

Rotary

Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Rotary Connection

Mark your calendars and come out to support this worthwhile event!
It's happening August 1st!

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



Join us in unveiling...

ROTARY CONNECTION

GETTING THE UNHOUSED TO
NEEDED SERVICES

The graphic shows a bus with the "ROTARY CONNECTION" logo. The bus is decorated with logos for "CHANGING LIVES North Broward", "Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale", "LifeNet4Families", "Henderson Behavioral Health", "FELLOWSHIP", "Supported by Florida Blue Foundation", and "THEREFORE".

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 • 10 AM
Hosted By Rick Riccardi & Gwynne Beatty
Fellowship Recovery Community Organization
101 SW 27th Ave, Fort Lauderdale FL 33312, rear parking lot
Parking also available at Walmart across the Street

Logos at the bottom include: Florida Blue Foundation, Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, LifeNet4Families, THEREFORE, Henderson Behavioral Health, FELLOWSHIP RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, and CHANGING LIVES North Broward.

Club Meeting

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

Events

July 30th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting - No Monthly Social](#)

August 1st
[Rotary Connection Unveiling](#)

August 6th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting - Canine Companions](#)

August 13th
[Rotarians Honoring Rotarians](#)
Speaker: Rotarians Honoring Rotarians

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

August 20th
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)
Speaker: Debbie Savage
Speaker: Debbie Savage, Responsive Home Care

No Meeting or Social This Week

No Monthly Social on July 30th

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 1, for the

In This Issue

We Need Your Help!

By Carol Koepke on Saturday, July 26, 2025

We Need Your Help!

Part of our commitment to social media is utilizing the individual Club member's social pages when we have important initiatives where we want to reach people beyond those who look at our page. To that end, we want to expand the audience who knows about our Rotary Connection program happening on Friday, August 1st.

You can help through a simple action that will only take 5 minutes. Just share the Rotary Connection post that will be up on the Club's social pages on Monday, to your pages and it will reach your personal network and expand the audience that the post goes to.

Here are step-by-step instructions on how you do it.



For Facebook:

Go to the Club's Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryfortlauderdale/>

1. Find the Rotary Connection post (It should be the latest one) and find the SHARE button at the bottom. Click it.
2. Another screen will open up and you can type your message where it says "say something about this" or you can just hit SHARE NOW. If you want to write something it can be as simple as "Join me at this exciting event!" And that's it!



For Instagram:

Go to the Club's Instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/rotarycluboffortlauderdale/>

1. Find the Rotary Connection post. It should be the first one.
2. Tap the "paper airplane" icon below the post on the right.
3. When the new screen shows up, hit the bottom left "add to story."
4. A "Story" on IG is at the top of the page and hopefully engages new viewers with your post. It's different from FB as it won't show up on your feed.



For LinkedIn:

Go to the Club's LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rotaryfortlauderdale/>

1. Find the Rotary Connection post. It should be the first one.
2. Under the post there will be a button that says "repost."
3. Hit that and you will have an option for "repost with your thoughts" or just "repost."

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Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Years of Service

Suzanne Vordermeier-Waterhouse
08-01-1993
32 Years

Richard Flowers
08-01-2016
9 Years

Corrine Rasquinha
08-01-2022

4. If you'd like to say something, hit "repost" with your thoughts and a screen will open that will allow you to say something like "hope to see you on Friday" and then you hit the word "Post."

5. If you don't want to write something, just hit "repost" and it will automatically go to your LinkedIn page.

3 Years

To download a PDF of these directions, [click here](#).

Rotary Weekly Meeting - August 6, 2025

Rotary Weekly Meeting

August 6, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.

[RSVP](#)



Speakers: Nicole and Jennie Ortiz
Canine Companions for Independence

<https://canine.org/>

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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Rotarians Honoring Rotarians

"ROTARIANS HONORING ROTARIANS"

Members - [RSVP](#)

[Guests - \\$35](#)

**ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE
ANNOUNCES
ROTARIANS HONORING ROTARIANS**

People of Action



Steve Botkin
State Farm

Manny Linares
Broward Health

Rick Marshall
Investor

Romney Rogers
RMZ Law

Emcee: The Honorable Jack Seiler



August 13, 2025 - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Global Event Center @ First Baptist Church
416 NE 1st Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Members RSVP

Guests: \$35



Join Our WhatsApp Group



Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

WhatsApp Group Invite

Join Chat

Don't have WhatsApp yet?

[Download](#)

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](#) 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](#)

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

Donate Your 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!!

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!

Pay for Guest / Rule of 85 Lunch

LUNCH - \$35



Guests & R85

[Click to Pay](#)

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

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.

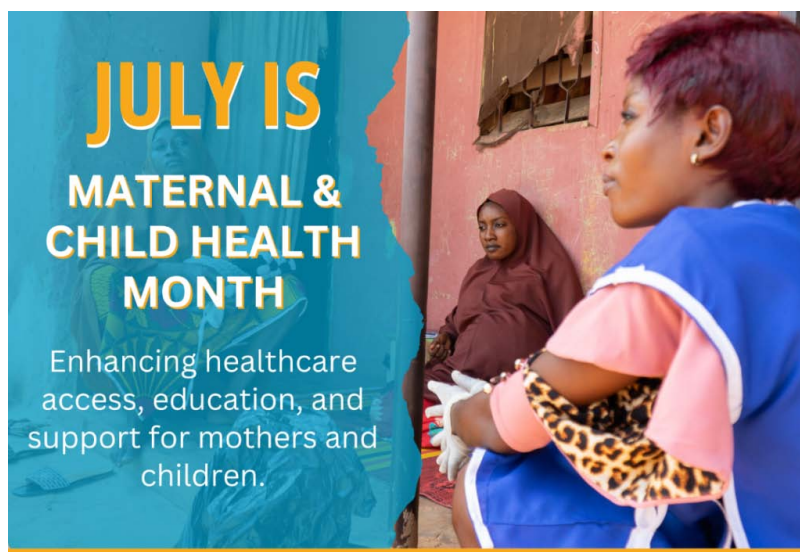
Click below to make a tax-deductible donation.

Donate to the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation Inc.

[Click here to Donate](#)

Thank you!!

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH



Rotary 
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Rotary makes high-quality healthcare available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>

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

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. 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.

If you do not know your login, please email rotaryftlaud@gmail.com

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.

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