

The Rotary Tarpon

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Last Meeting of the Month Social

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

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



Planning Meeting 2025-26





Club Meeting

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

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 June 11th

Rotary Weekly Meeting

June 16th <u>Club Board of Directors</u> <u>Meeting</u> June 18th

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Yr 25-26 Planning Meeting

All are invited to attend this year's planning meeting- please RSVP to Jeff at <u>JeffShaffnerRotary@gmail.com</u> (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 <u>Jeff</u>.

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 2nd 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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Birthdays

Suzanne Vordermeier-Waterhouse May 26th **Cynthia Fardella** May 27th George Frederick Marshall ш 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

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

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.





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 with questions.

<u>Click here</u> 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

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 <u>Club Executive Secretary</u> or Club President.

Thank you!

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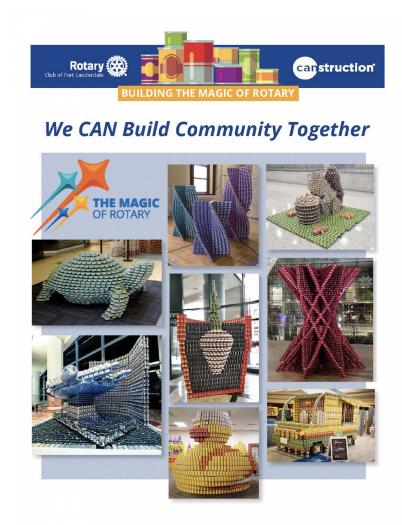
> BUILD DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AWARDS DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2025

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

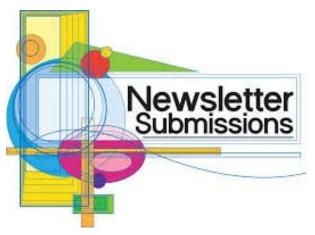
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS / REQUEST FOR ARTICLES



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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 <u>Barbara Sanchez</u>. Include pictures if possible.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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.

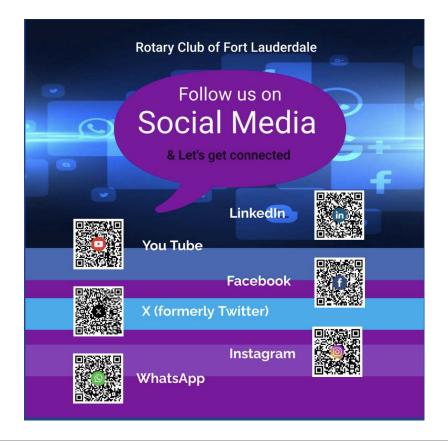
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Donate to the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation Inc.

Click here to Donate

Thank you!!

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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

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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 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.

Club Leaders







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 Jorg Hruschka Club Director



Miguel F. Sanchez Treasurer



Gabor Bodnar **Club Director**



Les R. Campbell Club Director







Kristin LaFleur Club Director Grants Chairperson



Linda M. Cooke Membership Chair



David Sage

Club Director



Barbara Sanchez Club Director Webmaster

Rick Riccardi iPast President



Ray M. Williams Club Director



