

Rotary

Club of Fort Lauderdale



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Sunday, May 11, 2025

Rotary Weekly Meeting - Annual Raffle

Annual Raffle

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 12:15 p.m.

[RSVP](#)



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.

[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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Annual Drawing 2025

Annual Drawing
Support our Scholarships & Service Projects

Tickets: \$100 each



Club Meeting

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

Events

May 14th

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May 19th

[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)

May 21st

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Speaker: Monthly Social

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Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. We are guided by our motto, "Service Above Self."

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter of Rotary, founded in 1922, uses the funds we raise to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Rotary 1090 Foundation Inc For Scholarships & Community Projects

Ticket \$100.00 USD

Name on Ticket (required)

Rotarian seller (optional)

Add to Cart

The drawing will be on May 14th, and you need not be present to win. Thank you for your support!

Proceeds support the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation, a 501(c)3 corporation, to fund scholarships for deserving high school seniors and community projects including:

- Over \$2M in scholarships granted to date to Broward County high school students
- Challenge Air for Kids and Friends
- HOPE South Florida
- Fellowship Recovery
- Hispanic Unity of Florida
- LifeNet4Families
- Ann Storck Center
- Wheelchair Foundatio

Send Checks Payable to:

Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation, Inc.
1126 S Federal #171
Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316

Email rotaryftlaud@gmail.com with any questions.
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Birthdays

Michael J. Grimmé
May 12th
Romney Campbell Rogers
May 14th
Dawn Hanna
May 14th
George Gilbert
May 14th
David Sage
May 15th
John Aquino
May 17th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Rotary Weekly Meeting - Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon
June 4, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.

[RSVP](#)



Moderated by Scholarship Chairperson, Terry Robinson

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.
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Planning Meeting 2025-26



Yr 25-26 Planning Meeting

All are invited to attend this year's planning meeting- please RSVP to Jeff at JeffShaffnerRotary@gmail.com (email in dacdb).

**Saturday, June 7, 2025
9 am to 1pm**

Henderson Behavioral Health
4740 N SR 7, Suite 201
Lauderdale Lakes, 33319

(in back of Headway Office Park- one light south of Commercial on east side of 441)

Please submit your recommendations for agenda items to Jeff by 5/17/25. Please include details of discussion and outcomes you'd like to see at meeting's end. We want everyone to come prepared to have fruitful discussions - so the more info you can provide ahead of time the better.

Light breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Remember to please RSVP to [Jeff](#).

Rotary Cares Grant Report



Grateful Grant Report

Date: May 9, 2025

Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale & Rotary District

Dear Esteemed Partners,

We are immensely grateful for your generous donation of \$4,000 toward the Rotary Cares project. Your support has enabled us to expand our reach and maximize the impact of our work within the Fort Lauderdale community. Thanks to your commitment, we were able to leverage these funds to engage a wide network of local non-profits, creating a ripple effect that benefitted countless individuals.

Key Collaborations and Community Impact

Through our partnership with organizations such as the Christian Life Center, Firewall Center, and the City and Rotary Community Corps of Fort Lauderdale, we spearheaded several service opportunities that have made a tangible difference in the lives of many. Our concerted efforts reached:

Disadvantaged Students: Initiatives at Walker, Westwood Heights, and North Fork elementary schools ensured that resource rooms were restocked with vital supplies, reinforcing our support for educational excellence.

Homeless Community Assistance: In collaboration with Ruth Ministries, Lifenet4 Families, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale network, we supplemented collection and distribution drives with the grant funds. This allowed us to assemble nearly a thousand hygiene and care packages for those in need from November 2024 to May 2025.

A Highlight Event: The Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge

One of the marquee events of our initiative was the Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge, presented by the Rotary Community Corps during Fort Lauderdale Cares Day. On the

morning of April 26, over 240 dedicated volunteers—from Rotary, Firewall Center, Christian Life Center, to American Heritage—collaborated to prepare 8,600 PB&J sandwiches. These sandwiches were then distributed to 14 local non-profits, directly serving members of our homeless community and illustrating the unity and shared vision that makes our city so special.

A Shared Vision for a Better Fort Lauderdale

Your unwavering support is a testament to your commitment to our local community. By investing in the people and spaces that make Fort Lauderdale vibrant, you help create an environment where everyone can live, work, play, and raise their families with pride. Our shared vision is clear: to make Fort Lauderdale the city you never want to leave. With your indispensable generosity, each step we take brings us closer to this dream.

We deeply appreciate your trust and commitment. With you by our side, we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership, fostering a healthier, happier, and more connected community for all. Thank you once again for your enthusiastic support.

Warm regards,

Jorg Hruschka

Community Service Chair | Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale
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Why the World Needs Rotarians—Everywhere

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As Rotarians, we're often deeply involved in projects that impact our local communities—helping families in need, mentoring students, or beautifying public spaces. These efforts are meaningful, and they're why many of us joined Rotary in the first place. But Rotary's mission doesn't stop at the edge of our town.

Our world today faces challenges that no one community can solve alone: clean water shortages, health crises, illiteracy, displacement from conflict, and environmental threats. That's why Rotarians are needed everywhere. Through international service projects, global grants, and partnerships across continents, Rotary clubs bring hope and practical solutions to people we may never meet, but whose lives are forever changed by our work.

What makes Rotary unique is our global network. With members in over 200 countries, we're not just responding to problems—we're anticipating them, sharing best practices, and building peace across borders.

When one club drills a well in a remote village or helps fund a mobile health clinic, they remind the world that service knows no boundaries. As members of this incredible organization, we have the power—and responsibility—to keep showing up where we're needed most, whether it's across the street or across the globe.

Together, we make the world a better, more connected place.



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MARCH 2025**

Save the Date: Building the Magic of Rotary



SAVE THE DATE

Building the Magic of Rotary

Canstruction Build Date
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Galleria Mall – Fort Lauderdale

**Building the Magic of Rotary
Celebration and Awards**
Thursday, October 9, 2025 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Galleria Mall – Fort Lauderdale

Join Us!

We are looking for committee members, sponsors, and
auction items.

Please contact Kristin LaFleur – 203.858.6055 (m) or
lafleur.rotary@gmail.com to get involved.

Pay for Guest / Rule of 85 Lunch

LUNCH - \$30



Guest & Rule of 85

Building the Magic of Rotary Canstruction Event

BUILDING THE MAGIC OF ROTARY CANSTRUCTION EVENT

A Partnership between the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale
and Canstruction

BUILD DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

AWARDS DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2025

Click below to learn more about this exciting event, how you can contribute, and the benefits of your participation.

Included in the brochure:

- Sponsor Contract
- Auction Item Donation Form
- FAQs

[CLICK TO VIEW THE BROCHURE](#)

We CAN Build Community Together



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 to Rotary 1090 Foundation

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation operates as a 501(c)3 corporation. Contributions are dedicated to supporting various community endeavors, including providing college scholarships for local high school graduates, organizing Thanksgiving meals, aiding our hungry and homeless through Have a Heart initiatives, supporting Challenge Air for special needs children, facilitating neighborhood clean-up and restoration projects, fostering youth leadership programs, and more.

Click below to make a tax-deductible donation.

Donate to the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation Inc.

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Thank you!!

Club Leaders



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President-Elect



[Linda Spaulding White](#)
Secretary
President-Nominee



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Rotary Foundation
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