

Rotary

Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Last Meeting of the Month Social

MONTHLY SOCIAL - CHANGE OF VENUE

April 29, 2026
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Carrabba's Italian Grill
South Harbor Plaza
1430 SE 17th Street

(not Doc B's)

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



Club Meeting

Fort Lauderdale
Meets at Café Vico
1125 N. Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Time: Wednesday at 12:15
PM

Thank you to our Street Clean up Volunteers

Rotary Club Community Service Day as part of Fort Lauderdale Cares Day
Power of One Hour – Street Cleanup
April 25, 2026

Our club continued its decade-long commitment to cleaning SW 11th Avenue,
from Broward Blvd. to the swing bridge.



Events

April 29th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting -
Monthly Social](#)
Speaker: TBA

May 6th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting -
Business Meeting](#)
Speaker: Business
Meeting

May 13th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting -
Speaker Mayor Trantalis](#)
Speaker: Mayor Dean
Trantalis

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

May 20th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting -
Scholarship Luncheon](#)
Speaker: Annual
Scholarship Luncheon

Thank you to our volunteers, John Aquino, Gabe Bodnar,

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Rotary Weekly Meeting

Rotary Weekly Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 12:15 pm

[RSVP](#)

BUSINESS MEETING



We meet at Cafe Vico, 1125 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

Join us at Noon; the meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.
Email rotaryftlaud@gmail.com with questions.

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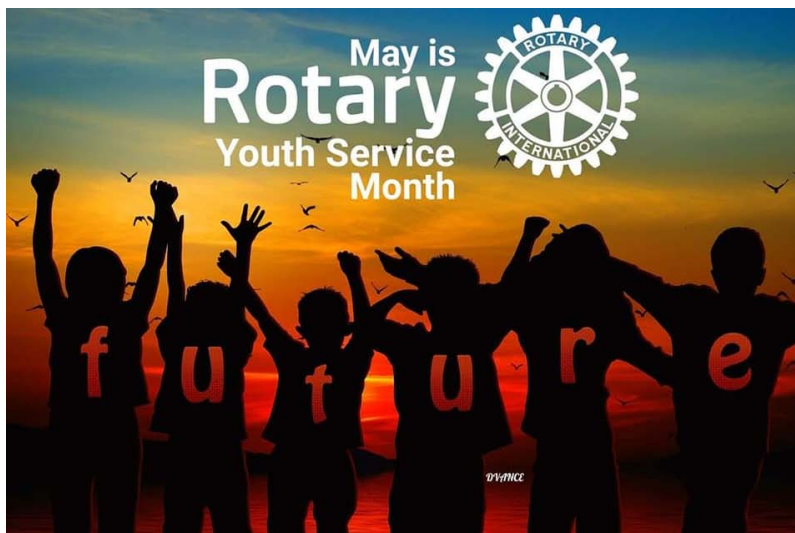
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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

For more information, please visit rotary.org.

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Years of Service

Jeffrey Michael Shaffner
05-01-2004
22 Years

Jaye L. Abbate
05-01-2015
11 Years

Gail Auguston-Koppen
05-01-2017
9 Years

Gwynne Beatty
05-01-2023
3 Years

Paul A. Schuler
05-01-2024
2 Years

Rotary Weekly Meeting

Rotary Weekly Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 12:15 pm

[RSVP](#)



Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis

We meet at Cafe Vico, 1125 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

Join us at Noon; the meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.
Email rotaryftlaud@gmail.com with questions.

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Pay Membership Dues 2025-26

Saturday, April 4, 2026



Please check your email for your quarterly dues statement.

Zeffy's 100% free platform for nonprofits allows us to fundraise at no cost. They are entirely funded by voluntary contributions, and an amount will be suggested to you before you complete your payment.

You can always change the amount to one of your choice (or "0") by selecting "Other" in the dropdown menu.

[***Pay Membership Dues***](#)

Summary

Order	\$300.00
1x Regular Membership	\$300.00

Help keep Zeffy free for Rotary International Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club ❤️ (optional)

Your generosity allows Rotary International Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club to use Zeffy's 100% free fundraising and emailing platform with unlimited support, making your impact even stronger.

[Learn more](#)

Other ▾

Contribution

Total **USD 300.00**

Payment method

Or you may choose to pay Membership Dues using Zelle:

Send Money with Zelle®

Scan in your banking app to pay

Rotary Club Of Fort Lauderdale



New Member Resources

NEW MEMBER RESOURCES

Welcome to Rotary!

Rotary is proud to welcome you to our global community of more than 1.2 million Rotary and Rotaract members dedicated to building a better world.

You make Rotary stronger. By adding your skills, experience, and enthusiasm to your club, you can advance communities at home and on a global scale. Together, we can eradicate polio, train more skilled peacemakers, and provide lasting solutions for communities fighting disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through the Rotary community, you can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with people who share your passion for service. Take advantage of the resources and activities available through your club, district, and Rotary International to make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

How do I start?

There are many ways to make the most out of your [Rotary experience](#).

Get started today:

- Sign up for a My Rotary account to access the [benefits of Rotary](#)
- Learn about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation in [Rotary Basics](#)
- Take a course in the [Learning Center](#)
- Serve on a club committee where you can use your skills
- Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project to address it
- Work with a youth service program sponsored by your club, such as [Interact](#) or [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA)
- Recommend a colleague or friend for membership in your club

How can I meet other members?

Rotary's global network provides a great opportunity to expand your contacts and friendships to other countries while creating a foundation of support with communities around the world.

Consider these opportunities:

- Visit [another club](#)
- Connect with members around the world who share your [hobbies and personal interests](#) or your [expertise](#) and make a difference in projects outside your club or district
- Participate in a [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#)
- Attend the [Rotary International Convention](#)

Stay Connected — Join Our Rotary Club WhatsApp Group!

Rotary has always been about connections — connections to service, to our community, and to each other. In today's world, staying connected has never been easier, but it does require trying something new from time to time.

That's why The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale invites all members, especially those of us from the Baby Boomer generation, to join our club's official WhatsApp Group. Think of it as the digital version of gathering around the lunch table — friendly, informal, and a great way to stay in touch between meetings.

Why consider joining?

- **Stay in the Loop:** Receive timely updates, reminders, and news from fellow Rotarians — all in one easy-to-use app.
- **Foster Friendships:** Share photos, celebrate milestones, and enjoy light conversation beyond the weekly meetings.
- **It's Simple:** If you can send a text message, you can use WhatsApp. No technical expertise required.
- **Privacy is Protected:** Only club members are included. It's a closed group meant just for us.

Rotary is built on relationships, and this is simply another tool to help strengthen the bonds we've already built. Whether you're snowbirding, traveling, or just busy with life, WhatsApp keeps you part of the conversation.

Ready to give it a try?

Click the links below to join or reach out to [Barbara Sanchez](#) or [Carol Koepke](#) for help getting set up. You'll be surprised how easy — and enjoyable — it is.

Let's keep Rotary strong, connected, and moving forward — together.

Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale WhatsApp Community

[Rotary Fort Lauderdale Members](#) - chat group

[Rotary Moments Gallery](#) - Please share your photos from projects, socials, meetings, or other Rotary events here.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook Business Page - <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryfortlauderdale>
- Facebook Members Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/173995709341224>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/rotarycluboffortlauderdale/>
- LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rotaryfortlauderdale>

Where do I go for help?

Want to learn more? Talk to your club members or committees, and if we can help, let us know. Email the Rotary [Support Center](#).

<https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference/resources-by-role/new-member>

New Mobile App - IGNITE



Stay Connected with the New IGNITE App!

Great news — the new IGNITE App is here! It's a simple, fun way to stay up to date with everything happening in Rotary. You can check upcoming events, see what other clubs are doing, and connect with members — all right from your phone.

Here's how to get started:

For iPhone users:

1. Open the App Store.
2. Search for "IGNITE App" (look for the Rotary flame logo).
3. Tap Get to download, then open it once it's installed.
4. Sign in with your Rotary email or follow the quick setup steps.

For Android users:

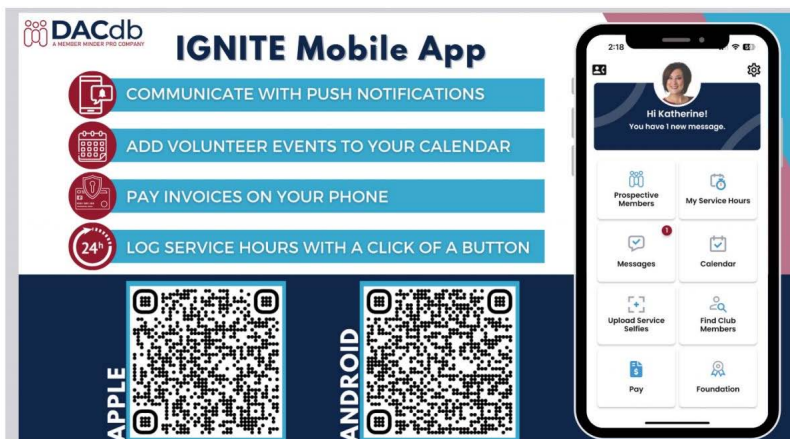
1. Open the Google Play Store.
2. Search for "IGNITE App."

3. Tap Install, then open it after it downloads.
4. Log in or create your account — it only takes a minute!

A few quick tips:

- Turn on notifications so you don't miss important updates or meeting reminders.
- Add a photo and update your profile so fellow Rotarians can recognize you.
- Explore the menus — you'll find lots of useful tools and ways to connect.

The IGNITE App is designed to make Rotary engagement easier (and a bit more fun). Give it a try today and stay connected wherever you are!



What is the **IGNITE App**?

The Ignite App is a mobile app for smartphones and tablets designed by DACdb. This app takes the most common tools and features from DACdb and makes them easier and more convenient to use from your mobile device. Whether you love or loath DACdb, you're sure to find their new Ignite App to be both clean and simple to use. The screens are clutter-free making it effortless to find exactly what you need.

How to **Download** the **IGNITE App**:



1. Open up the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android) on your device.
2. Enter "Ignite" in the search bar.
3. Scroll down until you find the IGNITE app and click on the red fire icon.
4. Download the app by clicking the "Get" or "Install" button.

Sign in to the **IGNITE App**:

Simply enter your DACdb login credentials.

Remember, IGNITE is powered by (and is effectively just a better version of) DACdb.

- Username: This is your email address (the one you received this message on)
- Password: If you don't remember your DACdb password you can reset it by going to www.DACdb.com and click "Forgot/Reset Password?"

IGNITE App Features!

- Log service hours in seconds from anywhere
- View club calendar
- Look-up, call, text, or email club members directly
- Send messages within the app to club members (like Facebook Messenger)
- Check your foundation points (Paul Harris Fellow)
- Donate directly and securely to Rotary Foundation
- Share photos with our Public Image Committee to use on social media/website
- Add prospective members
- Pay dues (not available at this time)

THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Connection Wish List



At the October 1st meeting, Gwynne shared about the Rotary Connection and the ongoing needs of the individuals who rely on the bus services. If you'd like to support this effort, you can contribute by purchasing items from the Amazon wishlist linked below.

All donations will be shipped directly to Rick Riccardi at Fellowship Recovery. Whether you're able to give a little or a lot, every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

[Click here to view the wishlist and help support the Rotary Connection.](#)

Photo Release for Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

To share the spirit of Rotary with our community, the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale may use photographs of members and guests taken at meetings, socials, and volunteer events in publications and on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube. If you prefer not to have your image used, please notify the [Club Executive Secretary](#) or Club President.

Thank you!

Donate Your Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars



Happy Dollars support special projects, club operations, and other important expenses. Feeling happy? Share the joy—make a contribution today!

[Click here to Donate](#)

Thank you!!

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](#). Include pictures if possible.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Club Leaders



[Jeffrey Michael Shaffner](#)
President



[Gabor Bodnar](#)
Vice President
President-Elect
Vice President
President-Elect



[John Aquino](#)
Club Director
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Club Young
Leaders Contact
Youth Exchange
Offic
Youth Services
Chair



[James J Grant](#)
Treasurer



[Susan Clark Shaffner](#)
Club Administrator



[Gwynne Beatty](#)
Club Director



[Cynthia Fardella](#)
Club Director
Service Projects
Chair



[Christopher M. Kerlin](#)
Club Director



[Carol Koepke](#)
Public Relations
Chair



[Kristin LaFleur](#)
Club Director



[Melissa Lane](#)
President-
Nominee
Secretary



[David Sage](#)
Club Director



[Barbara C Sanchez](#)
Club Director
Club Executive
Secretary
Webmaster



[Linda M. Cooke](#)
Membership Chair



[Les R. Campbell](#)
Youth Services
Chair



[Jorg Hruschka](#)
Community Service
Chair



[Rick Riccardi](#)
Past President