

# Rotary

## Club of Fort Lauderdale



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Monday, May 19, 2025

### Board of Directors Meeting - May 19, 2025



#### Board Meeting



May 19, 2025  
5:30 p.m.  
Henderson Behavioral Health Center  
330 SW 27 Ave., 3rd Floor Conference Room  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312  
All members are welcome to attend.

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### Rotary Weekly Meeting - May 21, 2025

#### Rotary Weekly Meeting

May 21, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.  
[RSVP](#)

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#### Club Meeting

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

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**Speaker: Honorable Carol-Lisa Phillips  
Chief Judge  
Broward Circuit Civil Division**

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](mailto: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 Raffle Winners

By Barbara Sanchez

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## Birthdays

Christine Madsen  
May 20th

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## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found



### **And the Winners Are...!**

We're excited to announce the winners of last week's raffle — and to thank everyone who made it a huge success!

#### **\$250 Winners:**

- Charles Felix (sold by Johanna Lobdell)
- Andrew Caldwell (sold by Bill Branan)
- Anthony Taylor (sold by John Aquino)
- Jim Brenner (who donated his winnings back to the Foundation)
- Michael Rizzi (sold by Dan Rizzi)
- Randy Avon (sold by Linda Cooke)
- Bobby Rodriguez

#### **\$1,000 Winner:**

- Lee Anne Deuser (sold by Rick Marshall)

#### **Grand Prize – \$10,000 Winner:**

- Jamie Meehan

In total, **363 tickets were sold**, and we raised approximately **\$23,000!** These funds will go toward **scholarships for local high school seniors** and **supporting vital community projects** both locally and around the world.

A huge thank you to **everyone who participated** — your support truly makes a difference.

#### **Special recognition goes to our top sellers:**

- John Aquino
- Bill Branan
- Johanna Lobdell
- George Maxwell

*(Each sold over 20 tickets!)*

Also, a big thank you to our members who sold more than 10 tickets:

Linda Cooke, Jamie Meehan, Dan Rizzi, and Ray Williams.

Together, we've made an incredible impact. Congratulations again to all our winners!

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# Rotary Weekly Meeting - Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon  
Global Event Center  
June 4, 2025  
12:15 p.m.

**To help us plan accurately for seating and catering,  
please let us know if you will be attending by May 27th.**

[RSVP](#)



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Moderated by Scholarship Chairperson, Terry Robinson

Please note: The Scholarship Luncheon will be held at the  
Global Event Center at First Baptist Church,  
416 NE 1st Street.

Join us at noon. The meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.

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## Planning Meeting 2025-26

# UNITE FOR GOOD



## Yr 25-26 Planning Meeting

All are invited to attend this year's planning meeting- please RSVP to Jeff at [JeffShaffnerRotary@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).

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## 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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## **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](mailto:lafleur.rotary@gmail.com) to get involved.

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## **Club Board Members for 2025-26**

### **Club Board 2025-26 Rotary Year**

Jeff Shaffner, President Elect  
Linda Spaulding White, President-Elect  
Rick Riccardi, Secretary  
Dr. Gabe Bodnar, Treasurer  
Dan Rizzi, Immediate Past President

### **Rolling over for 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their term:**

John Aquino  
Kristin LaFleur  
David Sage  
Barbara Sanchez

### **Welcome New Board Members:**

Gwynne Beatty  
Cynthia Fardella  
Chris Kerlin  
Taryn Koshelnyk

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## Pay for Guest / Rule of 85 Lunch

**LUNCH - \$30**



**Guest & Rule of 85**

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## 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*



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## 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!

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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](#). Include pictures if possible.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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## 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.

[Click here to Donate](#)

Thank you!!

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## Club Leaders



[Daniel Rizzi](#)  
President



[Jeffrey Michael Shaffner](#)  
President-Elect



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



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



[Miguel F. Sanchez](#)  
Treasurer



[Gabor Bodnar](#)  
Club Director



[Les R. Campbell](#)  
Club Director



[Jorg Hruschka](#)  
Club Director



[Kristin LaFleur](#)  
Club Director  
Grants  
Chairperson



[David Sage](#)  
Club Director



[Barbara Sanchez](#)  
Club Director  
Webmaster



[Ray M. Williams](#)  
Club Director



[Linda M. Cooke](#)  
Membership Chair



[Jaye L. Abbate](#)  
Past President



[Rick Riccardi](#)  
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