



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Monday, March 11, 2024

## Rotary Weekly Hybrid Meeting

**Rotary Weekly Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 12:15 pm



**Speaker: Khrystyne Jamerson**  
**Outreach Coordinator**  
**South Florida Wildlife Care Center**

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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### 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

March 13th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**[Speaker Khrystyne Jamerson](#)**  
**Speaker:** Khrystyne Jamerson, Outreach Coordinator, South Florida Wildlife Care Center  
**Subject:** South Florida Wildlife Care Center

March 16th  
**[St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)**

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

March 20th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Speaker: TBA  
**Subject:** Speaker: TBA

March 27th  
**[Monthly Club Social](#)**  
**Speaker:** Social  
**Subject:** Club Social

April 3rd  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Club Meeting  
**Subject:** Club Meeting

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## Rotarians Honoring Rotarians Registration



Members and Guests: [Please Register](#)  
Guests: [Click to Purchase Tickets](#)

## Rotary Cares Project



### ROTARY CARES PROJECT

#### PLEASE HELP US PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE!

Our hearts go out to help our neighbors in need, especially our youngest children. Each year somewhere around two hundred elementary school students in Fort Lauderdale experience homelessness. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, in collaboration with the City of Fort Lauderdale and other local partners, is collecting food and comfort items to replenish resource rooms at North Fork, Thurgood Marshall, Westwood Heights, and Walker Elementary Schools. Our liaisons at these schools will use these resource rooms to prepare personalized family care packages that will provide school supplies and minimum necessities for a dignified, safe, and healthy life to homeless families.

#### Here are four ways you, your business or organization can make a difference:

1. Start your own personal collection drive for select new or gently used items.
2. Go to our Amazon Wishlist and purchase essential items.
3. Donate to the Rotary 1090 Foundation to purchase comfort items for our kids.
4. Host a collection drop-off location.

[Click here to shop our wish list on Amazon.](#)

[Click here to see a list of items needed.](#) (Highlighted items)

[Click here to make a donation through our 1090 Foundation.](#)

**Deadline: April 5, 2024**

For more information and drop off locations, contact:  
Jorg Hruschka at [Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov).

## St. Patrick's Day Float Update

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### Birthdays

Matthew Sanchez  
March 11th  
Jeffrey Shaffner  
March 15th

### Years of Service

Karen Stevenson  
03-21-2001  
23 Years  
Robert E Ferris Jr.  
04-01-2014  
10 Years  
Adrienne Parker  
03-16-2016  
8 Years  
Rick Riccardi  
04-01-2016  
8 Years  
Marty Fishman  
04-01-2017  
7 Years



Thanks to our St. Patrick's Day Parade float-building team: Gabe Bodnar, St. George Guardabassi, Jorg Hruschka, Chris Kerlin, Scott McLaughlin, and Mike Sanchez. Thank you to John Aquino for his support, and to Roger Edwards who couldn't stay but brought the team coffee and donuts which sustained us through the day.

In a day and a half the building team assembled a 40' long float which consists of a large pot of gold with a 10' high rainbow on each side of the float.

Now we need the decorating team to take over to paint and add the finishing touches. We plan to start Monday, March 11, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and will probably need a second afternoon (TBD) to finish the float before the parade this coming Saturday, March 16. Please come ready to paint and decorate and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Rotarians.

Information regarding meet-up for the parade will be forthcoming.

Please contact Mike Sanchez at 954-873-0965 if you have any questions.

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade Float Building 2024

Friday, March 8 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, March 9 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Monday, March 11 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Other days as needed - to be determined**

**Saturday, March 16 Parade starts at Noon – Information coming soon**

Mike Sanchez – 954-873-0965

CBI (Cliff Berry Inc)  
851 Eller Dr, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

From the north:

- Take Andrews Avenue South to Eller Drive (Andrews curves into Eller Dr.) under US 1 overpass east toward the Port
- Make first left onto SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (there's no street sign) but look for Cliff Berry sign (do not stop at the CBI building at the intersection)
- Continue north on SE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave to dead end (before gate)
- Make a right into CBI industrial complex (past Princess Parking)
- Make immediate left in parking area and continue further north until you see a big canvas structure (no sides)







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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.](#)

## Upcoming Service Projects

### Upcoming Rotary Club Service Projects

Here is an update of the service projects scheduled for Spring. 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](#).

#### March

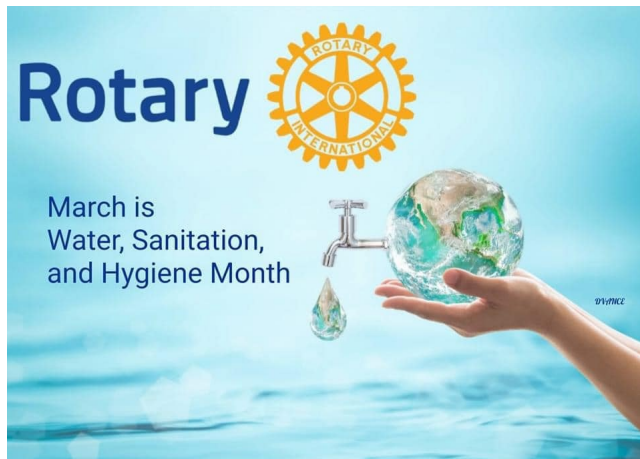
- Waterway Cleanup
- Rotary Cares – April 5 Deadline (contact Jorg Hruschka)
- St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 16

#### Spring

- LifeNet4Families
- Hispanic Unity Of Florida

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## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH



At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water, a grim reminder for Rotary members who make providing clean water and sanitation an organizational priority.

For more information, please visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).

## 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](mailto:Barbara.Sanchez@rotary.org).

### 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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