

Rotary

Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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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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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Rotarians](#)
Speaker: Rotarians
Honoring Rotarians

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

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Birthdays

Herbert G. Maxwell
August 4th
Anna Asuncion
August 10th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found



We had a fantastic event on Friday, August 1, 2025, to officially launch the **Rotary Connection**! This 14-seat bus will provide much-needed transportation for individuals experiencing homelessness, helping them access essential services throughout Broward County. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this important initiative—we truly appreciate your presence and encouragement.

A special thanks to the [Miami Herald](#) for covering the event!

Check out this coverage from Caplin News (FIU):

[New Broward bus loop launches to connect unhoused residents with vital services.](#)

Thank you to Rick Riccardi for the vision and Gwynne Beatty for making this happen. A special thank-you also goes to key supporters, including the Florida Blue Foundation, Changing Lives North Broward, and Go Therefore, as well as Henderson Behavioral Health, Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, LifeNet4Families, and the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale.

Club President Letter 2025-26

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It's a true honor to begin this Rotary year as your President. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me—I'm genuinely excited to serve alongside such a passionate, generous, and thoughtful group. There's a real sense of momentum building in our club, and I believe this is going to be a standout year.

Our Rotary International theme, **Unite for Good**, is more than a motto—it's a mindset. In a world that can sometimes feel divided or disconnected, we have a unique opportunity to be the bridge. Through service, fellowship, and shared purpose, we can show what's possible when people come together with open hearts and a commitment to doing good.

This year, we'll build on the strong foundation already in place by:

- Deepening our partnerships in the community
- Strengthening engagement and belonging within our club
- Spreading awareness of the amazing work we do
- Empowering our committees with clear goals and purpose
- Celebrating the diversity of talents and perspectives among us
- Growing our collaboration with the Rotary Community Corps
- Getting a great start on our new expansive, all-hands-on-deck social media campaign to let our community know the great work we do.

And just look at what we're already doing:

- > *The Rotary Connection*, supporting our homeless neighbors
- > *Rotarians Honoring Rotarians*, recognizing outstanding contributions
- > *Challenge Air*, helping youth realize their potential
- > Holiday drives, bell ringing, community meals, and more
- > Honoring veterans, awarding scholarships, and uplifting lives

As we look ahead, one thing is clear—**our future success depends on growth**. That means growing our membership in **size, diversity, and engagement**.

We thrive when new voices, new perspectives, and new energy join our mission. Whether you're deeply involved, just getting started, or somewhere in between—**you matter to this club**. Every member has something valuable to offer, and every step toward engagement helps strengthen the whole.

This year, I encourage each of us to bring our unique passion to the table—and if you know someone who shares our values, invite them in. Think about the possibilities if each of us brought in just one new member. Let's grow not just in numbers, but in richness of culture, age, background, and ideas.

And while we're doing this meaningful work, let's not forget to enjoy ourselves. Rotary is about service, but it's also about connection and camaraderie. Let's make time for laughter, creativity, and fun—because people are drawn to the kind of joy and purpose that Rotary brings.

We are stewards of a 103-year legacy—and I truly believe our best days are still ahead. Let's unite, serve, and grow—together.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,

Jeffrey Shaffner
President, 2025-2026
Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

"ROTARIANS HONORING ROTARIANS"

Members - [RSVP](#)

[Guests - \\$35](#)

**ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE
ANNOUNCES
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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



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DON'T MISS OUT!

Join us for a fun party including food, cocktails and a silent auction at the Galleria Mall, celebrating our efforts to fight food insecurity in Fort Lauderdale and raise money for Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Scholarships.



Thursday, October 9, 2025
5:30-9:00pm



Galleria Mall, Fort Lauderdale



Early bird tickets are only \$120



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Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

WhatsApp Group Invite

Join Chat

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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.

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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LUNCH - \$35



Guests & R85

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