

Rotary



Club of Coral Gables

Club Meeting

Coral Gables
Meets at Hyatt Regency
Coral Gables
50 Alhambra Plz
Coral Gables, FL 33134-
5204
Time: Thursday at
12:15 PM



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President's Message:



Meetings on Zoom in person and/or zoom until further notice. Scroll down to see speaker information. Guests please register on the meeting you wish to attend.

Thursday @ 12:15pm

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***Yours in Rotary Service,
Nicolas Eterovic
President 2021-2022***

Note: You can download a 'pdf' version of your club Handbook & Bulletin at www.coralgablesrotary.org, click on "Weekly Bulletins" and download. All events and speakers can also be found on the website.

Club Meetings

[John Allen, Executive Director](#) - October 14th
Coral Gables Museum



John Allen is a third-generation Miamian, born in Coral Gables and raised there and in Pinecrest. He is a graduate of the [University of Miami](#), where he also pursued post-grad studies. Allen joined Gables-based Home Financing Center in 1994 and worked there until 2017, his last seven years as Executive VP of Operations. Allen has served with many community organizations, including as chairman of the [Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce](#) 2016-2017. John Allen Jr. currently serves on the board of the [Coral Gables Community Foundation](#). In 2017 he became the executive director of the [Coral Gables Museum](#).

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[Gaston Comas](#) - October 21st
Former CEO of HBO Latam



Gaston Comas, Ole Communications Group

[Minerva Salles, founder and CEO of OMG Creative Solutions](#) - October 28th
Why Should You Care About Corporate Social Responsibility?



Minerva Salles is the founder and CEO of OMG Creative Solutions , a creative digital media agency that produces and develops her popular podcast, online training courses, and other multimedia content for business and entrepreneurial clients, and helps them bridge cultural gaps and language barriers for opportunities to build brand awareness in the United States. Ms. Salles, who is fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Italian, also links her clients to strategic social impact partners who can help their audience incorporate important social and economic causes into their business models and to understand better the values and cultural needs of the people they aim to serve.

[Dr. David Deitrich, Miami Project to Cure Paralysis](#) - November 4th
The Latest Advances from The Miami Project



W. Dalton Dietrich, Ph.D

Scientific Director, The Miami Project

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Club Leaders



Nicolas Eterovic
President



Rudford Hamon
President-Elect



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Club Director
Club Executive Secretary



William Fitzhugh Quesenberry III
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Club Director



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Club Director

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Kinetic Concepts Distinguished Chair in Neurosurgery
Senior Associate Dean for Discovery Science
Co-Director, Institute for Neural Engineering
Professor, Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Biomedical Engineering and Cell Biology

2021-22 District Governor Joe Schumacker - November 11th
Rotary Alive



District Governor Joe Schumacher

Unveils his "Governor's Plan", Rotary Alive which establishes the platform on which Rotary success in the future can be built and discusses his plans and goals for the 2021-22 Rotary Year.

Events for July '20-June '21

October

13th - [Fundraiser Networking Mixer - Fritz & Franz Bierhaus](#)

18th - [Board Meeting](#)

28th - [Club Meeting - In Person & Zoom](#)

14th - [Club Meeting - In Person & Zoom](#)

21st - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

29th - [Fifth Friday](#)

November

1st - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

8th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

11th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

18th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

4th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

10th - [Chili Cmte Mtg](#)

15th - [Board Meeting](#)

December

2nd - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

8th - [Chili Cmte Mtg](#)

13th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

20th - [Board Meeting](#)

6th - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

9th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

16th - [Club Meeting - In Person & Zoom](#)

January

1st - [50th ANNUAL MOOSE MILK PARTY](#)

10th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

13th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

26th - [Chili Cmte Mtg](#)

3rd - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

12th - [Chili Cmte Mtg](#)

24th - [Board Meeting](#)

27th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

February

2nd - [Chili Cmte Mtg](#)

10th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

24th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

7th - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

14th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

28th - [Board Meeting](#)

March

7th - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

14th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

24th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

10th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

21st - [Board Meeting](#)

April

4th - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

14th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

28th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

11th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

18th - [Board Meeting](#)

29th - [Fifth Friday](#)

May

2nd - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

9th - [Membership Cmte Mtg](#)

16th - [Board Meeting](#)

5th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

12th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

19th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)



Public
Relations
Chair
Club
Director



Thomas
Dixon
Club
Director
Sergeant-at-Arms



Terry C.
Long
Scholarship
Chair
Club
Director



Henryka
Manes
International
Service
Chair
Club
Director



Felix Pardo
Club
Director
Club Service
Chair
Membership
Chair



Rene Rocha
Civic and
Charity
Chair
Club
Director
Community
Service
Chair



Francis X.
Sexton Jr.
Club
Director
Vocational
Service
Chair



James N.
Skinner
Club
Director
Club
Programs
Chair



Yolanda
Virginia
Woodbridge
Rotary
Foundation
Chair
Club
Director



Kelly Garces
iPast
President



Regine J.
Joly
Area
Governor

26th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

June

2nd - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

9th - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

16th - [Club Meeting - Zoom](#)

23rd - [Club Meeting - In person & Zoom](#)

6th - [Intl Serv Cmte Mtg](#)

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20th - [Board Meeting](#)

Birthdays

[Henryka Manes](#)

October 21st

[Don D. Slesnick II](#)

November 4th

[Bruce S. Kerestes](#)

October 22nd

[Carol Alexander](#)

November 6th

[Joseph B. Witz](#)

October 28th

[Aaron Glasser](#)

November 10th

[David B. Mitchell](#)

November 3rd

Years of Service

[Nicolas Eterovic](#)

4 Years

1. What is Rotary

Rotary was founded in 1905 by attorney Paul Harris in Chicago, Illinois. Rotary has grown to be a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change ♦ across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 115 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. The Object of Rotary is Fellowship, Ethics, Service and Peace.

Learn more about [our structure](#) and [our foundation](#) and [our strategic vision](#).

What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world ♦s most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

[Get involved](#)

Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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2. History | Our Founders

Rotary Club of Coral Gables was chartered on March 4, 1946.

ROTARY CLUB OF CORAL GABLES

In the beginning...

The Club of Coral Gables was chartered on March 4th, 1946. It was Club Number 6200 on a worldwide basis. The first Rotary Club in Florida was in Jacksonville in the year 1912. It was assigned Club Number 41. Five years later in 1917- The Rotary Club of Miami received its charter and became Club Number 271.

In 1945 the Rotary Club of Miami "gave up" a huge piece of its territory - west of 27th Avenue - extending north and south - to a group who wanted to form a new Rotary Club in the southwest section of the Miami area. W. Keith Phillips - a Miami Rotarian - acted as Special Representative of District Governor Fred M. Bultman; 167th District; in the pre-formative days of days of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables.

Countless meetings were held in the pre-charter months under the leadership of W. Keith Phillips and Dr. Otto J. Sieplein. They patiently explained the aims and objects of Rotary to prospective charter members. These meetings were mostly held at the Country Club of Coral Gables. Gradually a fine group of men was gathered together and application for a charter was presented to Rotary International. W. Keith Phillips acted as Master of Ceremonies.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Florida

Dr. Otto J. Sieplein	President
Warren Lehman	Vice-President
George B. Caster	Treasurer
H.W. Mac Donald	Secretary
John M. Montgomery	Sgt at Arms
Dr. Roy T. Bovard	Director
Upton C. Ewing	Director
Leland C. Shepard	Director
George C. Anderson	Member
Clarence C. Ayers	Member
Lee Gebhart	Member
Dr. Stephen B. Gibbs	Member
James J. Helm	Member
Edward O. Henderson	Member
Dr. Charles Hudson	Member
H. Edward Keating	Member
Dr. Robert P. Kaiser	Member
H.D. McMillen	Member
James Petrecca	Member
A. Derby Pilkington	Member
Lloyd W. Park	Member
P. M. Stubbs	Member
Carl O. Warth	Member
Rev. Rex Wilkes	Member

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CORAL GABLES, FLA., FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1946

Rotary Club Gets Charter In Gables

Sieplein Heads Organization; Meets Today

Approval from national headquarters for the granting of a charter for a Coral Gables Rotary Club was received this week in a telegram from F. M. Bultman, district governor.

First meeting of the new group, as a Rotary Club, will be held at 12:15 today at the Country Club of Coral Gables. Otto J. Sieplein, president, announced The Charter Day ceremony that will be announced later.

Officers of the new civic organization include Warren Lehman, vice president; H. W. MacDonald, secretary; George B. Caster, treasurer and Upton Ewing, Dr. Roy Bovard, and Leland Shepard, directors.

The club will be the 6,200th to be chartered by Rotary International.

Other charter members include: George Anderson, Clarence Ayers, Lee Gebhart, Dr. Stephen

Heads Rotary Club



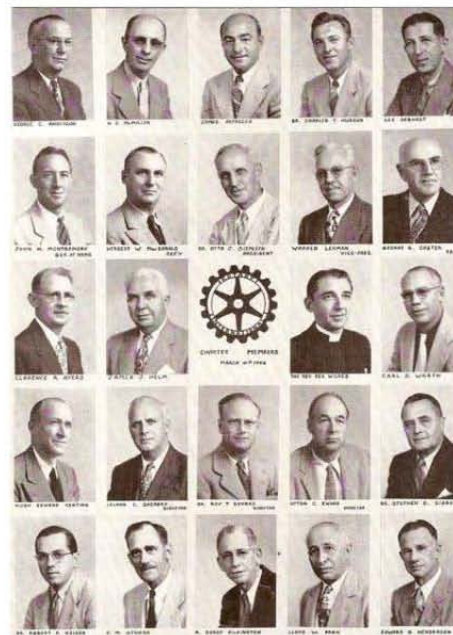
OTTO J. SIEPLEIN
—Pilkington Photo

B. Gibbs, James Helm, Ed Henderson, Charles Hudson.

Ed Keating, Bob Keiser, H. D. McMillen, John M. Montgomery, Lloyd Park, James Petrecca, A. D. Pilkington, P. M. Stubbs, Carl Warth and the Rev. Rex Wilkes.

First recognition for the new club came yesterday when members were introduced at the Miami Rotary Club's visitor's party.

FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS



3. The Rotary Foundation | Rotary International



Foundation History

At the 1917 Rotary International Convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a [Board of Trustees](#). The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its [Board of Directors](#).

The headquarters of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are in Evanston, Illinois, USA. We have associate foundations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

<https://infogram.com/rotary-foundation-grants-1hzi4o57qxop2pw>

The Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Our club is official a Paul Harris Club. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

Rotary established the [recognition](#) in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. For more information visit [rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition](#).

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4. Why the Pins?

Rotarians are expected to wear a Rotary pin ... not just to club meetings, district meetings and events, and when you travel but everyday. People recognize the emblem. It connects you with other Rotarians throughout the world. Remember, Rotary is an international organization with 1.2 million members world-wide. And for those who are unfamiliar with Rotary, the pin gives us the opportunity to tell the Rotary story and perhaps influence others to join us.

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5. What Happens during a Meeting?

1. **Invocation:** Members stand for an inspirational message usually without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Members stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **President's Time:** President will take this brief moment to make any announcements or address any matters.
4. **Happy Dollars:** For \$5, Rotarians can have the microphone to tell the club what they are up to, something good that's happened in their lives. It gives our members a chance to share a happy event, i.e. birth of child, marriage, promotion, retirement, being honored in print, an upcoming event they are involved with, or just that they're glad to be alive and with their friends. At the same time, they are donating to our Scholarship Fund, since the proceeds from Happy Dollars all go to fund scholarships for worthy Coral Gables High School Interactors.
5. **City Employee of the Month:** The City of Coral Gables recognizes an employee every month who has demonstrated great service to their department or the city residents. We honor those employees at a luncheon with their supervisor. They receive a recognition plaque from Rotary for their vocational service.
6. **Introduction of Visitors and Guests:** A member will introduce all visitors and guests.
7. **Speaker Program:** The Program Chair will introduce the Speaker for the meeting.
8. **Announcements:** The President will make any necessary announcements.
9. **Thought of the Week:** A Member will say an inspirational thought for the week.
10. **Dewitt Law Silver Dollars:** A member gives out two, dollar coins: the tradition is, one coin goes to the member who first greeted him/her and the other to the fifth member, however, who gets them is always at the discretion of the person making the acknowledgement. This is named for one of our members (who has since passed away) who always provided the dollar coins for this reward.
11. **Pin Drawing Gift:** To encourage members to wear their Rotary pin, those who wear one receive a raffle ticket when the official greeter welcomes them to the club meeting. At the end of the meeting, a ticket is drawn and the winner receives a small gift.
12. **50/50 Raffle Drawing:** Before the meeting starts, one of the members goes around selling raffle tickets for \$1 each, three for \$2, seven for \$5, etc. It is called 50/50 because 50% of the day's proceeds are awarded to the winning ticket holder and the other 50% goes into a "pot" that continues to grow until it is won. The ticket is drawn, the winner gets the cash from the day and the opportunity to play the King of Hearts from a deck dedicated to the current pot. Sometimes the pot is won when there's just a few hundred dollars in it. One time the pot got up to \$4,000. The higher the amount in the pot, the more tickets members buy, in an attempt to win it all. If they get the King of Hearts, the winner takes ALL. Often times they donate the money back to the Club, or purchase a Paul Harris Fellowship, or donate it to a specific project. If any other card is drawn, it's discarded and the winner may choose to keep the 50% from the day or donate it back to the club.
13. **Closure with the Five Way Test:** A member closes the meeting by reciting the Five Way Test of things that Coral Gables Rotarians think, say and do. The Four-Way Test is used by Rotarians **world-wide** as a moral code of ethics for personal and business relationships. In Coral Gables we added a 5th - IS IT FUN FOR ALL CONCERNED! Because Coral Gables Rotarians like to have FUN.

6. Types of Memberships

5 Types of Memberships:

(1) **Active Rotary Member:** Must attend at least 3 of the events per month. An event may include: weekly meetings, socials, committee meetings, service projects. Fees include the Annual Dues and all lunch meetings. Active Rotary Members receive a Permanent Badge.

(2) **Associate Member:** Must attend at least 2 of the events per month. An event may include: weekly meetings, socials, committee meetings, service projects. Fees include the Annual Dues and any lunch meeting the Associate Member attends (pay at the door). Term is one year. At the end of the one year term, it is expected that the associate member become a Rotary Member. Associate Members receive a Temporary Badge.

(3) **Corporate Member:** A company may elect a Corporate Membership and name a Primary Member to represent the company. The company may also elect no more than two Alternates to fill in (\$30 registration charge for each alternate). The Primary Member or at least one Alternate must attend at least 2 of the events per month. An event may include: weekly meetings, socials, committee meetings, service projects. Fees include Full Initiation, Annual Dues and any lunch meeting the Primary Member or Alternates attend (pay at the door). If more than one person attends a meeting on behalf of the company, each attendee must pay registration at the door. Corporate Members receive a Permanent Badge.

(4) **Rule of 35 Member:** Must be under 35 years old at the time of induction and expires at the 35th birthday (max 10 years). The Rule of 35 Member must attend at least 2 of the events per month. An event may include: weekly meetings, socials, committee meetings, service projects. Fees include reduced Annual Dues and any lunch meeting the Rule of 35 Member attends (pay at the door).

(5) **Rule of 85 Member:** Active Rotary Members who meets the following: (1) the sum of his/her age AND the total number of

years of membership in one or more clubs equals 85 or more; (2) has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years; and (3) has notified the club Secretary in writing of his/her desire to elect to be a Rule of 85 Member. If approved, participation in events is not required. Fees include the Annual Dues and any lunch meeting the Rule of 85 Member chooses to attend.

7. New Member Application

We are excited you are interested in becoming a Member of our Club. We take great honor in our members and carefully review all applications to assure each applicant will be a good fit while meeting the expectations of each potential member. We are looking for dedicated and innovative members who represent leadership and commitment to service in the local and/or international communities. In order to be considered for membership, you must have attended at least 2 meetings. When ready, please [Click Here](#) to complete and submit (or print) a Membership Application for consideration. You can either submit online or print and bring to the next club meeting.

8. Seen at the Scene | Rotarygram & Blog through the years

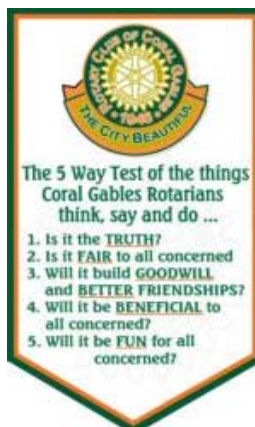


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CORAL GABLES ROTARYGRAM

The Rotary Club of Coral Gables (RCCG) is one of 33,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries, 1.2 million people dedicated to world peace through Service Above Self. Rotary is the largest international non-profit service organization in the world. The Rotary Club of Coral Gables is one of 51 clubs in District 6990 which includes Southeast Florida, the Florida Keys and Grand Bahama Island

9. Some of the Fun We've Had!



Coral Gables Rotarians like to have FUN together. We do it as often as we can. We have fun raising money. We have fun doing service projects. Rotary is supposed to be FUN. And so we decided to modify the traditional Rotary Four Way Test of the things that Rotarians Think, Say and Do ... we added a Fifth Way Test ...

WILL IT BE FUN FOR ALL CONCERNED!

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10. Current Major Fundraiser | Annual Chili Cook-off

Join us each year for our annual Chili Cook-off Competition! The event is FREE to attend! Tasting tickets will be sold for you to taste all the chef contestants' chili. Bounce house for kids, live music, and tons of fun for the family! Chef Contestants compete against others in different categories for Best Chili. We usually have 1000 attendees. It is an event you don't want to miss. Check out this Coral Gables TV spot Video of our 2018 chili cook-off: [Click Here](#). For Tickets and Contestant Registration forms go to www.chilichillin.com. Let's get chillin! [Read More](#)



11. TRF Fundraiser | The Chris Morrison Memorial Golf Ball Drop



In 2010, Bill Gates challenged Rotary International to match his \$25 million donation to eradicate polio. Rotary in turn, challenged every Rotary Club around the world to come up with a fund raiser to answer that challenge. But long before that, one of our past presidents, Christopher Morrison (2004-2005) came up with the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. The idea is to sell numbered golf balls for \$25 each to members throughout our District (6990 runs from the Broward/Palm Beach county line to Key West and includes Grand Bahama Island - some 2,200 members) and then drop them, from a helicopter, onto The Biltmore Golf Course. The three balls that land closest to the 9th hole win the three prizes. Since its inception in 2004, the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop has raised more than \$500,000 for The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Chris passed away unexpectedly in 2016 and District Officials named the Ball Drop in his honor.

12. Fundraisers | From the Old Days

The Rotary Club of Coral Gables has always been known for our generosity. We work hard to raise money for lots of worthy causes beyond Rotary Initiatives. And we do that by coming up with fund raisers. For 15 years, from 1992 through 2007, we produced the annual Rotary Promenade, a progressive dinner that visited different locations throughout Coral Gables. There was food and entertainment at each of the sites. Parties were taken from one site to another by Trolley. We gave 85% of the proceeds from the Promenade to the Beneficiary of the year. The remaining 15% remained in our Club's Foundation, to help fund the many grants that we give out.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL ...



Gables Promenade



Gary Roberts

The Coral Gables Rotary Club presents a check for \$38,000 to the YMCA of Greater Miami for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Sally Baumgartner, chair for the Feb. 5 Gables Promenade Focus 2000 fund-raiser; Joe Lancaster, Gables Rotary Club president; Rotary International President Carlo Ravizzi from Italy; and Robin Shelley, YMCA chair.

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13. Charitable Donations | domestic and international

Throughout the year, in addition to our Community and International Projects, we have made various grant donations to charitable organizations domestically and internationally. [Read More](#)

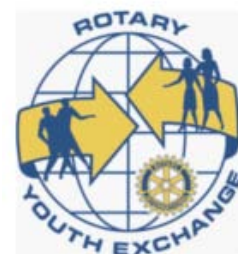
14. Exchange Programs | Group Study Exchange (GSE)



The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. Currently, Rotary International is not sponsoring the GSE program any longer. However, the GSE program continues to exist only in Districts that sponsor the program. [Read More](#)

15. Exchange Programs | Youth Exchange Program

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover a new culture, truly become global citizens and develop friendships that last a lifetime. Exchanges for students ages 15 to 19 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs in more than 100 countries. Owen Freed, a former Rotary Foundation Scholar, President of our Club in 1968-69, District Governor in 2005-06 is credited with founding the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. He was one of the first outbound students when he was in high school in 1946. As a Coral Gables Rotarian, this is something of which you can be very proud. [Read More](#)



16. Exchange Programs | Friendship Exchange

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or

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17. Community | Alzheimer's Walk | Alzheimer's Association



Our club registers as a team at the annual Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease! When we participate in Walk, our fundraising dollars fuel our mission, and our participation in the event helps change the level of Alzheimer's awareness in our community. [Read More](#)

18. Community | Blood Drive | Big Red Bus

One of the many Rotary Action Groups is the Rotary Blood Donors. Several times a year, our Club participates in a blood drive. We work with several blood banks, ITM (Innovative Transfusion Medicine) with their **Big Blue Bus** and OneBlood, the Big Red Bus that parks outside our meetings so that members can donate blood when they come to our meetings on Thursday.



19. Community | Shake-A-Leg & Kids Overtown Youth Center



Our Club has volunteered and donated to Shake-A-Leg, a non-profit working with children & adults with physical, developmental and economic challenges in a marine environment, utilizing Biscayne Bay to teach environmental lessons, therapeutic sailing, swimming & kayaking. We support the Overtown Youth Center which works with and guides kids in the community. Members from our club volunteer, taking children out sailing, paddle boarding and other water sports. We try and mentor these kids, to help build their confidence.

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20. Community | Coastal Clean-up

Every September, the Ocean Conservancy sponsors an International Coastal Cleanup. And they can always depend on our club members to volunteer. Scores of Rotarians, Interactors and friends work to remove trash and debris from beaches and waterways, to identify the sources of the litter, and to change the behaviors that cause pollution in order to protect our oceans, watersheds and wildlife from trash and debris. Coastal Clean Up is every Rotarian's opportunity to "Get Dirty" and the big competition is to see who bags the most trash - by weight. [Read More](#)



21. Community | Coral Gables Womans Club - May Van Sickle Dental Clinic

The Coral Gables Children's Clinic (formerly "May Van Sickle dental clinic") provides free dental care for needy school-age children in Miami-Dade County - children whose parents work hard, but cannot afford costly dental care and are often ineligible for public health programs. Our club supports this program with grants to



the Coral Gables Womans Club, the group that created and operates this program. The Dental Clinic provides dental care for school-age children residing in Miami-Dade County whose parents (families) cannot afford costly dental care and not eligible for public health programs. [Read More](#)

22. Community | Chapman Partnership

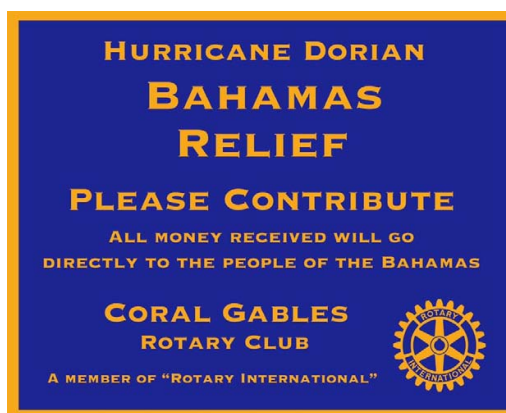
Our involvement with Chapman Partnership goes back to 2002. We support the mission of Chapman, "To empower the homeless to build a positive future through a comprehensive suite of programs and services, critical to growth and self sufficiency. They are the model program for the rehabilitation of the least and lost of our society. We support Chapman throughout the year by providing funds to send the children to camp, providing school supplies for the start of every school year, and toys for Christmas. We even donated the decorations for their Christmas trees. We are the only Rotary Club to have membership in the CPH Empowerment Circle. The Rotary Club of Coral Gables name is proudly displayed on the wall at the Homeless Assistance Center. One of our most beloved service projects is on Thanksgiving when we donate the money for Thanksgiving dinner and then volunteer our time to prepare and serve the residents at Chapman. [Read More](#)



23. Community | Hurricane Dorian 2019 | Bahamas



As of 2019, Hurricane Dorian was the most intense tropical cyclone on record to strike the Bahamas, and is regarded as the worst natural disaster in the country's history. It was the fourth named storm, second hurricane, and the first major hurricane of the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season. Our club raised and donated \$8,262 in response to the disaster.



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24. Community | Merrick Festival Caroling Competition

The Merrick Festival Caroling Competition has been ushering in the holidays in Coral Gables since 1987. The event is organized and run by one of our members, Past President Sally Baumgartner.

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25. Community | Miami Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Center

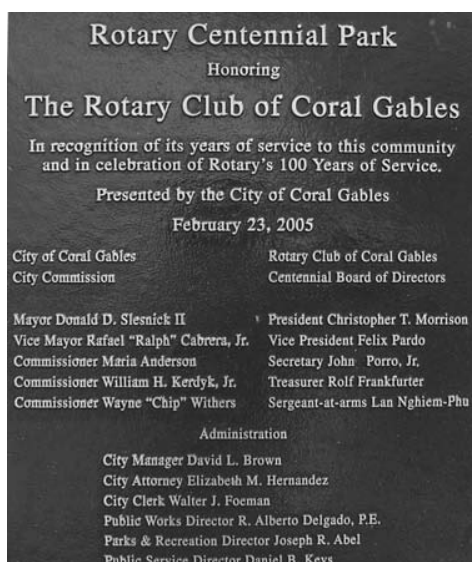


The Coral Gables Rotary Club has left a lasting mark on Miami Children's Hospital, donating funds for the remodeling of the hospital's Rehabilitation Gym, which was completed in February 2008. Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club, children have a beautiful refurbished space offering the latest interactive equipment for physical, occupational and speech therapies, said Marlenne G. Burt, MS, PT, Director of Rehabilitative Services. [Read More](#)

26. Community | YMCA Children's Learning Center

For two years, the Club donated the proceeds of our annual Promenade to the YMCA of Greater Miami for the construction of The Martin Luther King Infant & Toddler Development Center. We raised a total of \$68,000 to build and furnish the center which is still functioning today. [Read More](#)

27. Community | Rotary Centennial Park



In 2005, Rotary celebrated its 100th Anniversary. To mark that occasion, Club Presidents throughout the world were requested to address a need in their community that would bear the Rotary name and commemorate this auspicious event. President Chris Morrison decided that Rotary would build a community park for the use of our residents in the north end of the City. The Rotary Centennial Park is located in the 600 block of Ponce de Leon Blvd. It is a constant reminder of our devotion to the City Beautiful and it's residents, and the part that our club plays in the fabric of the community. [Read More](#)

28. Community | IKF Halloween at Holtz

Halloween is a special time for kids. The International Kids Fund brings children from all over the Caribbean and Latin America, with critical medical conditions, to Miami for special surgeries and life saving treatments. And because Halloween is an International Holiday, Rotary Club of Coral Gables members dress up like fools and treats these kids to a really fun Halloween. It's not clear who has more fun ... the kids or the Rotarians. [Read More](#)



29. International | Conventions

The International Conventions of Rotary International. [Read More](#)

29. International | Education | Alfalit | Ecuador



Our club has worked with Alfalit to strengthen the educational and school reinforcement activities of children, youth and adults affected by the earthquake of April 16, 2016 in Pedernales, Ecuador. [Read More](#)

30. International | Eyeglass Collection | Marc Jaiden Project

Our club collects unwanted glasses from our members and the community and donate to the **Marc Jaiden Foundation**. Ophthalmologists volunteer their time and pay their own way to go abroad and do surgeries and others help with exams and distribute glasses. The **Marc Jaiden Foundation** has provided eye screenings to over 25,000 individuals, eye exams to over 18,500 and proper eyewear to over 15,000.



31. International | Light A Village Empower Change 2018 | Global BrightLight | Guatemala

Over 1 BILLION people worldwide lack access to electricity. These people live in "energy poverty" and are



forced to use a combination of candles, kerosene and batteries to light and power their lives ♦ all of which are DANGEROUS and HAZARDOUS. Our Club partnered with a Rotary Club in Guatemala to Bring Free and Clean Energy to 25 families/125 people living with **ZERO** electricity in the town of **Aldea Esmeralda** located near the municipality of **San Pedro Carcha** in the department of **Alta Verapaz** in the north central part of **Guatemala**. Project donated Solar Lanterns, Installed, and Trained how to use. To watch a Special Video [Click Here](#) [Read More](#)

32. International | Preschool Education | Alfalit | Dominican Republic

Our club helps to sustain the ongoing program of preschool education for poor villages in Dominican Republic and areas affected by Haiti's 2010 earthquake by helping to pay for the books, supplies, and uniforms. Alfalit Dominican Republic has been in continuous operation since 1999 and the program has helped more than 200,000 individuals. In 2016, Alfalit served over 4,200 individuals at their centers in Barahona, La Altagracia, La Romana and Santo Domingo. Over 2,850 students graduated during that year from our literacy, preschool and job skills programs while over 1,300 students remain enrolled. [Read More](#)



33. International | Disaster Relief | Shelter Box



Our club donates to Shelter Box to deliver the essential aid people need to begin rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster. The aid Shelter Box supplies comes in the form of ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. [Read More](#)

34. International | The Goat Project | Haiti

**A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ECOWORKS INTERNATIONAL (EWI)
AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF CORAL GABLES**

THE GOAT PROJECT, MARRE-ROSEAU, HAITI

Description:

♦ The goal is to improve the lives of smallholder mountain farming families who live in extreme poverty: the community has no water, sewage, or power. With EWI's training and support, they have opened an agricultural cooperative, which they own, control, and manage. As a cooperative, they chose for their first project to increase their goat herd. A goat serves as a ♦four-legged savings account♦.
♦ Project will purchase 13 female goats and 2 male goats. Farmers decided to pay 20% of the price per goat, which will go to the new cooperative to build-up capital. Each family will give the first-year kid to another family who will also pay 20% to the cooperative.

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35. International | The Honduras Project

The Honduras Project

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Coral Gables watched as a woman in an indigenous mountain community of Copan made a tortilla and cooked it on an eco stove, which she had just received one day before. The Rotary Club of Copan, the Rotary Club of Coral Gables and the Stove Team Organization, <http://www.stoveteam.org/> have recently completed a project to bring these stoves to remote areas where cooking is done on either open fires or stoves which destroy the environment by utilizing the tree canopy as fuel and create a lot of smoke which the families and children breathe. The Eco Stoves cook with small branches and generate heat for cooking without smoke and with small branches which are a renewable source of fuel. After our visit to the factory where the stoves are made locally in Copan, and the visit to the mountain village we were treated to a delicious lunch of empanadas, chicken, rice, plantains and dessert. The chicken and empanadas were cooked on the Eco Stoves. Delicious ! One of our cooks who didn't have one of the Eco Stove was given one that day by Rotary Club of Coral Gables Rotarians.

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36. U.S.Military | Marine's Toys for Tots

2019 Toy Donation with Coral Gables Bar



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37. U.S. Military | Veterans Bingo at Miami VA Hospital



Join us the third Saturday of each month when we volunteer at the Miami VA Hospital. We play Bingo with the Vets. We provide the prizes, the snacks and two hours of entertainment for the Greatest Generation. They love us and we love them, and this is the best way we know to show it. Even our interactors volunteer their time! Check out this heart-warming video our interactors created for the Vets recently, in the midst of the COVID 19 lockdown: [Click Here](#) [Read More](#)

U.S. Military | Homes for Homeless Vets

In 2014, then Community Service Chair, Lorraine Sheldon, an interior designer by trade, got the Club involved in setting up households for veterans who had been homeless and were finally provided an opportunity to have a home of their own and get off the streets. But they needed basics like cookware, linens, dishes, drapes, carpets, bedding and of course furniture.

First she secured a grant from our Civic & Charity fund. Then we set out to raise money wherever and whenever we could - we raised \$820 in TIPS selling beer at the Coconut Grove Bed Race. People are VERY generous when they know that the money is going to help our nation's heroes.

Lorraine went to all her suppliers and told them about the project. Then with a little arm twisting, she secured lots of free stuff and discount prices on all the items we couldn't get for free. When we were done, there was enough money to furnish apartments for four homeless Vets.

Lorraine was honored as Rotarian of the Year for 2014-15 for her outstanding work for the Homeless Vets.

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38. Fellowship | Rotary Day at the United Nations



Each year, Rotary Day at the United Nations celebrates two organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the UN lead around the world. [Read More](#)

39. Rotary Fellowship | Rotarians w/ similar interests - worldwide

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Are you a Chess player? Do you like to ride Motorcycles? Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> for more information. [Read More](#)

40. Fellowship | Moose Milk

The Moose Milk Story

The year was 1972. Dr. Roger Mumm, a Coral Gables dentist and Rotarian, invited a few friends from the Club to stop by his place on New Year's Day to imbibe in the proverbial hair of the dog. The story (as it was told to me) is, Cleve Allen, Jim Barker, Mel Greene, Bob Strawser, Ed Swan and several others showed up at Roger's with serious expectations about their condition on New Year's morning. As promised, Roger provided them the perfect cure for what ailed them ... Moose Milk and plenty of food. Apparently, by the time the Bowl Games started, Roger's wife had to call for help to get the fellows moving again! And so began the tradition of Moose Milk. You eat, you drink a little milk, you eat some more and then drink a little more.



By the time the games come on, you're ready for a nap, usually around 2 p.m. The party grew in popularity. The recipe remains a secret still today. Finally wives were invited - apparently because designated drivers were needed to get the guys home safely! As the years passed, special napkins, name tags and all kinds of other novelties were created to commemorate this annual party. There was even a special moose. Roger retired and moved upstate but he donated the party favors to the club to be used at the last Moose Milk party he attended, at the home of Terry & Emil Claus in 1997. Now, more than 40 years later, Moose Milk has become our most popular club party. It's the way Coral Gables Rotarians start off every New Year - together at the home of a Rotarian - in fellowship - eating too much good food and milking the moose till he (or we) drops. It has been said, you cannot call yourself a Coral Gables Rotarian unless and until you have consumed your portion of the magic brew. [Read More](#)

41. Fellowship | Annual Fourth of July Picnic



In 1997 we decided that it wasn't practical to have a regular Rotary Meeting the week of July 4th. Too many folks are traveling. But those that remain in town always like to have a little fellowship for the holiday. So we make it a practice to have a Fourth of July Party every year. We rent the old stone pavilion at Matheson Hammock Park from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We have Shorty's Bar-B-Que cater the lunch. And we party! The kids come. The spouses come. We have a FUN time and it doesn't interfere with the fireworks and celebrations later on in the evening. And after all ... FUN is what we really do best! [Read More](#)

42. Fellowship | Fifth Fridays

The Story of the 5th Fridays

The year was 1996. Our Club President-Elect was (not yet Mayor) Don Slesnick. He appointed Sally B to his Board of Directors and made her his Social Chair because of her long experience running special events in the City of Coral Gables. The direction he gave her was come up with a regular social event that can include spouses and friends and engage Rotarians with each other outside of our weekly meetings.

At that point in time there were a number of members in the Club that liked to get together for cocktails on Friday nights after work at various watering holes around downtown Coral Gables. Most frequently they hung out at Doc Dammers in the (at that time) Omni-Colonnade Hotel. Whenever they were spotted by other members of the club, the inevitable question was, Is this an official make up meeting? And so it was only logical that the best kind of social event would involve food and libations. And it was probably best done on a Friday evening. Now what we needed was an excuse!

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43. Networking | Club Mixer Fundraiser w/Coral Gables Bar Association

Join us for a fun monthly joint mixer with the Coral Gables Bar Association after work on the second Wednesday of each month. A small fee covers a complimentary drink, light appetizers, and other discounts at venue. All proceeds go to our international projects. [Read More](#)



44. Networking | Rotary Means Business

Rotary opens opportunities! **Rotary Means Business** encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them. These networking opportunities are **only for Rotarians. As a Rotarian member of our club, you get to network with other business leaders across the globe,**

For **Rotary Means Business** Networking Events within our District, please visit the District Calendar at: <https://rotary6990.org/calendar/>

For **Rotary Means Business** Networking Events globally, please visit: <https://www.rotarymeansbusiness.org/>

Just let them know you are a member of the **Rotary Club of Coral Gables**. Happy Networking!!!

45. Youth Service | Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program has been helping students at Coral Gables Senior High School achieve their higher educational goals since 1987. We award scholarships to 10-12 seniors, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to



\$5,000 per student, annually. [Read More](#)

46. Youth Service | Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Each year, thousands of young people participate in this program. Young people ages 13-20 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend the event run by the club's district committee. Here's a video showcasing our District 6990 RYLA [Click Here](#). Contact the Youth Service Chair for more information.

47. Youth Service | Rotaract

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. Rotaractors have helped us tremendously at our club's annual Chili Cook-off! Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 at Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, United States, and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 10,904 clubs spread around the world and 250,792 members in 184 countries. Rotaract Clubs can be either University-Based or Community-Based Clubs. There are several Rotaract clubs in our District. Contact the Youth Service Chair for more information. [Read More](#)



48. Youth Service | Interact



Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. With more than 300,000 Interactors in over 14,000 Interact Clubs in 112 countries & geographical areas, they are a worldwide elite group of teens that represent the best of the youth in their respective communities, and countries. The Interact Club of Coral Gables Senior High School is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coral Gables. Contact the Youth Service Chair for more information. [Read More](#)

49. Members Only | Attendance

Attendance Requirements

Regular attendance is one of the requirements of Club membership. Rotary emphasizes attendance because it recognizes that to remain an effective Rotarian, a member must experience the good fellowship of weekly meetings and be involved in the Club's progress and projects. An event may include: weekly meetings, socials, committee meetings, service projects.

- (1) **Active Rotary Member:** Must attend at least 3 of the events per month.
- (2) **Associate Member:** Must attend at least 2 of the events per month.
- (3) **Corporate Member:** The Primary Member or at least one Alternate must attend at least 2 of the events per month.
- (4) **Rule of 35 Member:** The Rule of 35 Member must attend at least 2 of the events per month.
- (5) **Rule of 85 Member:** Participation in events is not required.

Check Your Attendance Record

To see your attendance record log on to the [DACdb](#) district site; click on **My Data** tab on the menu along the top; then click on **My Attendance** in blue menu bar. If you do not know your password or forgot it, please click on "forgot my password" and a link to reset password will be sent to your email. Follow the instructions to reset.

Recording Attendance at Club Meetings:

To ensure that your attendance is properly recorded, please check in at the Welcome Desk at regular meetings. Make sure you have been checked-in before taking a seat.

Ways to record your attendance at a club Event:

- go on line to the [DACdb](#) district web site, Click on **My Data** then click on **Enter Makeup** below your picture and enter the details of the Event you attended; OR
- complete a Sign-up card located in the center of each table. Include the date and name of Event you attended as a make-up; OR
- email rotarycoralgables@gmail.com and provide Name of Event attended and Date.

If attending another club where you pay for a meal, please obtain an **Attendance Report** from that club and submit at Welcome Desk for a meal credit.

Online Make-Ups

For online make-ups, take a look at [Rotary eClub One](#) and follow these easy steps to obtain your makeup:

1. Review one or more of the current programs or choose one or more of the past (archived) programs.
2. After completing program(s) click on Make-up Request Form at top of page.
3. Read the Makeup Request Form carefully, and follow the instructions.

You will need to know our District number which is 6990. A Make-Up Form will appear once you press the SUBMIT button (one time only) and an email copy will be sent to the email address you provided. You can send a copy of the electronic form to our Club Attendance Secretary by inserting their email address rotarycoralgables@gmail.com and check the **send copy to secretary** box. (Reference [DACdb website](#) or sidebar of the Handbook & Events Bulletin for contact information).

50. Members Only | Share your Story

Calling all Club Members to share your story with the club! Guidelines on who can share a story and topics:

1. If you organized or attended a rotary event or participated in a rotary project, please share your experience!
2. If you are a new member and had an amazing rotary experience share it with us!
3. If you would like to share an announcement about your business with your rotary family, this is a great opportunity to do so.
4. If you would like to share a personal event in your life, your rotary family would love to hear about it.
5. Snowbirds, share with us how you are!

Let's know more about each other and help **build goodwill and better friendships**: (Your Rotary Family wants to hear from you). Your story can be short and sweet with **at least one picture**. Some stories may even be selected to share with the District! [Click Here](#) to download the **Story Proposal Form**, complete, and email to the Secretary with at least 1 photo about your story for review and consideration. We may not be able to post all stories, but we will do our best. We will email stories once a month to all club members. Happy Storytelling!

51. Members Only | Suggest a Speaker

Know someone who would be a wonderful speaker at our club? Let us know! [Click Here](#) to download the Speaker Proposal Form, complete the requested information and email to the Programs Chair for review and consideration. We may not be able to schedule all persons suggested, but greatly value your input and eagerness to contribute. Thank you for sharing and we hope to make a difference together.

52. Members Only | Suggest a Charity/Community Service Idea

Have an idea for a local community service project or charity fundraising event? [Click Here](#) to download the Project Proposal Form, complete and email to the Civic and Charity and Community Service Chair for review and consideration. We may not be able to implement all ideas, but greatly value your input and contribution. We encourage you to join/attend any upcoming Civic and Charity/Community Service committee meetings to discuss further. Thank you for sharing and we hope to make a difference together.

53. Members Only | Suggest an International Project idea

Have an idea for an international project or fundraising event? [Click Here](#) to download the Project Proposal Form, complete the requested information and email to the International Chair for review and consideration. We may not be able to implement all ideas, but greatly value your input and eagerness to contribute. We encourage you to join/attend any upcoming International Service committee meetings to discuss further. Thank you for sharing and we hope to make a difference together.

54. Members Only | Host a Fellowship Event

Let's build goodwill and better friendships! Would you like to host an event and extend an invite to your Rotary family? Potlucks, golfing, meet-ups, outings, or any other activity where like-minded Rotarians in your club who have the same interest may want to join you! Please [Click Here](#) and complete the form and email to the **Membership Chair** for review and if approved, it will be posted onto the **Handbook & Bulletin** as a **Fellowship Event** open to interested members of your Rotary family to attend. The event will be set as RSVP required and you will be contacted directly as the Host. The Membership Chair will provide guidelines for Hosting. Happy Fellowship!

55. BOD Only | Add Event Form

Chairs and Board of Directors ONLY.

To request that Secretary Add an Event to the Handbook & Bulletin, [Click Here](#) to and complete the information of your Event. Email to rotarycoralgables@gmail.com.

To make edits/modifications after Event is posted, email rotarycoralgables@gmail.com the changes.
