

# Rotary

## Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, February 18, 2024

## Rotary Weekly Hybrid Meeting

**Rotary Weekly Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 21, at 12:15 pm



**Speaker: George Rich**  
Director of Operations  
HOPE South Florida, Inc.

We meet at the Global Event Center, 416 NE 1st Street, for the live meeting.  
Join us at noon. The meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with questions.

A lunch buffet is provided by Hugh's Catering.

**Parking Update: December 6, 2023:**

Please note that on Wednesdays during our lunch meetings, we have free parking if you arrive between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
If you arrive after 12:30 p.m., please be sure to pay for the time you need to avoid getting a ticket.

[Click here](#) on Wednesday anytime after 12:00 to participate in the Zoom 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

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## Thank you Agape Love Volunteers

Thank you to our Agape Love Volunteers!



## Club Meeting

Fort Lauderdale  
Meets at Global Event Center  
416 NE 1st St Entrance B  
Second Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

## Events

February 19th  
**[Club Board of Directors Meeting - February 19, 2024](#)**

February 21st  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker: George Rich**  
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George Rich, Director of Operations, HOPE South Florida, Inc.

February 28th  
**[Monthly Club Social](#)**  
**Speaker:** Social  
**Subject:** Club Social

March 6th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Club Meeting  
**Subject:** Club Meeting

March 13th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Speaker: TBA  
**Subject:** Speaker: TBA

March 18th  
**[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)**

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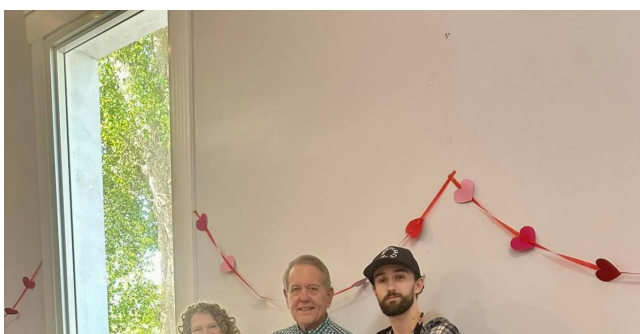
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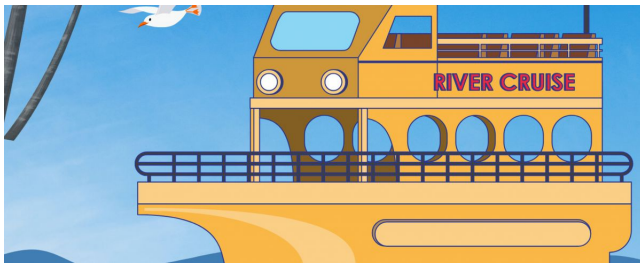
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## Thank you Weston Club

Thank you to the WESTON CLUB for inviting us to their  
Valentine Social on the Water Taxi.  
We enjoyed fellowship, food, and drinks.  
It was a beautiful night on the water.

Thanks to DAWN HANNA for the awesome photos!







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## RLI Fort Lauderdale

### ROTARY DISTRICT 6990 LEADERSHIP TRAINING



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**MARCH 23, 2024**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

Keiser University  
1500 NW 49th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309?

Parts 1, 2 and 3 will be offered along with a Graduate class TBA.

Breakfast, Lunch and all materials for \$100.

[Click Here To Register in DACdb.](#)

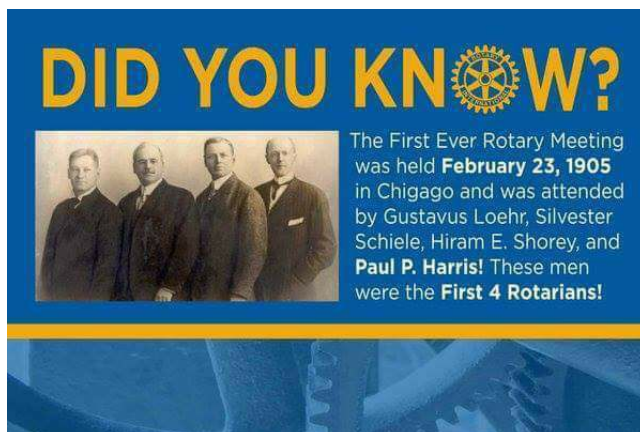


## World Understanding and Peace Day

# ROTARY'S 119TH BIRTHDAY AND WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY FEBRUARY 23, 2024



**February 23** is Rotary's 119th Birthday. That day is also called **World Understanding and Peace Day**. On February 23, 1905, little did Paul Harris and his three friends realize what they were starting when they met in room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago. We have come a long way since then, but we still have a long way to go to achieve goodwill, peace, and understanding among all people of the world.



## Last Meeting of the Month Social

### FEBRUARY SOCIAL

February 28, 2024  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Peter Olsen Art Studio  
370 NE 44 Street  
Oakland Park, FL 33334

## WINE CHEESE & ART

*The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale  
is invited to a special meet and greet!*

*When:* Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Where:* Peter Olsen Art Studio  
370 N.E. 44th Street  
Oakland Park, FL 33334

Come enjoy an enchanting wine and cheese tasting and meet Artist Peter Olsen. He will give a talk about his art currently on display and do a demonstration of a technique he uses to create his mixed media themes.

*"This world is but a canvas  
to our imagination."  
Henry David Thoreau*



## District Conference



**Family**  
**CRUISE**

A District Conference that unites our Rotary Family!

**May 3-6, 2024**

Join your Rotary Family for our District Conference aboard Celebrity Reflection while we enjoy a little bit of Rotary, and a whole lot of FUN!

- Informative Rotary Sessions to help you Grow Rotary!
- Hands-On Service projects in Nassau, Bahamas
- Day of fun at Coco Cay!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**RESERVATION DETAILS**  
**COMING SOON!**

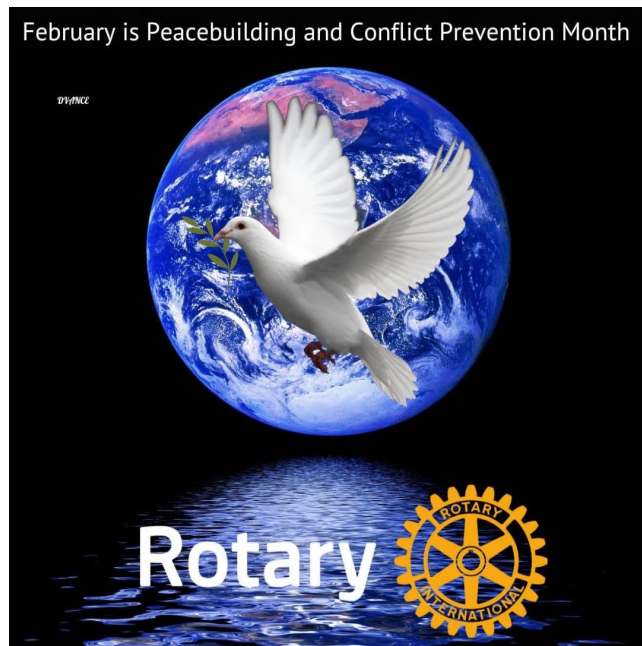
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District 6990

**REGISTER PRIOR TO JAN. 3RD**  
**FOR BEST PRICING**

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## Peacebuilding Month



The month of **February** is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. That day is now designated as "World Understanding and Peace Day."

## Rotary Club Service Projects

### Rotary Club Service Projects

As we begin our Rotary year, here is a quick reminder of the service projects we have on our schedule so far. We do not have exact dates for everything, but please keep these projects in mind and be on the lookout for more information. If you would like to help with any of these projects, please contact the chair directly. If you have ideas for new projects, please contact [Kristin LaFleur](#) or [St. George Guardabassi](#).

- Find Your Way Home - Jorg Hruschka - Select Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Waterway Cleanup - John Perry - Saturday, September 16
- Fast Pitch - Kristin LaFleur - Wednesday, October 4
- Fellowship Recovery - Rick Riccardi - Saturday, October 14
- Holiday Toy Drive - Linda Cooke - October - December
- Thanksgiving Baskets - Steve Botkin - Saturday, November 18
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Steve Botkin - December
- Challenge Air - Dan Rizzi - January 26 & 27
- Agape Love Breakfast - Gail Auguston-Koppen - February 9 & 10

## Make a Difference: Join a Committee Today!

**Make a Difference: Join a Committee Today!**



As we continue to embody the spirit of "Service Above Self," we invite you to consider joining one of our dynamic committees. Your unique skills, passions, and dedication can play a pivotal role in creating positive change within our local community and beyond.

Our committees are the heartbeat of our club, and they allow us to focus our efforts and expertise on specific areas that matter most to us. Whether you're passionate about youth development, community service, international projects, or professional networking, we have a committee that aligns with your interests.

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS / REQUEST FOR ARTICLES



### NEWSLETTER SUGGESTION / ARTICLE REQUEST

Do you have a great idea for our next newsletter? Would you like to see more information on a certain topic? If so, please email your article or suggestions to [Barbara Sanchez](#).

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 10 a.m., for bulletin/newsletter being sent the following Monday.

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## Club Leaders



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President



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Secretary



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Youth Services  
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