

# Rotary

## Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

### Last Meeting of the Month Social



<https://fogodechao.com/location/fort-lauderdale>

### PARKING

Self-parking and valet parking available

### ALL DAY HAPPY HOUR

**\$5 Beers, \$8 South American Wines and \$10 Brazilian-Inspired Cocktails**



### 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 27th  
**[Monthly Club Social](#)**  
**Speaker:** Social  
**Subject:** Club Social  
April 3rd  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** [Shane Strum](#)  
**Speaker:** Shane Strum, N.  
Broward Hospital District  
**Subject:** N. Broward  
Hospital District  
April 10th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Speaker: Frank  
Gernert/FIND  
**Subject:** Speaker: Frank  
Gernert/FIND  
April 15th  
**[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)**  
April 17th  
**[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Speaker: Dean  
Trantalis/COFL  
**Subject:** Speaker: Dean  
Trantalis/COFL

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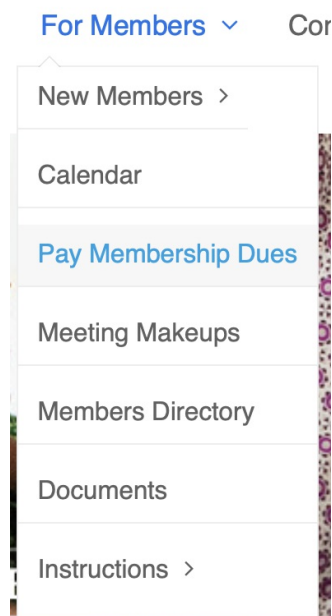
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## Pay Membership Dues Online

[Click to Pay Membership Dues Online](#)

OR

Go to [www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org](http://www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org).



Click on Members > Pay Membership Dues  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with any questions.

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### Birthdays

Monica Seay  
March 27th  
Barry Levy  
March 30th  
Rick Riccardi  
March 31st

### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## 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).

## Rotarians Honoring Rotarians Registration

**Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale**  
Inaugural Annual Luncheon  
**ROTARIANS HONORING ROTARIANS**  
May 1, 2024, 11:30 - 1:30  
First Baptist Church - Global Event Center  
416 N.E. 1st Street, Fort Lauderdale

**Bob Swindell**  
President and CEO  
Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance  
Keynote Speaker  
and Emcee

**Greg Chavarria**  
Fort Lauderdale  
City Manager

**Lisa Scott-Founds**  
President and CEO  
Winterfest, Inc.

**Christine Madsen**  
President and CEO  
Mad 4 Marketing

**Dr. Ziya Celik**  
General Surgeon

Advanced registration required by April 24th  
Club members: Free  
Guests: \$30  
Register and buy tickets at [www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org](http://www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org)  
Linda Cooke 954.494.7779  
John Aquino 954.298.0747  
Barbara Sanchez 954.873.0967

Members and Guests: [Please Register](#)

Guests: [Click to Purchase Tickets](#)

## 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

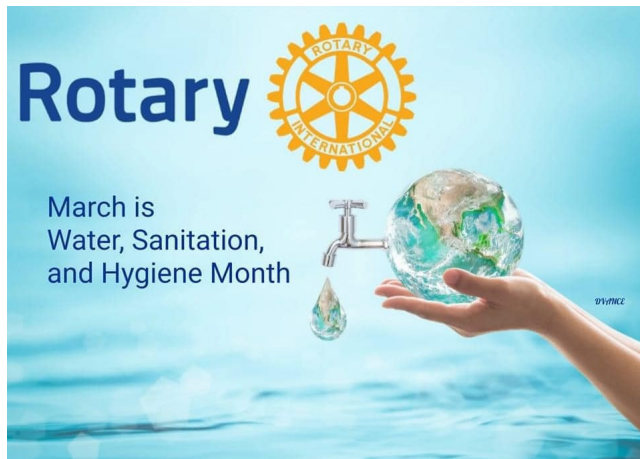
- Waterway Cleanup
- Rotary Cares â€ April 5 Deadline (contact Jorg Hruschka)

#### 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).

## St Patrick's Day Float and Parade Photos

**Thank you to all of the volunteers who built the float and to those who came on Saturday to ride (or walk) with us!**

**A special thank-you to Jon Hines and CBI for providing the trailer.**



Jorg, Mike and St. George working into the night.





Friday - Working on the finishing touches.



How tall ARE you, Jon?



Thanks for your help, Artun (proposed member)  
Mike, Mark & Olivia



Adrienne proudly displays her banner design.





Thank you to Past District Governor Alan Cohn for joining us!



Joseph helping with finishing touches



JD and Brenda







Barbara, Lee Anne, Victoria and Maggie May



Post parade lunch at the Riverside



Back to CBI before dismantling.

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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!

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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



[Rick Riccardi](#)  
President



[Daniel Rizzi](#)  
President-Elect



[Jeffrey Shaffner](#)  
Secretary



[John Aquino](#)  
Club Director  
Youth Services  
Chair



[Linda Spaulding  
White](#)  
Treasurer



[Victoria Briggs](#)  
Club Director



[Les R. Campbell](#)  
Club Director



[F. St. George  
Guardabassi](#)  
Club Director



[Jorg Hruschka](#)  
Club Director



[Kristin LaFleur](#)  
Service Projects  
Chair  
Club Director  
Grants  
Chairperson



[Karen Stevenson](#)  
Club Director



[Ray M. Williams](#)  
Club Director



[Linda M. Cooke](#)  
Membership Chair



[Brian Palkowitsh](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Barbara Sanchez](#)  
Webmaster



[Jaye L. Abbate](#)  
iPast President



[Terry Robinson](#)  
Past President