

# District Newsletter



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## District Governor's Corner



Hello, my dear family!

July could be called "Rotary Transition Month" and have the motto "Be Patient!"

Even after two years of preparation, we find ourselves facing things that are completely beyond our control, like glitches in systems, coding errors, and some things we only discover on the first day of July!

One of the first things they teach us at Rotary Governors training seminars, and repeat like a mantra all the time, is: "Manage your expectations!" That's the same thing I've been telling all the Presidents and the District team for almost two years now. We can't control everything. Moreover, we are an organization that operates through volunteer work, and thus, we have our jobs, our personal lives, and our families that must take priority.

We have to focus on our mental health, take care of each other, and be aware of our fellow members who haven't attended meetings, because that's the only way we'll fully achieve the number one objective of our organization, which has always been to create a group of friends. We are an organization of people doing humanitarian service; we must never forget that.

The world has changed and continues to change every day. Likewise, Rotary has changed and evolves every day! Imagine my mind, as I've been a Rotarian for over 30 years! There are times when I debate with myself, when I have to adapt to what Rotary is today.

We have to grow, and if we don't prepare, if we don't adapt, if we don't open our minds, it won't happen!

There's a song in Portuguese that says: "Nothing that was will be the same as it once was." We must never forget this; think about it constantly.

The growth of Rotary depends on our ability to adapt by listening to and interacting with different people and a completely new world that continues to transform.

It is imperative that we value our leaders. Show them that they are part of the process and not mere spectators.

We have to not only motivate them but, most importantly, equip them so that they can be ready to carry out their mission and to take our place when the time comes.

I will always provide opportunities for training and fellowship across the district without borders. We are one. We are a family. Anyone who thinks differently is going against the flow and will eventually face the full force of change!

During the previous years, we got used to using online meetings and seminars. Now, we have become accustomed to it, but know one thing: a screen will never replace the personal interaction in a seminar or a discussion group. There are values and experiences that we can only enjoy when we are together. We must

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cherish and recognize the importance of social and emotional dimensions in learning and socializing.

That's why I emphasize training, in-person seminars where we meet and get to know new people who may think differently or similarly to us but, together, we will change and move Rotary and our District forward. My mission as District Governor is to listen to the members of our district, share with them my passion and vision, and motivate them so that together we can **Create Hope in the World**.

I will always be available to come to you, to learn and know what is best for the future of our district. Never forget, you are a part of my family!

Thank you all for your support.

## **Welcoming PDG Julia Babbitt as District Governor-Elect A Journey of Leadership and Dedication**

My Dear Rotary Family,

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Past District Governor Julia Babbitt as the District Governor-Elect for the 2024-2025 term. After serving with exceptional leadership from 2018 to 2019, PDG Julia: Julia Babbitt is returning to take the helm once again. Let us delve into her journey of dedication, accomplishments, and the bright future she envisions for our district.

Several months ago, we bid farewell to Vanessa Havener, who resigned as our District Governor Nominee. Her departure left us with mixed emotions, but our spirits were lifted as PDG Buck assembled the nomination committee to seek out a worthy successor. After diligent deliberations, the committee chose PDG Julia Babbitt as the ideal candidate for the important role of District Governor-Elect.

PDG Julia Babbitt's journey in our district has been nothing short of remarkable. Her previous tenure as District Governor showcased her strong leadership abilities and unwavering commitment to service. During those two years, she initiated and successfully executed several impactful projects that left a lasting mark on our communities.

Beyond her accomplishments, PDG Julia Babbitt is known for her approachable and empathetic nature, making her a great communicator and advocate for member engagement. Her genuine interest in understanding the needs and aspirations of district members has been a driving force in shaping impactful policies and projects.

On July 1, 2023, PDG Julia Babbitt took on the role of District Governor-Elect, marking the beginning of a new chapter in her journey of service. With her visionary leadership and wealth of experience, we can look forward to an exciting and promising year under her guidance.

As we prepare to welcome PDG Babbitt as District Governor for the 2024-2025 term, let us unite as a district, supporting and collaborating with her to achieve our shared goals. Her passion, dedication, and innovative thinking will elevate our district to new heights, making a profound difference in the lives of our members and the communities we serve.

We can build a more substantial, more vibrant district under PDG Julia Babbitt's exemplary leadership. Let us seize this opportunity to create a brighter future for everyone involved.



## **What is next ?**

Our Rotary International President Gordon McNally will be with us on the weekend of January 14, 2024. The event chair, [Nick Bassaga](#), will soon have the registration for this event available. Save the date!



**Let's Share Our Passion!**

Our District Conference Chair [Eric Gordon](#) will have the registration available soon. Save the date!



## Membership News

### August is Rotary Membership and New Club Development Month.

We are focused on growing membership using the Rotary's Action Plan and we are growing!

**Impact.** People of Action are effective problem-solvers.

**Reach.** People of Action activate and inspire one another.

**Engagement.** People of Action strive to understand the needs of others.

**Adapt.** People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient.

I am so happy to let you know that our district added 25 new members since July 1st!

Our net growth in the same period was 11 new members. This is really a great beginning of the year!

Some clubs are growing as big as 30%. Some of those clubs are adding their first members after more than two years! We are back to the future!

We will have the detailed information in a couple of days. We are still waiting for the final numbers from Rotary International. The Membership Team lead by [Elaine Jones](#) will soon give us a detailed update.

Let's be audacious! Let's grow Rotary!

**Don't miss our Membership and Innovative Club Seminar on October 14.**

RSVP now using the link <https://ismyrotaryclub.com/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77677191>



## District News

**Join the Rotary Peace Pole Project!**





Under DG Douglas Heizer's leadership we are thrilled to announce an exciting initiative - the construction of eight Peace Poles in our District. We need your support to lead this meaningful effort and make a lasting impact on our communities.

Your club can take the lead in this project, and we've secured a grant to help cover the costs. The grants on a "first come, first served" basis, empower each Rotary club to present their peace-building projects. This approach ensures that clubs can take advantage of the opportunity without delay and create a meaningful impact in their communities.

Imagine the powerful message of peace these Peace Poles will convey to all who see them.

The flexibility of the grant system encourages Rotary clubs to partner with schools, city authorities, and other organizations to identify and secure ideal locations for the Peace Poles. By collaborating with local stakeholders, clubs can strategically position the poles in places of significance, amplifying their message of peace and unity.

Embracing partnerships with schools will enable Rotary clubs to engage with students and promote the importance of peace, fostering a culture of understanding and tolerance among the younger generation. Additionally, collaborating with city authorities and other organizations will ensure that the Peace Poles become prominent landmarks, inspiring the community and leaving a profound legacy of peace.

The plan is to dedicate all eight poles during the visit of RIP Gordon McNally in January 2024. It will be a momentous occasion!

To learn more about the project, check out these links:

- <https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>
- <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/map-a-peace-pole/>

Reach out directly to DG Douglas Heizer if your club is interested in being a part of this transformative initiative.

Together, we can create a more peaceful world.

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## Empower Your Rotary Journey with DISTEC

We want to remind you about DISTEC, the **District Technology Committee**. DISTEC plays a pivotal role in harnessing the power of technology to enhance communication, collaboration, and efficiency within our organization. Some clubs are already taking advantage on this.

With a primary focus on supporting and optimizing **Google Workspace**, **DACdb**, **Website Servers**, and other essential tech tools, DISTEC aims to empower clubs and members in their Rotary journey. The committee will provide training, technical support, and guidance for adopting these collaborative tools, all at no additional cost to our clubs.

By formulating a comprehensive technology strategy aligned with our district's goals, DISTEC promises to lead us into a brighter tech-driven future. They will evaluate emerging technologies and offer expert recommendations to ensure we stay ahead in the digital landscape.

If you need to know more about this, contact our team:

[Samuel Bourgeois \(RC Eco-Friendly\)](#) - [sp.bourge@icloud.com](mailto:sp.bourge@icloud.com) - **Google Workspace**

[Charles Berry \(RC Eau Gallie\)](#) - [Charles@totalcareit.com](mailto:Charles@totalcareit.com) - **DACdb**

[Phillip Levine \(RC Royal Palm Beach\)](#) - [philip@southfloridawebadvisors.com](mailto:philip@southfloridawebadvisors.com) - **Website Server**

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## Rotary Family Committee - We are family!

The Rotary Family Committee plays a vital role in fostering a sense of community and promoting family engagement within the Rotary Club. The primary focus of this committee will be to keep Rotary members informed about the life changes and activities of the club's members. We need the help of club presidents to keep us informed of any changes in members' lives, such as:

- Weddings
- Birth of a child to a member or a direct family member
- Death of a member or a direct family member.

Please contact Tricia Kawi if you have a family announcement to make  
[Tricia Kawi \( Vero Beach Oceanside\)](mailto:pkawi@earthlink.net) - pkawi@earthlink.net

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## Governor's Award upcoming tasks:

**Task 3:** Club Presidents are to complete a 100% DACdb update. Review your club members' data for completion and accuracy, verify phone numbers and emails, including cell phones, if possible, complete Participation Data, etc. - **Due 8/30/23 (EXTENDED)**

**Task 4:** Club Presidents must complete Public Image compliance with Rotary International, logo, website, and social media, all using the brand central guidance. -**Due 9/29/23**

**Task 5:** Club President must have the Club President-Elect 2024/2025 complete the Club President Basics course in The Learning Center (NEW effective July 1, 2023, 10 courses)-**Due 9/29/23**

## Club News

### Clubs working together - New Dormitory Completed in Guatemala

Great news from Guatemala - the new dormitory at Ak'Tenamit school is complete!

Ak'Tenamit is a free co-ed boarding school in Guatemala that provides vocational education and internships for indigenous boys and girls from 162 rural communities. District 6930 has recently organized service trips to the school in February 2022 and 2023 and played a major role in funding this new 200-bed dormitory at the Rio Dulce campus.



The dormitory was financed through a matching fund sponsored by Rotarians from Cocoa Beach. Several Rotary Clubs in our area also donated to the effort - Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie, Port St Lucie, Titusville, Downtown Boca Raton, Palm Beach, and Vero Beach Sunrise. Other Rotarians have made significant personal donations to the fund after visiting Ak'Tenamit and seeing its impact first-hand.

Dorm construction and the bunk beds needed for the building were completed by a group of Rotarians from the Chicago area, who worked alongside boys and girls from the school.

As noted in the school's most recent newsletter, "Our students providing sweat equity to build their own dormitories, classrooms and furniture helps increase

their self-esteem and a sense of ownership of the school." Similarly, many of our Rotarians have found a service trip to the school to be a transformational experience. The school was founded by Rotarian Steve Dudenhoefer and serves as a shining example of how we can work together to create hope in the world.

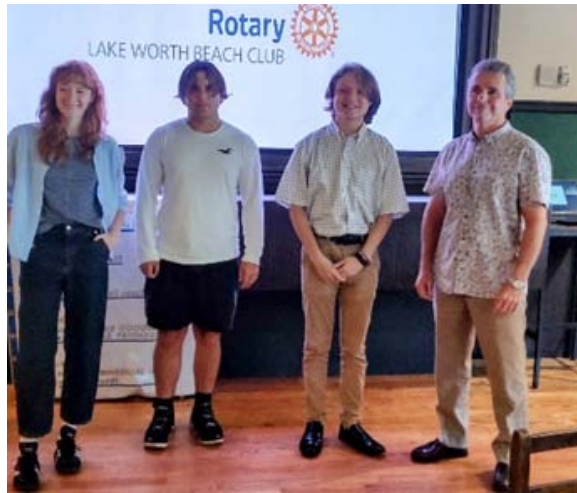
For more information about Ak'Tenamit, check out the website of their nonprofit, *The Guatemala Tomorrow Fund* <https://thegtfund.org/>

**Lake Worth Club:**  
*From Facebook*

Two of our scholarship recipients Emily and Wolfgang



Oschmann (brother and sister) accompanied by their parents were at our meeting to tell us about their progress in college. Emily is studying at Berklee College of Music, in Boston, MA, where she is studying dance. Her brother Wolfgang is studying at Eastern Kentucky University and wants to pursue a career as a film writer and director. Both have maintained a 3+ GPA therefore they were eligible once again for the \$ 1000 scholarships. Their dad Ed, a magician, was talked into performing a trick...he did not disappoint.



(R to L) Emily Oschmann, Alessandro Perez, Wolfgang Oschmann, and President Dermot MacMahon.

Also present was our Rotary Youth Exchange student Alessandro Perez who had just returned from a weekend training session in Ohio where he met with other outbound exchange students and some recently returned students. He is both nervous and excited about his upcoming trip to South Korea.

\$500 was donated to Harry's Banana Farm for the annual Backpack program on the same day as the Back-to-School Bash.

#### **Cocoa Beach Club:** *From Kimberly Demeret*

The Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach's "Drown Zero" project provides life-saving rescue stations along the beach. Rip currents and lifeguard shortages have become national news, and several local drownings this year have underlined the importance of the project. We are steadily adding new stations and sponsors, and the Cocoa Beach city council recently gave our club permission to use an ATV on the beach to service our stations.

A generous grant from the Surfing's Evolution & Preservation Foundation has enabled us to purchase the ATV and increase the number of Drown Zero stations on our beaches.

AND...



Members of the Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach got together to mulch the

playground area at Cocoa Isles Park - one of two city parks we've adopted.

In addition to our club members, we had two prospective members show up to help. All had a great time. We plan to do the Cameron Barkley Rotary Park next month.

What a great way to support our community and introduce ourselves to people interested in Rotary!

#### **Fort Pierce Club:**

A very special lunch happened when the club inducted and welcomed with open arms, a third-generation

*From Facebook*





Rotarian, Nathan Davis.

Nathan is the son of Doug Davis, who had the honor of pinning Nathan today.

We are blessed to have you join and continue service in our community and around the world!

#### Merritt Island Breakfast:

*From Facebook*

At a recent meeting in July, club member Rocky Johnson presents to Janice Kershaw (President & CEO, Brevard Schools Foundation) a check for \$3,000 from Merritt Island Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation to support their worthy efforts here in Brevard County.



Jenny Pruett - Founder & CEO – "I am a Freedom Fighter", presents to Club President Shane a check for the Club's effort in car parking during the

"Thunder on the Beach" event.  
— with [I am a Freedom Fighter](#).

#### Downtown Boca Raton: *By Marilyn Blano Corey*

Our *Nutrition On Weekends* Team organized and delivered 100 bags of groceries today to the campuses of the Fuller Center. Each bag will feed up to six people for the weekend. Much gratitude to this week's team: Alan Kaye, Marcia Mithun, Doug Mithun, Marilyn Murray Wilson, and Elaine Morris.

#### Stuart Sunrise Club: *Submitted by Beth Brownell*



Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club celebrated their officer changeover with family and friends at Sailfish Marina, catered by the Boy & Girls Club Fork in the Road food truck. Newly installed President John Robitaille took the gavel from outgoing President Beth Brownell as the club begins the new year. Gene Van Curen received the Rotarian of the Year award for his work arranging meeting programs and leading the scholarship committee. Community member Brigitte Babine was awarded a Paul Harris award for her many years of behind-the-scenes work supporting the club's fundraising efforts.

The club's first service project of the year was participating in the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup, removing 150 pounds of trash from Bruner Pond Park in Stuart.



### **Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise 37th Annual Teacher of the Year Event** *by Tim Sharp*

Another successful teacher of the year awards event in the books.



What a wonderful evening at a great

facility, the Studio at Mizner Park. The evening started with a cocktail reception including delicious appetizers prepared by the students at West Boca HS Culinary Academy and the amazing sounds of the Spanish River HS Jazz band.

We then were treated to the presentation of the colors by the Olympic Heights Marine JROTC and then some great inspirational speeches from our president Gail Ambrose-Lustig, our Sunrise Foundation chairperson Erin Garcia, Troy McClellin from the Boca Chamber/Golden Bell Education Foundation, and Sunrise Rotarian and PBC School Board chairperson Frank Barbieri.

Frank then asked Alex Price and Richelle Kubsch, both of Office Depot, to come up to the stage to accept a special award for their unwavering support of education in Palm Beach County and our teacher of the year event. Following individual videos of the 23 teachers and principals prepared by the Education Network of PBC, Alex Price and Jim Moore of United Healthcare announced the names of the teachers, who then received a plaque from Frank and a check for \$200 from our club. PBC School District Superintendent Mike Burke spoke.

Following the announcement of the raffle prize winners, everyone adjourned to the lounge area where we enjoyed desserts prepared by the West Boca Raton Culinary Academy and heard the melodic sounds of the Boca Raton Choral Group. Another inspirational evening for all those attending!

#### **Indialantic Club:**

Earlier this year, representatives from the Cocoa Beach Rotary Club met with us to help us learn more about the great work they have been doing with their Drown Zero Program. This program saves lives and involves the installation of flotation device stations on local beaches. The Indialantic Club agreed this is a great initiative and recently received approval to install 17 stations along Satellite Beach beaches.

The Club announced that it will be forming an Interact Club with Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy High School. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

We recently received approval to "adopt" Eau Gallie Causeway. Signs are being erected to denote our involvement in keeping this area free from litter.

Club Member Bob Visconti, provided the Club with a summary of his efforts promoting the Brain Game. A total of \$15,940 was raised in 2022/2023 in support of the program. 1,279 Brain Games were delivered to several organizations. The Brain Game is a book enhancing children's brain development, written and recommended by early childhood professionals. This resource was developed through the leadership of the



### Suntree Club Donates to Animal Shelter:



At the meeting recently, the club donated \$500 to the Furever Animal Shelter in Titusville. This non-profit organization helps abandoned and less fortunate dogs and cats by giving them a chance until they can be adopted.

They are funded solely by donations and are in desperate need of financial help so they can care for these animals with vet care, food, and the ability to pay for the facility's electrical and water bills.

They also need folks who are willing to adopt the animals in their care.

To see the animals available for adoption go to:  
<https://fureverhomerescue.rescueme.org/>

### Upcoming Club Events:

#### Sebastian Club: October 7, 2023

*From Facebook*

Rotary Club of Sebastian, Inc (See tickets for signup Form) Service to Community Golf Outing! Saturday, October 7, 2023. 8AM Shotgun start Sebastian Municipal Golf Course. Hole in ONE Grand prize \$10,000 plus other prizes for the par 3's, Longest Drive, straightest drive, Closest to pin's, \$50/50 raffle and other great prizes, Scramble Format, Carts, range balls, buffet lunch included! \$100.00 per golfer or \$360 per team.

Proceeds benefit the club's college scholarship fund. Last year we were able to give six \$1,000 scholarships to our local graduates.

Contact Marc Gingras 772-321-3916 for more information or stop in the shop and grab a registration form.



**Rotary Clubs of Indian River County** will host their Oktoberfest on October 7th with an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship.

#### Rockledge Club Golf Tournament October 14, 2023:

*From Facebook:*



By participating in the Rockledge Rotary Charitable Golf Tournament, you can make a profound impact on our community. This year, our beneficiaries, the Rockledge Raider Alumni Association and Space Coast Honor Flight, will benefit directly from the proceeds raised. Your involvement will enable the Rockledge Raider Alumni Association to support educational programs, scholarships, and initiatives that empower students to reach their full potential. Additionally, the Space Coast Honor Flight will be able to fulfill their mission of honoring veterans by providing them with memorable, all-expenses-paid trips to visit national memorials.

Together, through the power of golf and generosity, we can help these local nonprofits thrive and make a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve. Join us on the fairway of giving and swing into action for a cause that truly matters!  
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#### Suntree Club: Great Taste at Suntree – October 14, 2023

Once again, the Suncreen Club is hosting their annual fundraiser, Great Taste at Suntree on October 14, 2023 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the Suntree Country Club.

Over 20 local restaurants are supporting the event

by supplying on of their favorite menu items for people to sample. Attendees will be entertained by live music and are able to participate in several raffles during the evening.

The funds raised at this year's event goes toward to two local charities -

CITA Rescue Mission - CITA's mission today remains the same - to inspire true life transformation for the homeless, addicted and down on their luck providing shelter and intervention through faith-based, life changing support. Helping men to achieve educational, vocational, occupational and personal goals in their lives to become self-reliant and independent.

And the SPACE COAST VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE whose mission is to provide free medical care in a compassionate and professional manner to the un-insured of Brevard County. Emphasizing the importance of preventative medicine and health education.

Tickets are \$50 (\$60 at the door) and are available at [www.suntreerotary.org](http://www.suntreerotary.org).

**Downtown Boca Raton Club: November 11, 2023**

To read the Press Release regarding the Boca Raton Mayors Ball go [HERE](#).



**Sunrise Vero Beach Christmas Parade - December 2.**

**Save the Date  
December 2nd**

**Boca Raton Sunrise Club:**

**SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023**  
The Rotary Club Boca Raton Sunrise, in partnership with the Fuller Center, is hosting its 36th Annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Boca Lago Golf and Country Club. Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the Fuller Center and the Rotary Club Boca Raton Sunrise Foundation.

Click on the link below for more information or scan the OR code:  
<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/rotary-club-of-boca-ration-sunrise-36th-annual-golf-tournament>



## Vero Beach Club: Update for Rotary Kids Triathlon - December 2, 2023



Registration is open for children between 6–13 years! <http://KidsTriathlonVeroBeach.com>

Did you know that:

- No Child Will Be Turned Away (be it cost, disability, skill level or lack of equipment)
- Novice or Non-Swimmers Can Walk in the Heated Pool (or have a friend or sibling complete the swim segment within a relay)
- All Proceeds Go to Youth Programs in our Local Community
- Kilwin's will be serving FREE Ice Cream to all Participants!

To see the flyer go [HERE](#).

**Public Image Hint:** Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1595163847383932/permalink/3658371024396527>

The biggest mistake many clubs make on Facebook is to treat their Facebook page like a club bulletin. Your Club's Facebook page should be talking to your community and prospective members. Keep internal notices and club news for your bulletin. Use Facebook to show the world what you do - remembering to announce club meeting days, place and time in all postings.

## Foundation News



# The Rotary Foundation



## **The Rotary Foundation: Why I Give**

*By Nils Weibull*

As most of us know, Rotary was started on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1905, by Paul Harris. Mr. Harris was a lonesome lawyer, who just had moved to Chicago. He started a social networking club. The club grew. At the convention in 1917 the international chairperson Arch Klumph suggested that Rotary shall do more i.e., do good for the community and world. The Rotary Foundation was started with a donation of \$26.50.

The mission of Rotary Foundation (TRF) is: "The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty."

The action plan to accomplish this mission is: Increase TRF's impact; Expand TRF's reach; Enhance TRF's engagement; and increase TRF's ability to adapt.

The areas of focus for TRF are: Basic education and literacy; Community development; Disease prevention; Maternal and child health; Peace building and conflict prevention; Water, sanitation and hygiene, and Environment.

In the year 2021-22 TRF gave: PolioPlus \$150 million; 478 District grants = \$27 million; 1,199 Global grants = \$73 million; 207 Disaster response grants = \$8 million; 9 million other grants and \$4 million to the Rotary Peace centers.

## **So why do I give to TRF?**

- TRF is rated 4 stars, the highest rating by Charity Navigator, among the highest in the USA.
- TRF gives away about 89% of all donations, among the highest in the USA.
- Each donor can specify where, in what area, hers/his money will be spent which is unique for a non-profit.
- Easy to donate. Use a credit card (get points) on [www.myrotary.org](http://www.myrotary.org).
- Your club will get grant money back after three years, Rules apply. Go to our training seminar in March 2024 or contact us.
- TRF is long-term and asset rich with conservative investments.
- All time contributions since inception equal \$6.1 billion.
- Program awards & operations since 1947 = \$5.5 billion = 89% = impressive.

Nils Weibull – Stuart Sunrise and 6930 TRF committee [Nils-WEIBULL@comcast.net](mailto:Nils-WEIBULL@comcast.net)

## **Paul Harris Awards...**

It is through donations to The Rotary Foundation that clubs and Rotary International is able to support and/or launch literacy, disease prevention, environment, water/sanitation/hygiene, mother/child health, economic development, peace building and conflict prevention, and other much-needed programs around the world. Rotary International recognizes individuals who make these donations.

The Paul Harris Award recognizes those who have given (or who have contributions made in their name) of an accumulated \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Each additional \$1,000 earns another level of the Paul Harris award.

## **Suntree Club:**



At a recent club meeting six club members were given recognition pins for their donations to The Rotary Foundation.

L-R: Congratulations to Dan Levy (PH+3), Debbie Williams, Club Foundation Chair, Annette Schweiger, (PH+1), Andre Arrouet (PH), Robert Husband (PH+8), Jan Erickson (PH+8) and Olu Oni (PH+8).

At the same meeting club members presented a check for \$2,000 to Woody & Linda McDaniel, representatives of the non-profit Operation La Paz.

Coming from a Rotary District 6930 District Grant, the funds will be used for their continuing work in La Paz, Honduras.

#### **Rockledge Club:**

*From Facebook*



Congratulations to Rotarian Donna Manfredi PH+2 and Dan Henn (PH+3) who was presented with her second Paul Harris Fellow pin by our club's Foundation chair Mike Selig.



Rockledge Rotary has earned the special distinction of being a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club.

#### **Northern Palm Beaches**

*Submitted by Richard Hartman*

Past District Governor, Donna Geiser, presented The Rotary Club of the Northern Palm Beaches member Alan Fishman with his Paul Harris+3 lapel pin.

#### **Downtown Boca Raton:**

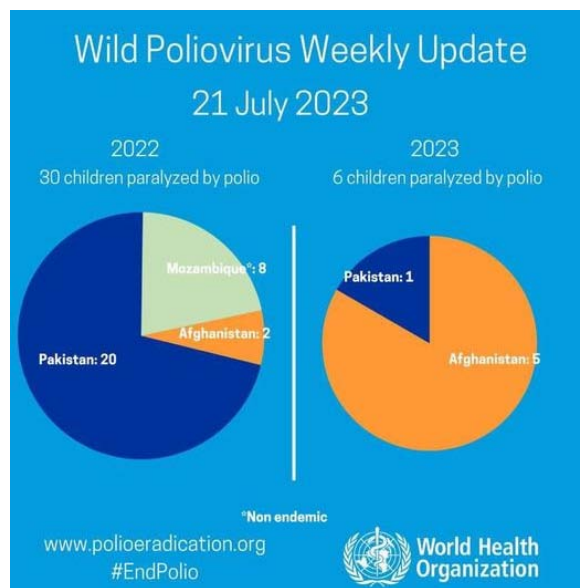
*by Marilyn Blanco-Corey*



Today we "pinned" Maurice D. Plough Jr with Paul Harris+5; Jose E. Torres Paul Harris+2 and Gwen Herb with Paul Harris +1.

Thank you all for your generous support to The Rotary Foundation!

**Polio Chart:**



**World Polio Day - Planning for October 24:**  
*by JoAnn Meaker, District PolioPlus Chair*

It's time to start planning your World Polio Day event! Join Zone 33/34 Public Image on Aug. 28th for a webinar to learn how you can take your event to the next level.

We'll also hear the latest updates on eradication efforts from Past RI President John Germ. Register at [elevaterotary.org](http://elevaterotary.org).

Does your club have someone whose lives were touched by Polio... either themselves or a family member or friend? It might be a great program for them to tell their story to the club and then club members can make a donation to PolioPlus in their honor.

