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The Rotary Tarpon

No Meeting This Week

We do not have a Zoom meeting this week because of the holiday.



Please join us for our next Zoom meeting on
Wednesday, July 8th at 12:30 pm
for our first meeting of the new Rotary Year
with newly installed Club President, Perry Monioudis.

[Click here](#) on Wednesday, July 8th, anytime after 12:15 pm to participate in to the meeting.

You can also dial in, but you will not see the PowerPoint or video feeds.

To dial in call: 646-558-8656 and use this Meeting ID: 954 424 0731

Password: 275406

Club President's Letter 2020-21

By Perry Monioudis

Club President's Letter 2020 - 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your 98th President of the Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale. We are the longest running service club in Broward County and the largest Rotary Club in our District.

I don't have to tell you that we are starting this year under very challenging circumstances due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. The Rotary International theme this year is "Rotary Opens Opportunities." Currently, our club is meeting virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesdays starting at 12:30 p.m. Now would be the perfect Opportunity to attend a virtual meeting, and to see all of the great works that our Club provides.

Locally, our Club is involved in dozens of projects. For example, over the years, our Rotary Club has given in excess of \$2.4 million in scholarships to deserving local students. In addition, we are actively involved in feeding local families through our worthy projects, including "Turkey's Take Flight," "Thanksgiving Basket Project" and our "Rotary Cares Project." Furthermore, each year, our Club collects and donates hundreds of toys and gifts to children in need. We have also provided hurricane and disaster relief in times of emergency to our community. Every year, our Rotary Club chairs the Challenge Air project during which airplane rides are provided to children with physical and mental challenges. These are just a few of the projects in which our Club is involved, and under our current circumstances, with COVID-19, as further needs arise, we shall use this as an Opportunity to help out.

Internationally, the Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club is involved in numerous worthy causes. We support Rotary International in its continued quest to eradicate polio from the face of this earth. WE'RE THIS CLOSE! Our Club supports the Wheelchair Foundation which provides the gift of mobility to those in need throughout the world. Ft. Lauderdale Rotary supports "A Spring of Hope" in Africa, in addition to other water projects, including LifeStraw, throughout the world. We also support an International Rotary Global Grant which helps with childhood development training in South Africa. Last year, we assisted in providing food and provisions to those in need after Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. As further needs arise we will see this as an Opportunity to help.

Each week, we bring in excellent speakers to keep our members and guests informed. We conduct an annual raffle with the proceeds going to our 1090 Foundation for scholarships and community projects. In addition, we host our annual Pirate Fest at Esplanade Park. Each month, one of our members host a Social Happy Hour. We have a float at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have an annual Picnic, Golf Tournament, and Holiday Party, and we otherwise get together informally. It's a great group of people who meet to engage and "Open Opportunities." We invite you to consider joining us at the Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club. Hope you can join us!

Perry Monioudis, 2020 - 2021 President
Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale

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Rotarian of the Year

Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale
Rotarian of the Year
2019-2020
Gail Auguston-Koppen



From Pat McNamara:

"Each year the outgoing President selects a worthy member of The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale as the Rotarian of the year. This year, I wanted to select a member that embodied both the Rotary motto- Service above Self and the 2019-2020 Rotary International theme- Rotary Connects the World. This was an incredibly difficult decision as the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale is full of members that live the motto and theme every day. Before I announce the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's Rotarian of the Year, I wanted to thank everyone of you for all you do for the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale both locally and throughout the world.

Our 2019-2020 Rotarian of the year is always advocating for and supporting Rotary projects. I am sure you will guess the Rotarian of the year by the description, but I will do it anyway:

This Rotarian advocated for and allowed the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale to receive and complete its first ever global grant- Early Childhood Development Practitioner Training in South Africa. They started the Interact Club at Dillard High School recruiting members, attending meetings and offering guidance and support to help these incredible students. They started and developed the Junior Achievement club at Dillard High School and helped the group achieve success with their safe schools project. They attend Rotary Club meetings in far off places and reported back to us on a regular basis.

The 2019-2020 Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Rotarian of the year is Gail Auguston-Koppen.

In honor of Gail being selected the Rotarian of the year, a Paul Harris Fellowship has been purchased in your name. Additionally, we have a gift for you so you can display your award, but we want to give that to you in person when we can all finally be together again.

Congratulations Gail! Thanks for all you do for Rotary!"

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

Waiver for Signature

We are following the City of Fort Lauderdale and CDC guidelines for meeting in person. When we are able to have in person meetings and events, everyone in attendance will need to sign a waiver that our Rotary District 6990 has provided. We will keep it on file for you so you only have to sign it once.

[Please Click Here for the Waiver](#)
Sign and email to rotaryftlaud@gmail.com

Speakers

July 01, 2020

[No meeting this week](#)

Happy 4th of July

July 08, 2020

[Stacy Ritter](#)

CEO of the Convention Visitor's Bureau

July 15, 2020

[Jonathan Daniels](#)

Director of Port Everglades

July 22, 2020

[Sandra Marin](#)

CEO of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Events

July 1st

[No 12:30 Meeting this Week](#)

July 8th

[Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting](#)

July 15th

[Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting](#)

July 22nd

[Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Michael George Ryan

July 3rd

Larry Greenberg

July 5th

