



ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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Noontime News *September 2nd, 2021*

District 6960
Area One
Zone 34

President's Message



Thank you for your commitment to "Service Above Self".

First and most importantly-Please pray for our military and all those left behind in a country of unrest. And, please keep all the victims of COVID in your thoughts and prayers.

The **Membership Committee** has developed a new program for our businesses. Under our area of focus of "**Rotary Means Business**", if we can work it out, we will assist businesses by postings job openings by linking your website and posting in the newsletter. The team will let us know when they are ready to implement.

We installed Luke Noble as a member this week. He is from Plymouth, Michigan where he was also a Rotarian. He is a member of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and a participant in the Chamber's Leadership Marco program.

October 21st - **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

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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings

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

October 7th Zoom Club Meeting with featured 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 - 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

Upcoming Events

November 13th- **Pre-holidays Cruise Party** on board the Marco Princess for a dinner cruise. Bill Kohut and Kathy Pasternak are working with Robin at Princess. Kathy had 18 yes's from members and will follow up and invite our soon-to-be-members and other friends of Rotary to add to our count.

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.



Opportunities to Serve & Community Support

September 17th - Casino Night to benefit MICMS- contact Jennifer, jtenney@tenneylawmarco.com

September 18th - 8-11 am Quarterly Tigertail Beach Cleanup is part of worldwide International Coastal Clean Up Day- Your September Community Service Project Opportunity.

October 16th - Casino Night to benefit Christmas Island Style- contact Jennifer, 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.

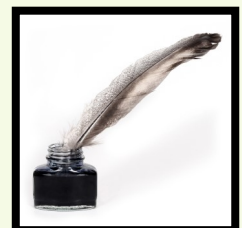
November 20th- **Meals of Hope Packing Event** in partnership with the Marco Sunrise Club.

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

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.

Contributors this issue:

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





“Rotary Means Business”

Job Openings

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 ; 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



New Member Spotlight

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime welcomes ***Luke Noble*** as the newest member of our Rotary family. Luke, a Financial Advisor at Raymond James on Marco Island, is Darcie Guerin's new business partner. Darcie introduced Luke to the Club praising his ethics and integrity and commitment to serving his clients.

Luke hails from Plymouth. He and his wife Laura and 3 children Isabella, Lila and Crew now reside in Naples since 2020. Luke notes, ***"I'm celebrating 10 years of marriage to my lovely bride, Laura, and consider myself blessed to have my best friend as my wife. We value family above all so we spend a lot of time creating memories... We are grateful to be in paradise."***

Luke has been serving clients and colleagues for over 25 years in varying roles with several industries; automotive, advertising, manufacturing, construction and financial services. He has a great passion to learn and trustfully be in a position to serve others. Prior to moving to Florida, Luke was active serving in Rotary and at the Saline Area Senior Center in Michigan.

On Marco Island, Luke is an active member of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and a participant in the Chamber's Leadership Marco Program. He is already generously serving through Rotary having been a sponsor of the Rotary Eagle Golf Tournament to benefit the Marco Island Charter Middle School.

Luke's hobbies include healthy eating, fitness, meditation, reading, tennis, golf, boating and hiking. The Rotary Club is honored to welcome Luke into our family. He truly lives our "Service Above Self" motto.



Speaker Highlights September 2nd, 2021



Audubon Western Everglades

**Brittany Piersma,
Biologist**

BRITTANY PIERSMA, a fulltime biologist of Audubon Western Everglades (AWE) introduced us to the “Gopher Tortoise” program and to “Owl Watch”

The Audubon Western Everglades organization was founded in 1961 as an independent non-profit dedicated to protecting Southeast Florida’s natural resources and wildlife through advocacy, education, and community science. AWE’s 60 volunteers assist with surveying and monitoring.

Both the Burrowing Owl and the Gopher Tortoise are “threatened species” but only the former is federally protected throughout the nation; the gopher tortoise is federally protected only in the Alabama’s western counties west of Mobile.

The Burrowing Owl:

Is ground dwelling; digs 6 - 10 ft. long nests; the female lays 2 - 12 eggs and provides incubation for the eggs while the male hunts, provides food, and protects the family inside of the nest.

The male and female are identical in size, about 7.5 - 10 inches tall with a wingspan of 21 - 24 inches and weigh 4.5 - 9 ounces.

The oldest burrowing owl was sighted in Ca. and was at least 9 years and 11 months old.

On Marco Island, there are up to 400 sites with 200 of them being active and monitored by 60+ volunteers.

The Gopher Tortoise:

Originated 60 million years ago; dig deep burrows like a gopher; adults are 8 - 15 inches long and weigh 8 - 15 pounds, with the female being larger than the male; live to be 40 - 60 years.

On Marco Island, Gopher Tortoise Day is celebrated on April 10. There is a survey of all potential Gopher Tortoise habitat to estimate the number of tortoises and their ages, according to the burrow sizes.

Current totals are 165 surveys showing approximately 2,000 potentially occupied burrows for 1,000 tortoises. Many gopher tortoises live around the “Indian Hills” section of the Island.

Both the tortoise and the owl are threatened by several similar adversaries:

Land development (although relocating before clearing land and building can be done); Invasive Species; Traffic; Disease; the Rat Trap Boxes, to list a few.



World Polio Day 2021



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



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

Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our [PolioPlus](#) program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.



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Noontime Social Events

August 28- Take Me Out to the Ball Game!!

Rotary's 1st ever Baseball Game Social was August 28th, at the Ft. Myers Mighty Mussels Stadium planned by Tom Menaker. We did not win the game but we had a great time!





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After rain- rain- rain, the skies cleared for our much anticipated Rotary Club Sunset Cruise September 3rd onboard generous Rotary member, Bill Kohut's, fabulous 55 ft Hatteras yacht. Sailing from the Esplanade docks, each guest was greeted with a glass of champagne and long stem rose for the ladies compliments of our gracious host, Bill.

A colorful rainbow graced the sky along with dramatic clouds from the leftover storm as we boarded the ***Lady Joanna***. Dancing dolphins entertained us on the bow as we cruised out of Collier Bay to the Marco Pass and Rex DeJaager entertained us with festive music.

Mango's catered the delectable feast on board and fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Bill added the Rotary "Service to the Community" touch by requesting the Rotary guests bring Children's Books to donate to local children as their "boarding pass." The book collection was a big success and the cruise a "nautical blast" in crew member, Tom Menaker's words! Thank you Bill for your gracious generosity.





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Happy Birthday

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



Happy Anniversary

Alan & Linda Sandlin
September 24



*With best wishes from your
Rotary Family*