you are interested in this fun project getting to know our local businesses and would like to volunteer for an area or a few specific businesses that you frequent please email me. I need your help. We will begin in October.
- We love to get the youth involved - if you would like to contact the schools and/or scouts about promoting *Flags for Heroes* to the students to take home to their parents and neighborhoods that would be great. Please email me.
- Last year our biggest sponsor was the Marco Island Yacht Club. That was the result of doing a 5-minute presentation at one of their functions. If you belong to a club and could arrange for a brief presentation at one of their meeting for either you or me to do that would be terrific. Please let me know.

I can't wait to hear from you on how you would like to help with this great event!





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## “Flags For Heroes” Collateral

Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club in partnership with YMCA

### Flags for Heroes

The Field of Flags will be displayed President's Day Week  
**\*\*Net proceeds from the event will go back to serving our critical co**

#### 2022 Sponsorship Opportunities

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**\$50 HERO SPONSOR-** Sponsor 1 Flag with Medallion in Honor of Your h

- Opening Ceremony Program Recognition

**\$250 BRONZE HERO SPONSOR-** 4 Flags with Medallions in Honor of

- Press Release Recognition & Opening Ceremony Program Recognit

**\$500 SILVER HERO SPONSOR-** 8 Flags with Medallions in Honor of Yc

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- Home Page V

**\$1000 GOLD EVE**

- All the above
- 1-Year Ad for

**\$2000 PLATINUM**

- All the above
- Exclusive Sig

**\$3000 DIAMOND**

- All the above
- Special Reco

**\$5000 OPENING**

- All the above
- Exclusive Bar

**\$7,500 FIELD OF**

Heroes

- All the above
- Exclusive Bar
- Presentation

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Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club in partnership with YMCA

### Flags for Heroes

Thank you for your support of our Heroes.

Thank you for your support of our Community.

Please print neatly all info below so we can process accurately- thank you

SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime

in partnership with the YMCA presents

### FLAGS FOR HEROES



For only \$50 you can sponsor your HERO with a flag  
 in a spectacular display of hundreds of American flags  
 February 20<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup> on the corner of San  
 Marco and Sandhill adjacent to the Y. Opening Ceremony is  
 February 21<sup>st</sup>, Presidents' Day, at 5:00.

More sponsorship levels are available with  
 advertising opportunities.

**WHO IS YOUR HERO?** A Healthcare Worker, Food Supplier,  
 Volunteer, Veteran, our Military, First Responder, Policeman,  
 Fireman, Teacher, Mentor, Care Giver, Family Member, Friend...

**Proceeds from this event will go back to serving our  
 community's critical needs.**

Get your sponsorship application by emailing  
[Linda@MarcoRealtySource.com](mailto:Linda@MarcoRealtySource.com)

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## ***“Rotary Means Business”***

### ***Job Openings***

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In additional 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@themihs.org](mailto:exec@themihs.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 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](mailto: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](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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## ***New Member Spotlight***



Thank you to Phil Penzo for sponsoring our newest and youngest club member, ***Kenny Moss***!

A hard-working entrepreneur, Kenny has his own business as well as being an Insurance CPSR with Insurance Solutions. The Moss family has been on Marco Island for 5 generations. As a young resident of Marco, Kenny is looking to make a difference in the community and he believes Rotary is a great way to do that through volunteer work and community leadership.

He has already served as a valuable volunteer for the Rotary Golf Tournament raising money for the Marco Island Charter Middle School. Boating, sports and golf are among Kenny's hobbies.

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is delighted to have Kenny in our family. Welcome aboard!





## Speaker Highlights September 16th, 2021

Jennifer Edwards

Collier County Supervisor of Elections

Jennifer Edwards, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections for the last 20 years highlighted four sections from the “Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club” booklet that was emailed to us prior to the meeting. The sections which she referred to were “Voter Statistics,” Voter Turnout,” “General Election,” and “2022 Election Cycle.”

### REGARDING “VOTER STATISTICS:”

239,247 registered voters in Collier County

Party Affiliation: 51% Republicans; 24% Democrats; 25% are registered among 9 minor parties

Race: 80% White; 12% Hispanic; 4% Black; 4% Other

Gender: 46% Male; 53% Female; 1% Unspecified Gender

Age: 41.3% age 66 and older

Summary: The majority of voters are White Republican Women over age 66.

### REGARDING “VOTER TURNOUT:”

While only 39% of Collier County Voters turn out for primaries, we lead the State in turnout for the General Election. In 2016, 87% turned out to vote and in 2020, 90% of County voters turned out to vote, amounting to 209,352 votes.

Early Voting and Voting by Mail account for an overwhelming percentage of the votes while Election Day voting turnout was only 13.7%.

### REGARDING “GENERAL ELECTION” AND “2022 ELECTION CYCLE:”

Ms. Edwards pointed out that there will be 3 methods of voting: by Mail, Early Voting, and Election Day. She concluded by emphasizing and explaining the security in the elections. Results are transmitted over a secure and encrypted connection to their tabulation room that is NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET. Only 7 employees have access to that room. Audits are held. Paper ballots are kept as a fall back (“You can’t hack paper,” Edwards said).

Finally, staff is trained about election security, which includes both physical and cyber security.





## World Polio Day 2021



**WORLD POLIO DAY**  
**IS 24 OCTOBER** [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



In the September/October editions of the Noontime News we feature an informative update on Rotary's progress to rid the World of this paralyzing disease.

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### Challenges

Rotary and our partners have made tremendous progress against polio, but eliminating all cases is going to take even more progress and perseverance. Afghanistan and Pakistan face unique challenges, including political insecurity, highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, and, in some instances, vaccine refusal and misinformation. With sufficient resources, the commitment of national governments, and innovations that improve access to remote areas, we are optimistic that we can eliminate polio.

### Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.



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## ***Reflections on the 4-Way Test***

**Is it the truth?**

**Is it fair to all concerned?**

**Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**

**Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

In thinking about Rotary's 4-Way Test it seems to me that those few words can be read and applied to our lives in many ways. At first it might be reasonable to think that the test was meant to apply to our business and professional interactions as those were an important part of the foundation of Rotary. But as we consider those four questions in greater depth it becomes apparent that we can apply the test to our personal and family lives and to our community involvement. In fact, the power of that simple test extends far beyond the limits of our business lives.

For example, we can look at each of the four questions individually—is what we are considering acting upon the truth? How do you define the truth? If you look at that first question alone, you can spend lots of time thinking about what the truth is. In some situations, it may be readily apparent. But in other situations, there may be nuances to the truth or individuals may hold firmly to their own truths. The current polarization in our society is proof that people may use different measures in defining the truth.

Perhaps it is helpful then to look at how the four questions relate to each other to help us to navigate difficult decisions or challenging times. I think this is a very Rotarian concept. Consider how Rotary encourages all faiths and beliefs to work together in a respectful way for the betterment of our world. We may have our own cherished beliefs—our truths—and our truths may be different from our neighbors'. However, we can still work together towards the attainment of important agreed-upon goals. Along with that, of course, comes the third question: will it build goodwill and friendships? Hopefully, by being respectful of the needs and concerns of others, we can find solutions to disagreements that previously we thought were unresolvable, and we can thereby build goodwill—even if establishing friendships might be more of a challenge.

And then, the fourth important question: will it be beneficial to all concerned? I don't think that beneficial in this context means that we get everything we want. I think it means that we understand that we can listen to one another—and perhaps disagree—perhaps passionately disagree—but we choose to pursue an overriding goal which is to make our community and our world a better place. Only a naïve individual would think we will always be successful in reaching that goal. But how much might be gained from trying? Might it help to guide you in the challenge that you are confronting at the moment?

I wish that I could enlighten you with answers to the many problems that confront us each day. Unfortunately, I am not up to the task. But perhaps you might consider that beautifully simple 4-Way Test when you are confronted with issues in your personal lives as well as your professional and community-based lives. In a way, taking the time to ponder the answers to the four questions in the test as they relate to a given situation can give us the courage to do what we believe is right and fair, and it can also give us the satisfaction of knowing that we have tried to consider the concerns and needs of others. We have tried to be fair and we have been willing to make adjustments to our initial stance in the interest of achieving a greater benefit.



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## *The Environment*

Our 2019-2020 President and Environmental Project Co-Chair, **Durell Buzzini**, gave us a pointer to help save the **environment** by buying biodegradable trash bags.

I think this is great idea and hope to start using them soon myself. According to Durell, they can be purchased on Amazon.







# Happy Birthday

Al Diaz September 8  
Roy Helfrick September 19  
Tom Menaker September 30



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# Happy Anniversary

*Alan & Linda Sandlin*  
September 24



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*With best wishes from your  
Rotary Family*