

# Rotary

## Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

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Sunday, May 25, 2025

## Last Meeting of the Month Social

**MAY SOCIAL**

**May 28, 2025  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Preston's Wine & Martini Lounge  
Riverside Hotel  
620 E. Las Olas Boulevard**



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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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## Events

May 28th  
[\*\*Rotary Weekly Meeting - Monthly Social\*\*](#)  
**Speaker:** Monthly Social - Preston's Wine & Martini Lounge

June 4th  
[\*\*Rotary Weekly Meeting - Scholarship Luncheon\*\*](#)

June 7th  
[\*\*Annual Planning Meeting\*\*](#)

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June 16th  
[\*\*Club Board of Directors Meeting\*\*](#)

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## Planning Meeting 2025-26

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

Rotary 

## 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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## 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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## Rotary Cares Grant Report

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## Birthdays

Suzanne Vordermeier-  
Waterhouse  
May 26th

Cynthia Fardella  
May 27th

George Frederick Marshall  
III  
May 27th

Heiko Dobrikow  
May 28th

Johanna M. Lobdell  
May 31st

James Woods  
June 4th

AUGUST R. PUJOLS, P.E.  
June 7th

Robert B. Moorman Jr.  
June 8th

Juan Guadalupe  
June 9th



## 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.

Gabor Bodnar

June 15th

Patricia A Robinson

June 16th

Marty Fishman

June 18th

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## Years of Service

Walter L. Morgan

09-01-1986

39 Years

Barbara Sanchez

09-01-2021

4 Years

Kristin LaFleur

09-01-2021

4 Years

Patricia A Robinson

09-08-2021

4 Years

JD Smith

09-15-2023

2 Years

Damla Yenigun

09-25-2024

1 Year

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  
[Read More](#)

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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.

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

[Read More](#)

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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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## Pay for Guest / Rule of 85 Lunch



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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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**Save the Date: Building the Magic of Rotary**



Rotary  
Club of Fort Lauderdale



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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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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS / REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

A graphic for newsletter submissions. It features a stylized yellow building on the left. Overlaid on the building is a large blue magnifying glass. To the right of the magnifying glass, the words "Newsletter Submissions" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is white with some faint, colorful geometric shapes like circles and lines.

### 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](mailto:Barbara.Sanchez). Include pictures if possible.

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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## Follow Us on Social Media



## Instructions for Club Documents

Secure documents are only available to members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. You will need to click the link above on the top right to login to DACdb. Once you have logged in, click on My Club and then click on Club Files,

Click on the Secure Files Tab (to the right of Public Files), and open the file you are looking for.

For example, if you want to look at a new member application, click on the New Member Application Folder and then click on the application name you want to open.

If you do not know your login, please email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com)

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## Instructions for Member Directory

This directory is only available to members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. The easiest way to access the member directory is to go to [m.dacdb.com](http://m.dacdb.com). This works on your desktop computer or on your smart phone.

You use the same login you use for the district site and our website. Once you have logged in, click on My Club and then Members and you will see a list of all our members, then click on the member you need contact information for and it will open up for you.

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### To add a shortcut to your smart phone

If you are on an android phone, you can click the three dots near the top right to see options and then click Add to Home screen and you will have a button that you can put where you want on your phone and have easy access to the directory.

If you are on an iPhone, make sure you use safari to go to [m.dacdb.com](http://m.dacdb.com) and at the bottom of your screen you can click the icon that looks like a folder with an arrow, then click, Add to Home screen and you will have a button you put where you want and have easy access to the member directory.

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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 Office  
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](#)  
iPast President

