

# A Century of Service



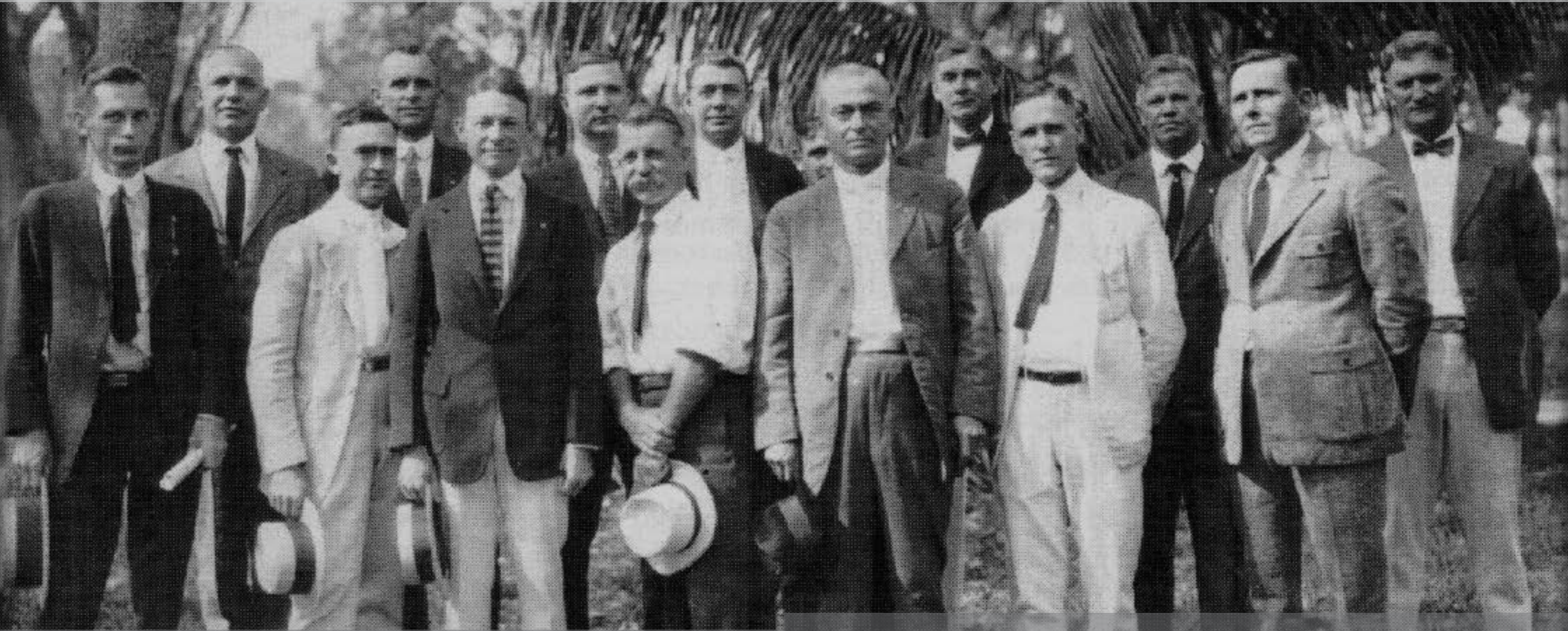
**Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale  
1922-2022**



# Beginnings

“We charter members looked upon Rotary more as a sort of new religion. The Rotary motto of ‘He profits most who serves best’ was explained to us, and naturally we thought we had been living by this motto before we became Rotarians, because we had been giving full weight and warranty

to the goods we sold, and our professional services were not criticized; but later, we learned that service did not just apply to the material things of life, but included service to our fellow man in general in the every day affairs of life.” -Maxwell Baxter (Charter member, Club President 1932-1933)



**Charter members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale in 1922: left to right (front row) David D. Oliver, Alfred J. Beck, Maxwell Baxter, Commodore A.H. Brook, John A. Stanford, James S. Rickards, W.C. Kyle;**

**(back row) John D. Sherwin, M. Allen Hortt, Arden D. Marshall, John W. Needham, Ed H. Hart (partially hidden), H.G. Wheeler, C.E. Rickard, D.T. Hart.** *Photo courtesy of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.*



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# Greetings

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March 1, 2022

Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Families,

Congratulations on 100 years of service to the community and creating value for your members! The Club has passed the test of time, remaining one of the largest and most active clubs in Rotary District 6990.

One key to longevity is the ability to continue to live the Club's mission: "The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale will continue to be the premier Service Club for our community's service-minded leaders of all ages, who enjoy each other's company, have fun working together, and are committed to the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self."

Your commitment to service is second to none. Support efforts range from early life projects to youth engagement efforts to senior care. Additionally, when Hurricane Dorian struck Grand Bahama Island, you were there with financial and critical logistical support for the relief effort. Before Rotary International included the environment as an Area of Focus, you were active with international water-focused projects.

The future for the Club is bright. New members coming to the Club benefit from decades of experience while having the opportunity to grow and lead the Club into the future.

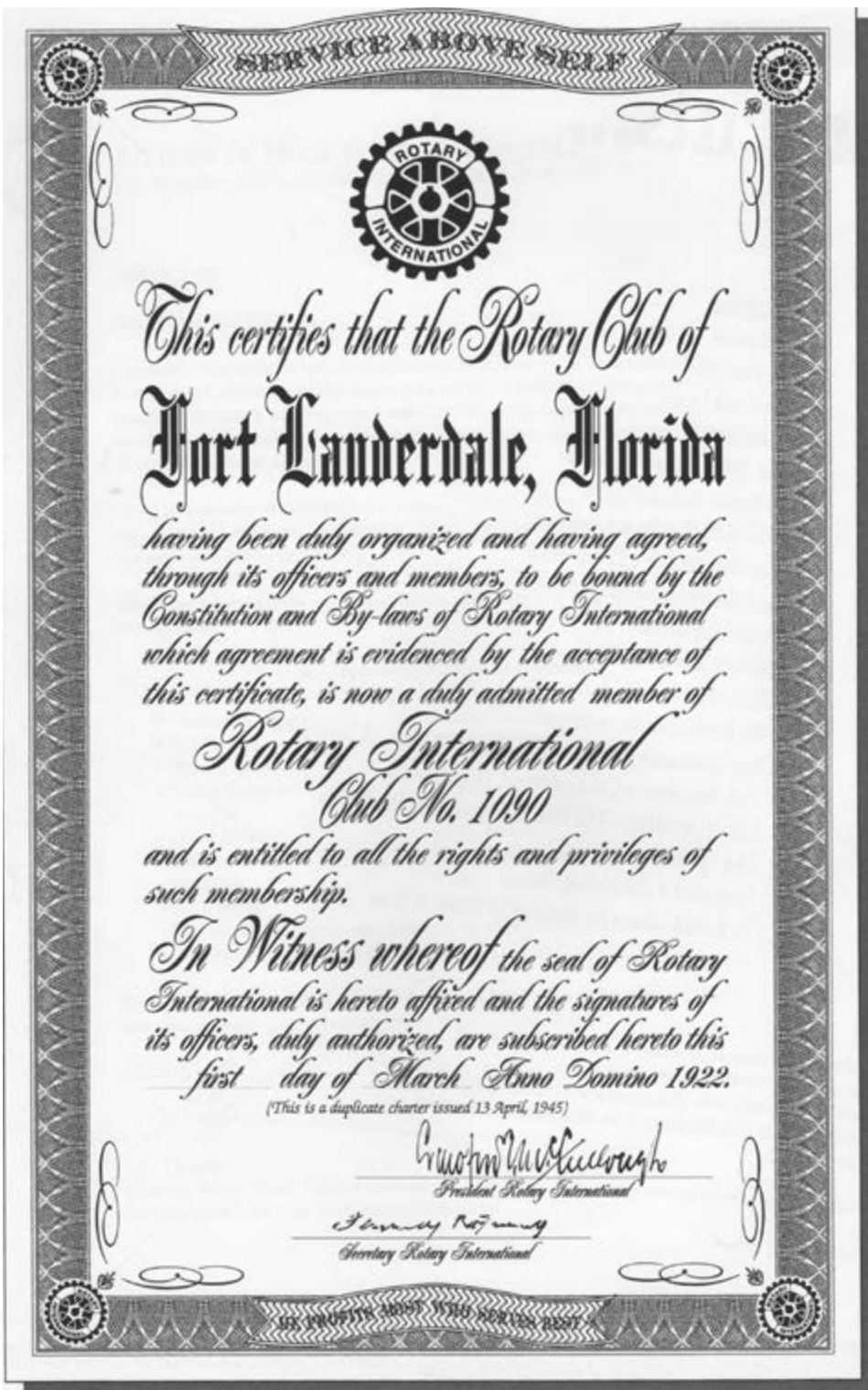
The Club's achievements to date have been truly impressive, but the best is yet to come. The emerging Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has the opportunity to serve the needs of a changing community, creating value for a new generation of Rotarians.

Joe Schumacker  
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Barbara Gobbi  
District Governor Nominee

Michael Kesti  
District Governor-Elect

Dennis Caltagirone  
District Governor Nominee Designee



# Welcome

March 1, 2022

Dear Rotarians and Guests,

I am honored to serve as the 99th President of The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. I am excited to have the privilege to carry on the legacy of those leaders who came before me and the hundreds of Rotarians who have been a part of our history, always mindful of our motto, "Service Above Self."

As a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 1949 and a graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School I have seen the impact that Rotary has had on our community throughout these years.

Our scholarship program has been the cornerstone of our financial efforts, providing funds for college-bound and vocational school students. Since the early 1960's our club has given almost \$3 million to more than 550 deserving students from Broward County to further their educations.

Through the years we have invested in hundreds of community projects with our dollars and our sweat equity. Currently, we are proud of the impact we have had on those with special needs with our support of the Wheelchair Foundation and our annual Challenge Air for Kids Fly Day. Our annual toy drive and Thanksgiving Basket programs allow us to provide toys and food for those in need. And, on the international front we are helping to provide clean water, enhancing education, and building sustainable gardens in areas of the world most in need.

Rotary offers individuals so many opportunities to serve others, while fostering fellowship and fun. The collective power of Rotary gives us the ability to create lasting change in our community, the world, and ourselves.

Sincerely,

Terry Robinson  
President 2021-2022

2021-2022

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# Centennial Gala Program

26th March 2022

Lauderdale Yacht Club  
Atlantic Ballroom  
1725 SE 12th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Cocktails and Exhibit 6:30 pm  
Caricature Artist  
Group photo

Welcome and Call to Order 7:30 pm

Miami Children's Chorus  
Masters of Ceremony Les Campbell and Heiko Dobrikow  
Seminole Tribe of Florida  
RI President Shekhar Mehta  
District Governor Joseph P. Schumacker  
Club President Terry Robinson

Video Presentation 8:00 pm  
Buffet Dinner 8:15 pm  
Live Auction  
Dessert and Dancing 8:30 pm  
Bar closes 9:30 pm



# A History of our Rotary Club

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The world's first service club was the vision of one individual, Paul Harris. He founded the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, inspired by the simple idea of combining fellowship and service to capture the friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" describes the original practice of rotating meeting places. Rotary International has since grown to over 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas throughout the world.

At the July 1912 convention in Duluth, Minnesota Rotary divided itself into smaller administrative units. At first, these units were called "divisions" and the chief administrator of each division was called a "vice president." These designations would soon be changed to "district" and "district governor." The Southern Division included the entire State of Florida as well as the states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. A numbering system was adopted at the 1915 Rotary Convention in San Francisco, and for the first time the term "district" was used. The old "Southern Division" was divided into three new districts. The states of Alabama, Georgia and Florida (with its three clubs in Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola) became the new District 5. At the 1918 Rotary Convention in Kansas City, District 5 was added to the Caribbean, and designated as the new District 8. Following the 1921-22 Rotary Year, Alabama and the Florida panhandle from the Jefferson County Line were designated as District 26. George and the rest of Florida became District 39.

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale was organized in December 1921 and January 1922 with 15 charter members. According to one of the charter members, Maxwell Baxter (who served as Club President in 1932-33) "the charter was issued in Chicago March 1, 1922. It is written into the charter that is granted to the smallest city or community of Rotary International at that time." In 1922 Fort Lauderdale had a population, officially reported as numbering 2000 (the census did not include black residents at the time). It was founded 11 years after the Woman's Club of Fort Lauderdale, the first service club in the City. According to club historian August Burghard, "it was considered natural that community leadership and Rotary membership came to be considered as synonymous."



**Raymond M. Havens was president of Rotary International in 1922-23, the year the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale was chartered.**

*We organized in the aftermath of the First World War, at a time when the future peace of the world was an intensive subject of discussion as it is today. Rotary at that time was rapidly expanding throughout the nations of the world. Our statesmen had not been able to accomplish anything in the way of a united peace. We knew that nations of the world had failed in the past, and religion, as old as it is, had not eliminated the hatreds and jealousies of the peoples throughout the world.*

*To us it seemed reasonable that Rotary, which afforded the opportunity of acquaintance and friendship without suspicion or selfish motive was the medium by which an enduring peace among all nations could be brought about. Our faith by reason of the Second World War has not been shaken, because we realize time is necessary in disseminating the motto of "Service Above Self" to the men of all nations.*

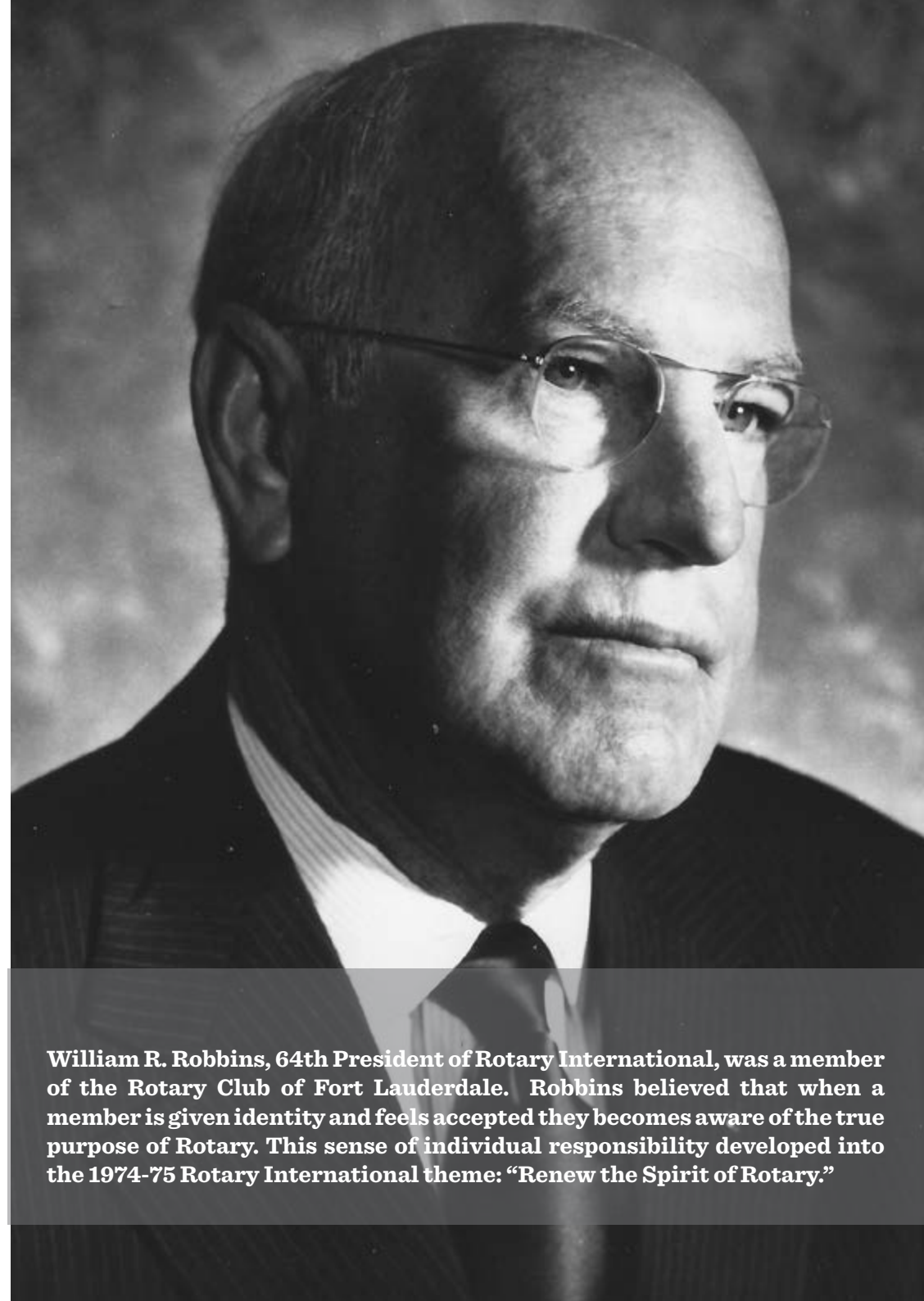
*Today our foreign policy is opposed by one of our allies and by a citizen of this country as was done at the first war. I am not as hopeful for peace in our time as Mohandas K. Gandhi, who at the age of 77 years, in an address recently delivered at the Inter-Asian Relations Conference in India said: "I would not want to live in this world if it was not going to be one world. I would like to see this ideal realized, not in this generation, but in my lifetime." I still believe that Rotary is the medium through which a united peace can be made, and through its international relations, the idea of one world and a united peace should be its objective in the future.*

**-Maxwell Baxter (Past club president, 1932-1933)**

The newly formed Fort Lauderdale Club sent its first representatives to the District convention, held in Savannah, Georgia on March 23-24, 1922. The delegation included Club founder J. S. Rickards who was the superintendent of public education at the time, and Tony Tommie, first Mikasuki Seminole to be educated in a public school in Fort Lauderdale. Later that same year the name "Rotary International" was approved as part of a new constitution and bylaws adopted at the international convention. By 1925 Rotary had 2000 chartered clubs and approximately 108,000 members. At the 1927 District Conference, held in Tampa, the official representative of RI President Harry Rogers was founder Paul Harris.

In July 1951, Rotary International ceased the practice of numbering Club charters. Clubs were renumbered for administrative purposes. While our Club was issued a charter numbered 1090, our Club number was changed to 4444. Like many clubs, we refer to our charter number as part of our history, and included it in the naming of our foundation, the Rotary Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation.

Beginning with the 1957-58 Rotary Year, all Districts were again renumbered and our designation changed to District 699. In 1981, Florida was again redistricted and the northern counties reorganized as part of District 698. The remaining counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe remained as District 699.



**William R. Robbins, 64th President of Rotary International, was a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. Robbins believed that when a member is given identity and feels accepted they becomes aware of the true purpose of Rotary. This sense of individual responsibility developed into the 1974-75 Rotary International theme: "Renew the Spirit of Rotary."**



Clinton D. Hamilton of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale became the first District Governor of the “new” District 699. At the 1991 Rotary Convention, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties became part of the Southeast Florida, the Florida Keys and Grand Bahama Island District 6990.

On September 4, 1973, the City of Fort Lauderdale passed a resolution, signed by Mayor Virginia S. Young, designating the city as a “Four Way Test City,” adopting the Four Way Test “for use at its meetings” and “urging all citizens to implement the test in conducting their personal relations with other citizens.”

**Three Women were admitted** to the Rotary Club of Duarte (California) in 1977. Rotary International reacted by pulling the club’s charter. Ten years later, on 4 May 1987, the Supreme Court (in *Rotary Int’l v. Rotary Club of Duarte*, 481 U.S. 537-1987) issued a ruling barring RI from revoking charters of chapters that admit women. At the next regular meeting of the Council of Legislation in 1989, the RI Constitution was revised and the membership restriction was removed. Two years later, when Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club member Tom Tapp sponsored two women for membership, a controversy ensued that made the local news. Tapp, who served as club president in 1991-92, told the Miami Herald “it’s the old boys club that wants to protect their privileges, and they’ve lost sight of the bigger picture.” The club immediately took action and invited women to join. Dr. Jean Hunter, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Broward Junior College (now Broward College), became the first woman admitted to the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale in 1992. In 2000 the club elected it’s first woman president, Melissa “Missy” Aiello, the CEO of Junior Achievement of South Florida, and in our centennial year 2022-23 our club will be led by its second woman president, Jaye Lasine-Abbate. This same year, Jennifer Jones of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will be the first woman to hold the office of president of Rotary International in the organization’s 115 year history.

The standard club constitution, adopted by Rotary International in 1922, had no membership restrictions concerning race despite the pervasive and official racial segregation of the time, and a few clubs in the US maintained an all-white membership as recently as the 1980s. The race issue surfaced nationally in 1982 when Angus McEachran, the editor of The Birmingham Post-Herald, proposed changing his Rotary club’s explicitly whites-only charter. In a secret vote, the Birmingham club responded by voting to continue the ban. McEachran and a Federal District judge, J. Foy Guin, resigned from the club in protest. When the news got out, RI acted promptly, declaring that “racial discrimination has no place in Rotary” and banning “any club from limiting membership in the club on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.” Under, threat of having its charter revoked, the Birmingham club subsequently agreed by a voice vote of 200 to 1 to permit non-white members.



**Dr. Jean Hunter, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Broward Junior College (now Broward College), became the first woman admitted to the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. Courtesy of the Broward College Archives.**

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**Commodore A.H. Brook, an outdoor advertising executive and Landscape Architect, was a charter member of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club and Lauderdale Yacht Club. In 1921 he collaborated in a scheme to delay a journey on the Intracoastal to Miami by US President-elect Warren G. Harding (center). Brook was also president of the Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Photo: Ivan Austin Collection. (No. 13) Broward County Historical Commission.**

For the club's 40th anniversary in 1962, James B. Fraser, Sr. summarized the important contributions of Fort Lauderdale Rotarians to the community. Charter member Auyan Harcourt "A.H." Brook, arrived as a child with his parents from England to New York. He became the manager of Thomas H. Cusack Company, specializing in outdoor advertising. After retiring from Cusack, he arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1919 and placed the first large billboard signs on Federal Highway between Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville. Brook initiated the Angler's Club and later, the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, leading it as the first commodore. He chaired the Commission of the Inland Navigation District and is credited with building the collaboration among the many parties involved with the Intracoastal Waterway and Bahia Mar Yacht Basin projects, seeing them to completion. A publicist, Brook led the effort to change the city's slogan from "Gateway to the Everglades" to "Venice of America." Brook is also responsible for raising \$135,000 for the construction of the Olympic-sized swimming pool and casino on Fort Lauderdale beach. He helped secure the right-of-way for Sunrise Boulevard from Middle River to the ocean. The land was originally owned by Hugh Taylor Birch, a friend of Brooks. The mayor, city commissioners, and city attorney called on Mr. Birch at his home hoping to purchase the land from him. They had brought a check in the amount of \$15,000 with them in the hope that he would accept it. The group was astonished when Birch asked them to make out a check in the amount of two dollars!

James D. Camp chaired the Holy Cross Hospital building drive and was appointed by Governor LeRoy Collins to the Board of Control of the State of Florida (1956-61) and helped establish Florida Atlantic University. Eleven Rotarians including Bill Eastman, who served as President of the Memorial Association, and Fraser, who served a chair of the Building Fund Committee for the War Memorial Auditorium, raised a half-million dollars and dedicated three years to build the auditorium, located in Holiday Park. Rotarians Jim Camp, George English, and James Fraser led the drive to raise funds for acquiring the additional land and the construction of a new YMCA downtown. Fraser was also the chair of the committee created by the city of Fort Lauderdale and the State Road Department (predecessor to the Florida Department of Transportation) to secure three trafficway tunnels, under the Intracoastal at Las Olas and at SE 17th Street, and under the New River at US-1 (Federal Highway, also known as 6th Avenue). According to Fraser, "the local newspapers fought this project tooth and toenail, but there were some hard-headed Rotarians in the initial stage that would not be denied. We did get the state to spend one quarter of a million dollars. But whoever claims the credit is beside the point. We got the Federal Highway tunnel and...everyone recognizes that it is now a beautiful job, serves a wonderful purpose, and is a big asset to the city. Except for the tunnel at Mobile, Alabama, this is the only one in the Southeastern part of the United States." Rotarian George Bolge, who joined the club in 1971 was instrumental in the growth of the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, (today the

NSU | Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale) from a small storefront on Las Olas, to a spectacular facility designed by the New York firm of Edward Larabee Barnes anchoring Las Olas Boulevard. Florida Atlantic University President Anthony Catanese, who joined in 1993, was responsible for the expansion of the university at its downtown Fort Lauderdale and Davie campuses.

According to August Burghard, former club historian and past club president (1937-38) Rotarians are honored in public buildings and sites throughout the community and the Club “furnished Chamber of Commerce presidents, directors, managers, mayors, city, county and port commissioners, judges, and state officials. Rotarians helped to establish the county hospital district, the Community Chest (which

became the United Way), waterway development, flood, and Everglades fire control, and the aquatic forum.” The club is known for its support of youth and education. The club sponsored its first Interact in 1948 at Fort Lauderdale High School, known as the “Wheel Club.” Two J.B. Fannin Scholarships (named after the 1934-1935 Club President “Jack” Fannin, a funeral director) were awarded annually through the Club. In 1963, F. Peter Clements (past club president 1955-56) established Fort Lauderdale’s first Sister City relationship with Medellin, Colombia and served as Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale from 1969 to 1971. The Club’s 75th Anniversary was celebrated at Stranahan House in 1997 and club member George W. English donated \$100,000 to restore the historic property. English, along with Ivy Stranahan, also initiated the founding of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.



*Club members gathered for a group portrait on the 75th Anniversary of the Club in 1997.*



Rotarians also played a role in Rotary International. William H. Robbins, whose company was a pioneer in the application of solar heating technology, was the 64th President of Rotary International (1974-75). And according to *The Rotary Tarpon*, (May 18, 1960), “Art Stone of Buning the Florist has been given the herculean job of decorating the big convention hall for the RI Convention in Miami. Thousands of flowers and other material are going into decorations representing the many countries which will send delegations. Congratulations Art!

Our club also produced a number of District Governors, including W.J. Burke (1966-67), Clinton Hamilton (1981-82), Fred Anderson (1990-91) and Ray Williams (2019-20).

The Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation was established in December of 1972, before the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. In 2012, the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale achieved a milestone by awarding \$ 25,000 in scholarships to local high school graduates and officially surpassing a total of \$2 million since the program began.

As the population of the region grew, so did Rotary. The Fort Lauderdale Club sponsored the establishment of the Pompano Club (1930), the Fort Lauderdale Beach Club (1954), and the Plantation Club (1962). The Beach sponsored the Fort Lauderdale North Club (1959) and the two clubs eventually merged into the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale North Beach.

Over the years the club has held its weekly lunch meetings at various locations in and around downtown Fort Lauderdale. In 1926 the club met at the Masonic Temple which as located at the corner of SE 1st Street and 1st Avenue (today’s Rotary Way). The club then moved to the grand Hotel Broward on Las Olas and Andrews Avenue (demolished in 1974). In the following years, the club met at Brown’s Restaurant on Brickell Avenue, the Sunday School Room at the Riverside Presbyterian Church (on the site of the Governors Club Hotel, where the Florida Atlantic University - Broward College Higher Education Complex stands today), the Seven Seas Restaurant (located on South Andrews Avenue), Overseas Restaurant, the Sea Horse Restaurant, Polly’s, the Reef, the Pioneer House (a restaurant that included the ground floor of the historic Stranahan House and extended out toward the New River), DeLoach’s Cafeteria Restaurant on Las Olas and SE 5th Avenue, the Radio Building on South Andrews, the Governors Club Hotel, the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Riverside Hotel, the Tower Club and the Global Events Center at 1st Baptist Church.

Past RI President John Germ (2016-17), in his address to incoming club presidents for the 2022-23 year, described Rotary using the word “people” as an acrostic:

Pride: of being a Rotarian and what Rotary does. Our Zone (Zone 34) is the best in world to use the grant program. And, the Rotary Foundation contributed 35 million dollars to help people suffering from COVID-19.

Empathy: The Rotary Foundation believes you can achieve your dreams. At its core the work of the Rotary Foundation is based on caring for people. The world will not be at peace without water food and sanitation. From the first donation, of \$26.50 by Arch Klumph in 1917, our endowment has grown to 1.5 billion dollars.

Opportunity: what Rotary provides to individuals with integrity, caring, leadership.

Perseverance: The challenge to eradicate polio began in 1979 with the Philippines, where we eradicated the disease by 1982. Rotary has the persistence to raise the money against all odds. We set a goal to raise 127 million dollars in 1985 and raised 227 million. In our second fund drive to raise 80 million we raised 130. Then in 2007, Bill Gates donated 100 million directly to Rotary, with a stipulation to raise a matching 100 million. We followed through with that and have and raised 50 million every year, matched by the Gates Foundation 2 to 1. When asked why he chose to give to Rotary, Bill Gates replied “because Rotary has the passion.” If COVID-19 has taught us anything other than how to use Zoom, it’s that a virus knows no boundaries. Tapping into decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary members worldwide have helped health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccination, combatting misinformation, supporting fair and equal access to vaccines, and curbing the spread of the virus by donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals around the world. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world through mass immunization of children, Rotary believes the decision to vaccinate is a humanitarian imperative. The Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees believe that global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic, and we strongly encourage vaccination for all individuals, including our members.

Leadership: Rotary is preparing future leaders through Rotaract and Interact. Starting 2022 Rotaractors can apply for their own grants. Past RI President Barry Rassin (2018-19) led the charge to empower Rotaract members to do good in the world as equal partners with Rotary. We welcome leaders into our clubs.

Enthusiasm: Rotary is about constant improvement as we work to solve needs in our communities and around the world. Enthusiasm breeds success. Remember: that “success” comes before “work” only in the dictionary.

“Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world.”

- Winston Churchill

# Leadership

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“Doc” Beck in front of Fort Lauderdale’s first drug store which he established in 1917. He played a key role in establishing College Swim Forum in 1935. His wife, Annie Beck, was President of the Fort Lauderdale Woman’s Club.



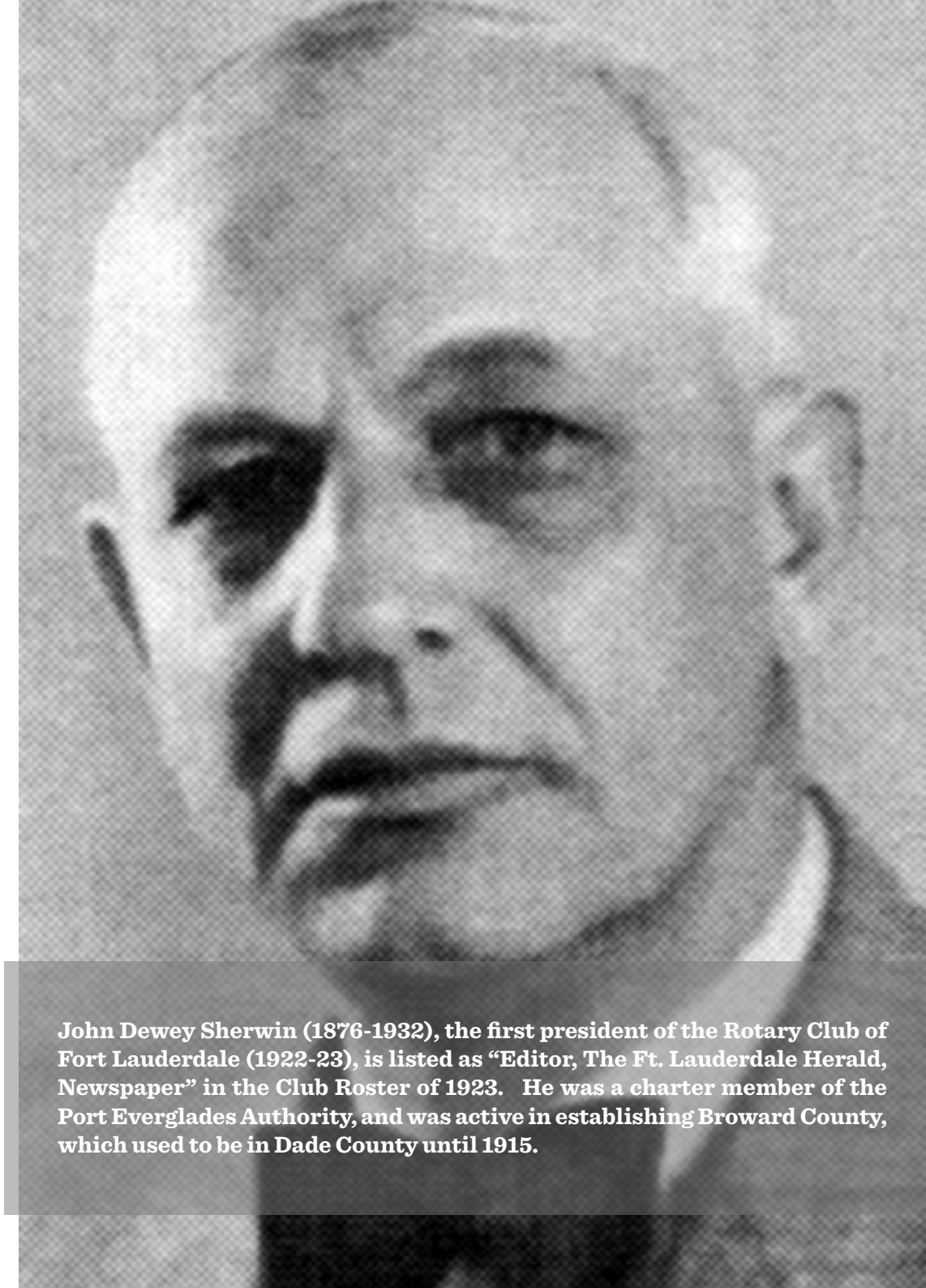
M.A. Hortt and R.E. Dye purchased Colee Hammock from Mary Brickell in 1921. He also served as the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale from 1934 to 1935.



August “Gus” Burghard, was an author, historian, and advertising executive. He moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1925. He was a reporter and editor at the Fort Lauderdale News in the late 1920s.



George W. English, Jr. joined Rotary in 1931, and was a partner in the law firm of English, McCaughan & O’Byran on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. As a lawyer, civic and business leader he helped to create Sunrise Boulevard, as well as First Federal Savings and Loan and First National Bank (which later became Truist and Bank of America).



**John Dewey Sherwin (1876-1932), the first president of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale (1922-23), is listed as “Editor, The Ft. Lauderdale Herald, Newspaper” in the Club Roster of 1923. He was a charter member of the Port Everglades Authority, and was active in establishing Broward County, which used to be in Dade County until 1915.**

The Charter Members who organized the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale were ambitious visionaries representing the smallest community to be issued a charter at the time. The biographies of our charter members were originally researched by August Burghard, Chair of the History Committee and former club president (1937-38) and published in the "Golden Anniversary History of Rotary Club # 1090 (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)" in 1972 and republished in the 75th Anniversary program edited by J.D. Thrower in 1997. A summary of the individual biographies is provided here.



**Maxwell Baxter** (1888-1958), an attorney, served as Fort Lauderdale City Attorney (1919-25), U.S. Department of Justice Special Attorney (1935-37) acting City Attorney (1945-46), and attorney for the Broward County Board of Public Instruction. He served in the US Air Service during World War I as a 1st Lieutenant.



**Alfred J. "Doc" Beck** (1892-1961), was first pharmacist in Fort Lauderdale and the owner-operator of Beck's Drug Store (on Andrews Avenue and then Las Olas Boulevard). His wife, Annie Beck, who lived until 1985, was founder of the city's first garden club, and a park and gardening library at Birch State Park are named after her.



**A.H. Brook** (1886-1946), Commodore Brook was an outdoor advertising executive and landscape architect. He led several Yacht Clubs in the northeastern US and was charter member and first commodore of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Brook co-founded the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and chaired the Florida Inland Navigation District.



**D.T. Hart** (1892-1961), was first pharmacist in Fort Lauderdale and the owner-operator of Beck's Drug Store (on Andrews Avenue and then Las Olas Boulevard). His wife, Annie Beck, who lived until 1985, was founder of the city's first garden club, and a park and gardening library at Birch State Park are named after her.



**M. Allen Hortt** (1880-1958), a realtor, served as Commissioner of Finance and then Mayor of the city of Fort Lauderdale (1934-35), member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Hortt was the first delegate of the newly formed Fort Lauderdale Club at the 1922 RI Convention in Los Angeles, California.



**E. H. Hart** (n.d.), was a real estatge agent and broker, and a partner of W. B. Snyder.



**W.C. Kyle** (n.d.), was a bank president, community leader, sports fisherman and yachtsman, authority on Everglades hunting.

**Arden DeBerry Marshall** (1881-1953), was a farmer, grocer and jailor for Broward County's first County Sheriff A.W. Turner and also served under the term of Sheriff Walter Clark (1931-39). His brother William, was Fort Lauderdale's first mayor, and one of his three children, Alene, married William Anglin of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.



**John W. Needham** (n.d.) the first manager of the Broward Hotel, served on the City Commission during the 1930s. Needham commissioned a house designed by the acclaimed architect Francis Abreu, on the north bank of the New River, that is known as the Needham Estate.



**David D. Oliver** (1888-1957), was bookkeeper for The Stranahan Company, and president of Peninsular Supply Company. He served as director of Broward National Bank and Fort Lauderdale National Bank, and as the first Treasurer of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Oliver, the Club's first Secretary, he edited the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club's newspaper "The Tarpon."



**Clarence E. Rickard** (1871-1935), owned a retail lumber company. He served as President of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (1915-26), the Board of Trustees of the Dade County School Board (1913-16), Director of the Florida Lumber & Millwork Association (1925-28), and as Fort Lauderdale's first City Manager in 1925 for a token salary of \$1.00



**James S. Rickards** (1883-1949), was an educator and principal at Fort Lauderdale High School, and superintendant of Public Instruction in Broward County (1920-29) and was known for inviting Seminoles to the public school> A middle school in Broward County and a high school in Tallahassee are named after him.



**John Sherwin** (1876-1932), was a newspaper editor and publisher who worked briefly for the Fort Lauderdale Sentinel before starting his own paper, the Fort Lauderdale Herald. During the boom times of the 1920s he sold the paper to the Galvin Brothers of Lima, Ohio who also acquired the Sentinel and merged them to establish the Lauderdale Daily News.



**John A. Stanford, M.D.** (1875-1951), was a local physician for the U.S. Coast Guard and Florida East Coast Railway and charter member of the Broward County Medical Association, serving as president in 1928. He was President and Director of the Pioneer Department Store, and vice-president and director of the First National Bank.



**Hiram Gilbert Wheeler** (1859-1931), was a farmer and produce agent, a merchant, realtor, and the inventor of the bicycle arrangement, appropriated by J.T. Havens for the wheel chair vehicles, known as "bicycle chairs" that were the only vehicles in use in Palm Beach in the early part of the 20th century. He was also chair of the Board of County Commissioners.





# Hall of Presidents

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1922-23 John D. Sherwin

1923-24 Charles E. Fritz

1924-25 Reverend R.D. Tracy

1925-26 C.J. Joiner (1/2 year)

1926-27 J.S. Rickards (1/2 year)

1927-28 A.J. Beck

1928-29 Russell Snow

1929-30 William A. Glass

1930-31 J.A. Raymond

1931-32 Ulric Bennett

1932-33 Maxwell Baxter

1933-34 C.C. Freeman

1934-35 J.B. Fannin

1935-36 W.J. Eastman

1936-37 Dr. O.C. Brown

1937-38 August Burghard

1938-39 Jackson McDonald (1/2 year)

1939-41 Holt McPherson (1 1/2 years)

1941-42 W.M. Ketchin

1942-43 Howard Pierce

1943-44 Dallas Swindle

1944-45 Carlyle Sweet

1945-46 Harry Randel

1946-47 Paul W. Myers, Sr.

1947-48 J.B. Patterson

1948-49 A.W. Putnam

1949-50 E. Thomas Wilburn

1950-51 C.I. Pierce

1951-52 Robert A. Childers

1952-53 Robert V. Roberts

1953-54 Richard W. Ward

1954-55 Harlow Davock

1955-56 F. Peter Clements

1956-57 Mark S. Bibson

1957-58 Grant I. Clarke

1958-59 Ernest N. Orr

1959-60 William B. Hulett

1960-61 Thomas A. Cook

1961-62 William J. Burke

1962-63 Thord M. Marshall

1963-64 Sam O. O'Bryan, Jr.

1964-65 A.W. Saarinen, Jr.

1965-66 Robert H. Six

1966-67 John C. Miller

1967-68 Ben A. Bolinger

1968-69 Clem E. Bininger

1969-70 Walter F. Dunn

1970-71 Robert E. Shepard

1971-72 Robert H. Pfeifer

1972-73 E. Birch Willey

1973-74 Clinton D. Hamilton

1974-75 Charles Creighton

1975-76 J.B. Richner

1976-77 Mitchell J. Alles

1977-78 Donald T. Glenn, Jr.

1978-79 Charles H. Bolton, III

1979-80 Ralph A. Marrinson

1980-81 Harvey E. Ramsey, III

1981-82 James E. Houston

1982-83 I. Fred Anderson

1983-84 R. William Weimer, Jr.

1984-85 Allan C. Sorensen

1985-86 William L. McGee, Jr.

1986-87 Romney C. Rogers

1987-88 Eugene M. Jones

1988-89 G. Wilkerson Gilbert

1989-90 John Dorner

1990-91 Ian C.R. Gail

1991-92 Thomas L. Tapp

1992-93 M. Scott Whiddon

1993-94 Roger Arndall

1994-95 R. Stephen Botkin

1995-96 Gene A. Whiddon, Jr.

1996-97 Walter L. Morgan

1997-98 Lloyd Rhodes

1998-99 John Siegle

1999-00 John Carroll

2000-01 Lynn Hayes

2001-02 Melissa Aiello

2002-03 Dan Arnold III

2003-04 Steve Picha

2004-05 Michael Grimme

2005-06 Marvin Chaney

2006-07 Jon Erik Gundlach

2007-08 Marty Kurtz

2008-09 Ray Williams

2009-10 William Gundlach

2010-11 John Gustafson

2011-12 Robert M. Easton, Jr.

2012-13 Charles Felix

2013-14 Steve Leinicke

2014-15 Anthony J. Abbate

2015-16 Miguel "Mike" Sanchez

2016-17 Jonathan Keith

2017-18 Tom Powers

2018-19 David Kramer

2019-20 Patrick McNamara

2020-21 Perry Monioudis

2021-22 Terry Robinson

2022-23 Jaye Lasine Abbate

# Digest of Past Presidents

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Paul Myers, Sr. (1946-1947) RI President Tom Warren and his wife Ginger attended the Club meeting at the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station. Guests included the members of 13 southern Florida Rotary clubs. Colonel Joseph C. Mackey, acclaimed world wide for his “Fireball Express” to India, was a guest of honor at the October 9th meeting.

Charles L. “Chuck” Pierce (1950-51) treasured his memories of being club president. His father was one of the “Barefoot Mailmen,” a mail route established (1885-1892) to reduce the time for mail delivery between the county seat at Juno to Miami. The only mode of direct travel was by beach walking. Mail carriers embarked on the week long trek with shoes tied together and slung around the neck.

William Hulett (1959-1960) Club member Dick Coons’ celebrated “Operation Coconuts” providing hundreds of first time visitors to the Club with souvenir coconuts, received international recognition in the June 1960 issue of the Rotarian. In just a single week in the winter of 1960 the club hosted 242 visitors, including 64 first timers. An average of 25% of the guests were first time visitors to the club in that year.

Robert B. Six (1965-66) Welded the club into a more closely knit unit, published the club bulletin “The Tarpon” in a new format, and formed a Scholarship Committee for Broward Community College. Welcomed Florida Governor W. Hayden Burns as a guest speaker to the club.

Ben Bollinger (1966-67) Sent holiday greetings to 155 Rotarians around the world, raised the lunch fee from \$ 2.50 to \$3.00 allocating the additional 50 cents for the club’s Youth Scholarship Fund. Presented two scholarships totalling \$1500 to Fort Lauderdale High School students. Proposed that the Freeport (Bahamas) Club join our District.

Robert E. “Bob” Shepard (1970-71) Known as the only Rotarian that plays Jai Alai, Bob gave a presentation to the club in 1960 about advances in contact lens design “the latest in glasses without frames.” Bob was active in youth projects including the Interact Club at Fort Lauderdale High School, Annual Scholarships and a careers program. Bob is credited for sustaining the annual scholarship program of the club.

Robert H. Pfeifer (1971-1972)

When I became president of Rotary in our 50th year we gained 18 new members. The rule of one member per professional category was held steadfastly during this period, and I had to wait seven years before joining. At the same time, a black man proposed membership and several members petitioned against him so he withdrew. Happily, these policies have changed over time.

E. Birch Willey (1972-1973)

I do remember David Blume bringing coconuts for all the visiting Rotarians, but frankly speaking I was just glad to get through the year! The Rotary 1090 Foundation filed its not-for-profit corporation papers in December 1972.

Clint Hamilton (1973-1974)

Clint Hamilton was an active member who also became District Governor. While president, he invited the President of Rotary International William Carter to speak at a regular meeting of the Club through a joint project with the North, South, and Beach clubs. He also organized an appreciation function for Bill Robbins, incoming President of Rotary International. Another key collaboration with area clubs was the purchase of a mobile blood unit for Fort Lauderdale.

Donald T. Glenn, Jr. (1977-1978)

One of the most historical efforts we accomplished was getting the State Office Building on Broward Boulevard named for R.H. Gore, a prominent past Rotarian. This effort “would not have occurred without involvement from our Rotary Club.”

Ralph A. Marrinson (1979-1980)

The RI Convention was held in Rome that year. We had an active Port Greeting Committee that would meet each ship to welcome visitors. Rotarians who could speak a foreign language would assist visitors coming in to Broward County. Billy McGee led our membership committee, bringing young members to the club, and we had the largest net increase in membership with an 80% attendance average.

William L. McGee (1985-1986)

McGee is credited with starting the Rotary Auction, the club’s largest annual fund raising event, which raised nearly \$50,000. According to McGee, “the most fun we had was putting together the Rotary Raft for the New River Raft Race.” Also, he took pride in bringing so many new members to the club. “Adding new members is the lifeblood of our club and it changed from an older club to a younger group. We added fun to our projects and got the membership turned around.”

Romney C. Rogers (1986-1987)

The scholarship account in the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation expanded due to a generous endowment from Ron Woodyard, whose gift of shares of stock were valued at approximately \$29,500.00. The decision was made to sell the stock and invest the proceeds. Subsequently the Foundation account was valued at a base of \$273,000.00. With these funds, the Ron Woodyard Scholarship for Journalism, a four year stipend, is awarded every four years.

M. Scott Whiddon (1992-1993)

The most memorable event of that year was “the shattering of the glass ceiling as our club inducted our first female members...long overdue, but handled with graciousness and understanding (mostly, and thankfully from those being inducted).”

Walter Morgan (1996-1997)

The Club hosted a ‘Celebration of Rotary’ inviting Districts 6990, 6960, and 6930 to meet and visit with Rotary International President Luis Vicente Giay from Argentina. Hundreds of Rotarians had the opportunity to have their Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates presented by the RI President.

Lloyd F. Rhodes (1997-1998)

During my year as President of the Club one of the big items on my agenda was to change our meeting location during my year as President. We decided to change the meeting venue from the Riverside Hotel to the Lauderdale Yacht Club. We had approximately 205 members and the transition went smoothly.

John Carroll (1999-2000)

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as Fort Lauderdale Rotary President for the 1999-2000 Year. I was very fortunate to have a great Board of Directors with new ideas mixed in with some seasoned veterans that allowed us to accomplish many things. Our greatest achievement was staging the First Annual Revelers Ball wherein members engaged the community and created Krews in the Carnival Fashion. We paraded into the Pier 66 Ballroom behind a Bahamian Band. It was a remarkable evening. My fondest memory was working with the Board to convince our 215 members of the need to change from the staid “Duck-Drop” formal to a fresh, new, and invigorating Mardi-Gras style event. Members, particularly JD Thrower, and their spouses committed thousands of hours and I believe it brought the club together in a shared passion that resulted in raising more money for the benefit of the community.

Melissa Aiello (2001-2002)

Melissa was inducted as the Club’s first female President. The most fun was any luncheon where Frank Lanzana and other bright humorists would - off the cuff -

bring the house down! “I love the way life connects the dots sometimes...Rotary founded Junior Achievement. JA is a member of Rotary. Rotary supported the creation of the largest JA facility of its kind in the world, the JA World Huizenga Center at Broward College.” By tradition, Junior Achievement’s president is a member of Rotary.

Steve Picha (2003-2004)

My year as President was gratifying, fun and yes, sometimes painful (e.g., transition for our themed dinner auction). This Rotary year our Club was entrepreneurial and adventurous by successfully organizing new and exciting fund raising and social events including the District on-line auction, Rotary Round-up themed dinner auction, 5K Run, Tennis tournament and, St. Valentine’s Day program. We also began to highlight District initiatives such as Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholar Programs at our luncheons. The Club developed and administered the District On-Line Auction.

Mike Grimme (2004-2005)

The 100th anniversary of Rotary was during my year as President 2004-2005. I attended the Rotary Convention in Chicago, the birthplace of Rotary. Our fund raiser was the New Orleans themed Revelers Ball and our 100th anniversary project was the gazebo in the park in front of the Fort Lauderdale library.

Marty Kurtz (2007-2008)

We began the Water Project that has become such a successful international effort. We raised over \$100,000 through the raffle, the 5k run and a “Legends Ball” gala honoring legends of South Florida education and looked back at the last 85 years of our club’s history through the a nostalgic display and the memories of our longest standing member, the late Art Stone. We also strengthened the policies and procedures of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation, established an investment committee and expanded the Foundation Board.

Bill Gundlach (2009-2010)

Attending District 6990 events, presenting scholarships to deserving entering College students, introducing amazing speakers and then thanking them for speaking to our Club with a gift of a free wheel chair donated by our Club to someone in the world in the speakers name, having a Club full of your friends, is just about the most amazingly positive gift one can possibly have: the gift of being a Rotarian. Knowing that members in our club assist in delivering clean water to parts of the world that are in desperate need of drinking water, or helping fund the eradication of Polio through donations of funds to Rotary International allows one to both realize how lucky they are and how wonderful it is to be able to provide “Service above Self”.



John Gustafson (2010-2011)

We finished the year with a net gain in membership which earned us the District Citation. As always the club was very active in the community and the highlight was Jorg Hruschka's "Power of One Hour" event which clearly demonstrated what a large group of volunteers can do in just one hour of time. The annual raffle, run by Charles Felix raised money for our educational efforts and the 5k Run went off with out a hitch. Attending the Rotary International convention, which I recommend every Rotarian to do, is the only way to get the true feel of the world-wide impact of Rotary. Any time you get down about the club just remember that Rotary is bigger and more important than anything.

Robert M. Easton Jr. OD (2011-2012)

During my presidential year my first member was my father; Robert M. Easton Sr., who had 35 years of perfect attendance, and who sat with me weekly until his passing in May of 2012. The second most precious thing was our 90th Year Celebration and the book we organized to use over the next 10 years to educate our new members.

Charles Felix (2012-2013) This was a year of change for our Club. We faced the fundamental problem that dues were not covering administrative and luncheon costs. With the collaboration of the Board of Directors and club members, the last meeting of the month was changed to a Happy Hour meeting, resulting in a savings of more than \$2,500 per month. Second, due to a cost increase, a change of location was unavoidable, moving our meetings to the Tower Club. Finally, a policy change which enabled the Club to utilize a percentage of earnings from 1090 Foundation investments to supplement annual scholarships and grants was instituted.

Steve Leinicke (2013-2014)

This was a great Rotary year. I headed a committee of past presidents who worked diligently throughout the year to review, revise, and update our Club's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. As always, fund raising was an important part of the club year. Activities at the Raft Race (now, Pirate Fest) were expanded and the event drew a great crown on a beautiful South Florida day.

Anthony "Tony" Abbate (2014-2015)

Our club saw an increase in membership and contributions to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). The Board of Directors engaged directly in the various aspects of club leadership. We launched the Community Hero Awards to recognize community leaders who exemplify our motto "Service Above Self." We had fun at the annual fish fry and the annual River Raft Race. Jorg Hruschka and Neal Bredbeck traveled with us to deliver wheelchairs in Colombia. Terry Robinson received the Rotarian of the Year for his inspiring commitment as chair of Challenge Air. We finished the year with a Presidential Citation from RI for increasing the number of women in the club, and establishing the first Rotary Community Corps in Broward County.

Miguel "Mike" Sanchez (2015-2016)

"Change Agent" Mike jumped in to serve as club president literally at the start of the Rotary year with the resignation of the president-elect. The board also hired a new executive secretary, Kim Scott. The club rallied to ensure that the 2015-16 year was a success.

David Kramer (2018-2019)

Serving as the 97th President was an honor and a privilege. Each member exemplified Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" as you generously gave your time, talents, and resources to bless others and make a positive difference without expecting anything in return except heartfelt joy. Together we raised over \$133,000 to support 29 college and technical school scholarships, over 20 service projects, and 14 club grants/donations. In addition to the dozens of events and activities undertaken by our club, the Pirate Festival was something special I will always remember. I thank each member for your respective contributions to our club and it's continued success. Lastly, I want to thank the club's Executive Director, Kim Scott, who goes above and beyond the call of duty for the members of our club

Perry Monioudis (2020-2021)

I will be remembered as the "COVID-19 PRESIDENT" in 2020-21 which probably was the most challenging year for our Club during its first 100 years. When I became President, we held weekly Zoom meetings, and monthly Zoom socials. Despite the obstacles faced, we delivered food and supplies to families in need through our "Rotary Cares Project," and brought 150 lunches to our emergency workers at Broward Health and Holy Cross Hospital. We also delivered turkeys and Thanksgiving meals to families in need in Immokalee, and Ft. Lauderdale, initiated Agape Love Breakfast to feed the homeless, painted a veteran's home, delivered toys to children, and conducted many more projects, including beach and waterway clean-ups. I had the honor of accepting the Proclamation from the City of Ft. Lauderdale, which declared March 2021 as Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Month, and to celebrate our Club's commitment to 100 service projects over the course of our 100th year. In May, we thankfully went back to live meetings at our Club. We met the challenges faced, and our Club came back stronger then ever. It was a pleasure to serve our Club!

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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24 February, 1947

Mr. August Burghard  
Secretary, The Rotary Club  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear August:

Thank you very much for your club's check to the Rotary Foundation for \$492.45, in memory of Paul Harris. This is greatly appreciated.

You will be pleased to know that already many clubs have responded, in varying amounts, in memory of our beloved Founder.

Very sincerely,

Philip Lovejoy  
Secretary



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## The Rotary Foundation

Doing good in the world was the motivation behind Arch C. Klumph's proposal to the Rotary International Convention of 1917 in Atlanta, Georgia. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary...for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.

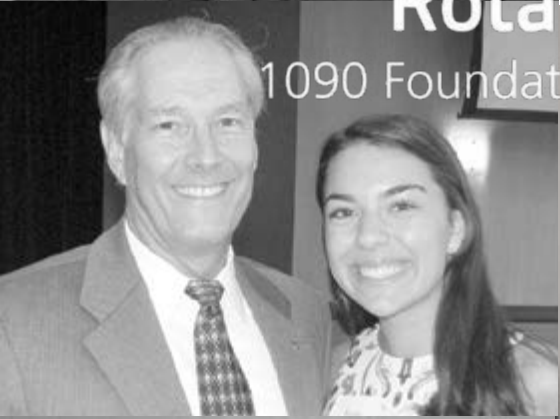
In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property. . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions poured into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation. The PolioPlus program, was announced in 1984-85. After the Peace Forums of 1987-88, which led to Rotary's Peace Programs. Then in 1989, former RI President Carl P. Miller and his wife, Ruth, donated US\$1 million to establish the Discovery Grants.

The Foundation supports projects in Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus: Basic education and literacy, community economic development, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, peace building and conflict resolution, water sanitation and hygiene, and protecting the environment.

Since that first \$26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has spent more than \$ 4 billion dollars on life-changing, sustainable projects. Strong support from Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. It maintains Charity Navigator's highest "4-star" rating with 91% of the funds spent on program awards and operations.

Letter from RI Secretary Phil Lovejoy acknowledging receipt of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's contribution to the Rotary Foundation in memory of Paul Harris. The contribution in 1947 is roughly equivalent to \$ 6200.00 in 2022. - Sourced from club files



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# 1090 Foundation

The Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation was founded on December 18, 1972, as a 501.c.3. not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of promoting, developing and carrying on charitable, scientific, literary or educational work for the benefit of the general public; and to cooperate with the charitable and educational pursuits of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale and Rotary International. E. Birch Willey, Clinton D. Hamilton, and Edward Heilbron, were the original subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation.

Funds raised by the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale are donated to the 1090 Foundation. The 1090 Foundation manages the funds and makes annual distributions in the form of awards and gifts to support the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's community service programs, including the annual Scholarship Awards. Since its founding, the 1090 Foundation has provided direct grants-in-aid up to \$4,000 to fund projects initiated and led by our club members working with local organizations including: AMIKids of Greater Fort Lauderdale, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Challenge Air, Power of One Hour, Early Literacy Project/Free Little Libraries, Henderson Behavioral Health, Hurricane Relief, Project Stable Foundation, Thanksgiving Meals, Turkey's Take Flight, the Wheelchair Foundation, Rotary Youth Exchange, A Spring of Hope, Water Wells and Lifestraw® water filter distribution programs, and early childhood education programs. In addition the Foundation has granted more than \$2.6 million in scholarships to local high school graduates. Each member of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale is also a member of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation. The board of trustees of the 1090 Foundation consists of 9 members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, including the current President and immediate Past President, elected each year by the membership.

(Top left to bottom right): Kimberly Barry and Heiko Dobrikow; Dudley Philistin and Phyliss; Anthony Abbate and Jordan Trumbore; Marcus Mickey and Bob Shepard, Les Campbell and Nicole DeBrigard; Bryan Deptula and David Kramer; Anthony Splendor, Dudley Philisten, Mike Sanchez (President 2015-16), Alexis Quintana, Marcus Mickey; Lackrishan Campbell, Churchill Perry, Gabriella Calixto, Nedrick Haye-Mckoy; Leila Jerome and Sheldon McCartney

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# Guiding Principles of Rotary

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These principles provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction and are the foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

**The Object of Rotary** is to promote the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**The Four-Way Test** is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test, translated into more than 100 languages, is recited at every club meeting.

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**The Avenues of Service** are the foundation of club activity.

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.



March 3, 2022

Dear Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale,

I would like to continue thank you for selecting me to be the Rotary scholarship recipient from Dillard Highschool in 2016. That award helped so much for the first two years of my academic career. By awarding me this scholarship you lightened my financial strains, and allowed me to have better focus on my school work.

I hope one day I can be such a blessing to a student in need, helping them to achieve their goals like you have done for me.

Currently, I am pursuing a Master's degree in Public Interest Media Communications at FSU and I owe it to you. I graduate this semester and I just wanted to let you know.

Sincerely,

Lackrishan Britthany Campbell

## Rotary International's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

*- 2020, Rotary International  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force*

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” - Paul Harris



Credit: Courtesy of Rotary International.

## Rotary club members around the world

387,663  
337,842  
295,099  
90,422  
43,219  
34,634

Asia  
USA, Canada, and the Caribbean  
Europe, Africa, and the Middle East  
Central and South America  
Great Britain and Ireland  
Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands

## What we do: Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

## Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

## Vision statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

## Who can join?

Rotary is looking for people who want to give back to their communities and also welcome Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and other members of the family of Rotary who qualify for membership.

## How can I become a member?

Clubs accept new members by invitation. Go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join>



**The Challenge Air Project is one of many community service activities that make a difference in the lives of others.** *Photo: Neal Bredbeck, Las Olas Photoworks.*

# Profiles of Service

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**Service Above Self** is the official motto of Rotary. The original motto “He profits most who serves best,” was based on the notion that the route to success in the affairs of business was the route of service and that success was not the result of ruthlessness, aggressiveness, or selfishness, but the inevitable result of the application of an attitude of service.<sup>1</sup> All Rotarians are responsible for carrying out service projects that improve the quality of life in their own community as well as communities around the world. Service Projects can develop from a shared vision of the Club, or through the efforts of individuals who see a need in the community that fellow Rotarians can help address.

A successful service project has several core elements. The project must:

- Have specific, realistic goals with measurable results
- Respond to identified needs
- Incorporate the abilities of those served
- Recognize the importance of all participants’ contributions
- Use available resources effectively
- Build networks for future service projects

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale supports and participates in a variety of community-based projects. We provide scholarships to deserving students. We provide assistance to the elderly, and wheelchairs to those in need. We sponsor foreign students, and inspire others to achieve what they have long felt was not achievable. We have been instrumental in bringing clean drinking water to thousands. We contribute with funds and volunteer service hours to various projects with the aim of providing an improved and sustainable quality of life.

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has left a rich legacy due to the wide range of projects the Club has participated in over the years, and the list is still growing and evolving. We are bound only by our imaginations and our will to make it happen. <sup>45</sup> The following pages outline many of the avenues through which the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale applies “Service Above Self.”

<sup>1</sup>Paul P. Harris. *This Rotarian Age*. 1935. (95-98)



# The Wheelchair Foundation

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The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale is proud of its association with the Wheelchair Foundation, a legacy of the Foundation's SE Regional President, and Rotarian, Jack Drury. A long-time member of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Jack made it possible for the Club to present to every speaker each week the gift of a wheelchair that is donated in the speaker's name to a disabled individual somewhere in the world. Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Independence.

Kenneth E. Behring established the Wheelchair Foundation in 2000. Upon reading about Behring's project, Jack called him and then flew to California to meet him. Jack left that meeting as the official representative of the foundation in the southeastern United States. His outreach included many individuals who donated generously and in March of 2001 Rotary Clubs and Rotarians from across the US joined the mission and since then over 1,134,715 wheelchairs have been delivered or committed. According to a tribute in the Wheelchair Foundation's Fall 2020 Newsletter, Jack was "living proof that you are never too old to make a significant difference in someone else's life." The Wheelchair Foundation, a division of Behring Global Educational Foundation, a 501(C)3 charitable foundation has a goal to provide a free wheelchair to every child, teen, and adult, worldwide who needs one but has no means to acquire one.

Every Rotarian who attended Jack's memorial service on 26th October 2021 beamed as former Senate President Jim Scott, former Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler, and hundreds of local and state leaders spoke about the massive accomplishments of Jack Drury in memorial tribute. Seiler said in his remarks "Jack Drury was the heartbeat of our city and helped put Fort Lauderdale on the global map".

- Contributed by Anthony Abbate and Randy Avon



The Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club has been a partner with the Wheelchair Foundation. This partnership has resulted in hundreds of disabled people receiving the gift of a new wheelchair. Those gifts of hope and mobility change the lives of the disabled persons and their families. Thank you fellow Rotarians!

- Jack Drury, President, SE Region of the Wheelchair Foundation (2012)

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# Community Hero Awards

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, once said: “In the battle between the ‘can’t dos’ and the ‘can dos’, the ‘can’t dos’ have never won a single permanent victory. The broad visions, the nobler purposes have always won.”

The Community Hero - Service Above Self Award represents the highest form of recognition our club bestows on a person who is a non-Rotarian and has made a significant impact on our community. The individuals recognized by this award inspire us to service in our communities. The Award is accompanied by Fellowship in the Paul Harris Society. Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. In 1979 RI President-elect James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make on non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. Among honorary Paul Harris Fellows are Mother Teresa, the entertainer Pearl Bailey, US President Jimmy Carter, Astronaut James Lovell, and inventor of the polio vaccine – Dr. Jonas Salk.

Nominees must exemplify our motto of “Service Above Self,” and adherence to the 4-Way-Test in ones professional and personal life. After a nomination by a club member in good standing to the Awards Committee, a review and selection process and the approval of the Board of Directors, the award is presented on behalf of the Club,. As newly inducted Paul Harris Fellows, each Community Hero receives a certificate and pin.

Recipients of the Community Hero - Service Above Self Award:

- 2015 John P. “Jack” Seiler
- 2016 Marsha Levy
- 2016 Roy Rogers
- 2017 Andy Cagnetta
- 2018 Ginny Miller
- 2019 Gregg Sjoquist

From top left to bottom right: Rotarian Linda Cooke with honoree Gregg Sjoquist (2010), Honoree Ginny Miller (2018), President Mike Sanchez (2015-16) with honorees former Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler (2015), and Marsha Levy (2016), Andy and Allison Cagnetta (2017), Stephen B. Moss and honoree Roy Rogers (2016).

# 100 Days of Service

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Strength! Passion! Commitment!

These three powerful expressions describe the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale perfectly. For a century now, this club has been a strong driving force for good in the greater Fort Lauderdale community and has grown to be one of the largest clubs in Florida. This strength allows to explore many service opportunities and is one of the main reasons why the club can support and sponsor 100 ambitious service projects in its centennial year. Yet strength in numbers is not the only pillar that makes the club stand out.

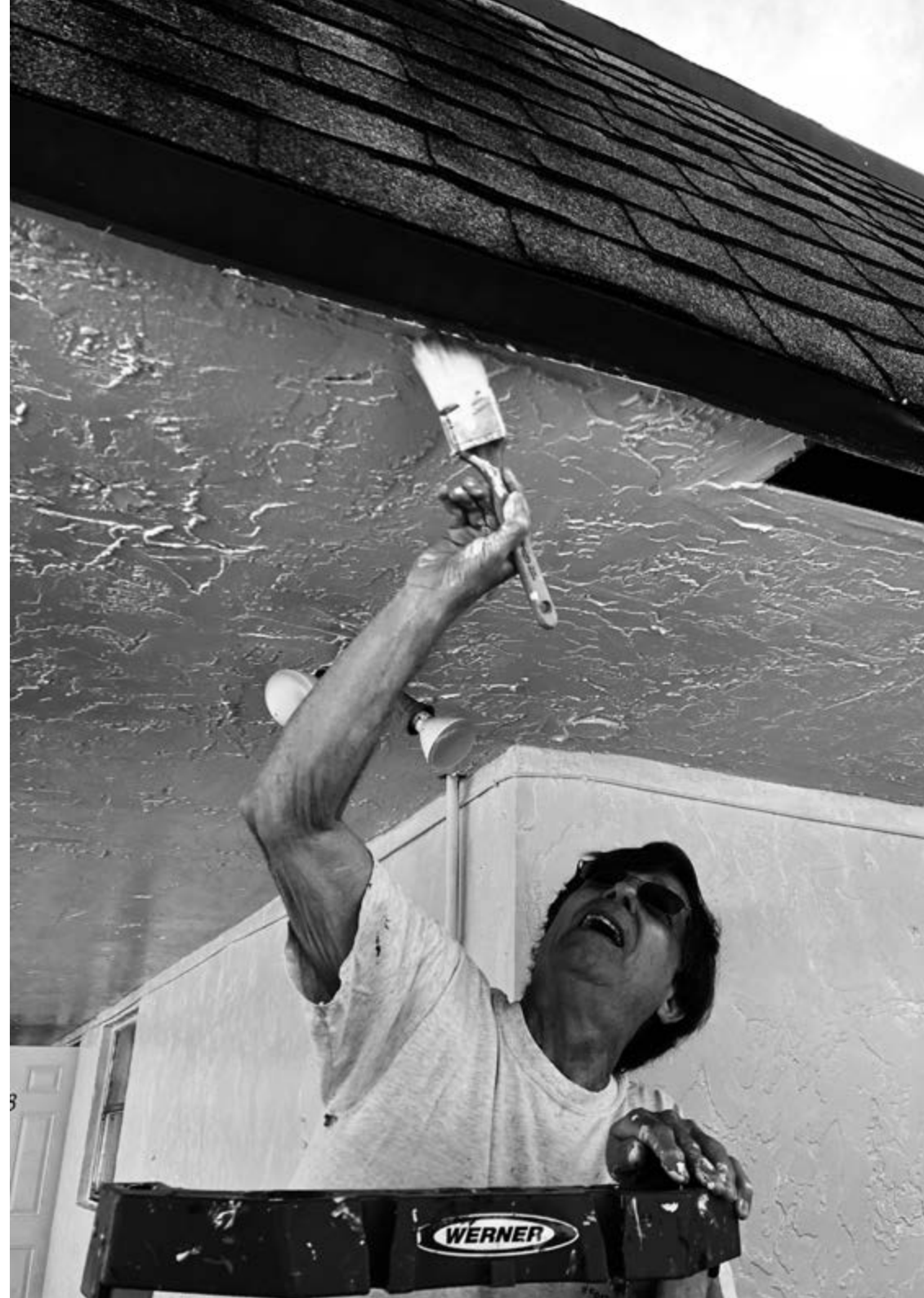
The passion of individual members to champion a variety of causes is another great asset to our community while providing a colorful pallet of service opportunities to our members. Some find it rewarding to paint the home of an elderly neighbor or build a Little Free Library to provide free books to our disadvantaged youth, while others take pleasure serving food to our hungry, clothing our homeless, delivering presents to our youngest, or spending quality time with our frailest seniors. This contagious passion provides hundreds of ways to give back.

Our club members serve when called upon with a commitment that is equal to none. The club's commitment to do or sponsor 100 service projects in one year is a lofty goal that might be deemed not achievable by detractors. Yet the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has been an integral part of the fabric of our community. It has built strong partnerships with many leading service providers who share our commitment to serve, which enables us to leverage the time, talent and treasures of our members to the maximum benefit of our community.

One hundred year of "Service Above Self". Hats off to our club that has stood for our neighbors for so long; and a heartfelt thank you to our members who are the life blood of our organization. I am proud to be a member of such a servant club.

- Contributed by Jorg Hruschka

Club President Terry Robinson (2021-22) adds finishing touches to a soffit at the Fellowship Recovery Community Organization.





# Agape Love Breakfast



The word *agape*, of Greek origin, refers to a religious feast that demonstrates a godly transcendent love distinct from brotherly love (*philia*) or erotic love (*eros*). The feast featured a fellowship meal with the poorest members of the community. Inspired by this historical manifestation of charity and expression of unselfish love, Rotarian Gail Auguston-Koppen initiated the Agape Love Valentine Breakfast, celebrated in February 2021 and 2022, and an Agape Love Luncheon in August 2021. The project is the result of a partnership with Hope South Florida, a local 501.c.(3) organization that provides a lifeline for homeless men, women, children, families and veterans, placing lasting independence within reach. The bi-annual fellowship meals feature musical entertainment and provide needed provisions - delivered in “Love Bags” filled with socks, facial masks, and nutrition bars. Tables are also set up for distributing toiletries, dental supplies, and books. Rotarians donated the food, the funds to host the disc jockey and collected items and assembled the Love Bags as well as participated in the fellowship meal.

- Contributed by Gail Auguston-Koppen

# Global Grants in South Africa



Early Childhood Development (ECD) is a rapid and critical phase of development in children from conception through 8 years after birth. Nurturing care, involving general health, nutrition, security, education, and playtime has been proven essential for the physical, cognitive, social, emotional and linguistic development of children. Our Rotary Club participates in a Global Grant to provide ECD Practitioner Training as the designated international partner with the host Rotary Club of Haenertsburg (South Africa). We are also an international partner in another Global Grant with the host Haenertsburg club to support the Community Food Gardens project, providing food security for 45 families in Limpopo, in collaboration with CHoiCE Trust, of Tzaneen (South Africa) an NGO that will manage the project locally and provide outreach, training, and development.

For more about Global Grants see page 58.

- Contributed by Gail Auguston-Koppen

# Junior Achievement

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Rotarian Earl O. Shreve, a former National Chamber of Commerce President, Junior Achievement head, and member of the National Boy Scout Council, initiated the plan to start a local Junior Achievement program. Early in the summer of 1959 Junior Achievement was organized in Broward County with eleven members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale as Directors and Howard Allen as the first President. The Fort Lauderdale Beach Club also sponsored Junior Achievement in the early years.

The original object of Junior Achievement was to instruct students of the Broward County High Schools fundamentals of the free enterprise system and provide the experience of individual initiative and accomplishment through the operation of their own “miniature business companies.” The “Achievers” worked under the guidance of local business leaders whose companies provide financial support for the program.

In its first year, Junior Achievement served 373 high school students. Programs now span grades K-12, with age-appropriate curricula designed to teach elementary students about their roles as individuals, workers, and consumers and to prepare middle grade and high school students for key economic and workforce issues they will face. Junior Achievement programs reach 54,000 students annually. With over 7,100 trained corporate and community volunteers and mentors, JA delivers over 20 unique programs in classrooms throughout Broward and South Palm Beach County and at the JA World Huizenga Center at the Lillian S. Wells Pavilion, opened in 2009, on the Broward College North Campus. The facility houses two JA BizTowns and JA Finance Park.

Junior Achievement South Florida empowers youth with the knowledge, ability and confidence to navigate their futures, drive our economy, and lead our community.

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Photo: courtesy Delta News Hub.



## Speaker Bureau

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Nearly every week of every year, an interesting lecture is presented at the regular Wednesday Rotary lunch meetings. And that means that someone must find approximately fifty speakers annually to touch on a variety of topics, from community events and global issues to the entertainment, history, non-profit and art worlds.

Long-time member, and past-president Lloyd F. Rhodes (1997-98) managed the speaker bureau committee for many years before handing over the reins to Anthony Abbate, and then to Jaye Abbate.

The weekly meetings highlight fascinating and engaging speakers that cause members to think and contemplate, provoke action and often big laughs.

The Speaker Bureau has done much to educate the members on important issues of our time, and highlight the many unsung heroes in our midst who do much to improve our overall quality of life. The weekly speakers have also made us understand complex world issues, and entertained us in ways that lighten our daily load. And for visiting Rotarians, they've shed light on the richness and diversity of the community in which we live.

In fulfillment of Rotary's mission and the Avenues of Community and International Service, our club is proud to be able to honor each weekly speaker with a certificate from the Wheelchair Foundation identifying a wheelchair recipient in the world who has received the gift of mobility in the speakers name.

*- Contributed by Lloyd R. Rhodes and Tony Abbate*

Club President Paul Myers (1946-47) greets a guest at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. *Photo courtesy of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.*

# Water Projects - A Spring of Hope



## Global Grants

Global Grants support sustainable large international humanitarian projects, graduate level scholarships, and vocational training teams in Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Global Grants can be funded with District Designated Funds (DDF), directed gifts, endowments and cash contributions.

Visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants> for more information about Rotary's Global Grants program.

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has made a tremendous contribution towards furthering goals to improve access to potable water worldwide through the LifeStraw® by Vestergaard and A Spring of Hope (ASOH) projects, which help provide populations in Haiti and Africa with clean drinking water.

Our club has become the sole collection point of LifeStraw® by Vestergaard, an award winning personal water filtration system. We have enhanced our efforts by also collecting money for these systems from other organizations, individuals and rotary clubs throughout the community.

In the years 2008-2012 the club raised over \$400,000. These funds have been used to provide approximately 100,000 LifeStraw® units and, by working with an NGO, helped to drill nearly 10,000 wells in several African nations which has provided over 100,000 people with clean drinking water for years to come.

*- Contributed by Gail Auguston-Koppen*



# Rotary Way



The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has been the leading service club in Fort Lauderdale for a century. Many members have been prominent civic and business leaders in the community and the roots run deep. In line with a profound commitment to our city and its history, the Club has continued long-standing associations to support the renovation efforts of the Women's Club, landscaping Stranahan Park, participating in the annual Fish Fry, supporting the historic Sailboat Bend neighborhood by adopting and cleaning S.W. 11 Ave (Palm Ave) on a quarterly basis. The club also supports the Fire Museum and is part of the annual Marine Industry Waterway Clean up. Dedicated Rotarians are at work at many service projects throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Volunteer Corps. As an acknowledgement of the important role and impact the Rotary Club has had on downtown Fort Lauderdale, the City commission, with support of City Commissioner and Rotarian Romney Rogers, renamed the section of S.E. 1 Avenue, from Broward Boulevard to Las Olas Boulevard, as "Fort Lauderdale Rotary Way" in March of 2010.

- Contributed by Jorg Hruschka

## Rotary Community Corps

The Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. Dedicated Rotarians are also at work at the many service projects coordinated by the City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Volunteer Corps. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects. Sponsored by a Rotary club, an RCC leverages Rotary's network, brand, and mentorship by partnering with clubs to plan and implement service projects. RCCs increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to strengthen their community through sustainable projects. The RCC of Fort Lauderdale was established on 9th April 2015, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale South, Fort Lauderdale North Beach, and Fort Lauderdale Cypress Creek.

- Contributed by Anthony Abbate

# Interact Leadership Training

Our Rotary Club sponsors and supports two Interact Clubs for High School students, at Dillard High School and at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club that gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.

The basic principle of the Rotary Interact is to help others. The Interact Club of Dillard High School has been very active since it was chartered in the Spring 2019, participating as volunteers in our club's Challenge Air project and in Turkeys Take Flight. The Interactors of Dillard High also completed the Junior Achievement Fellows Program and participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) an intensive leadership experience organized by our Rotary club and district where leadership skills are developed while having fun and making connections.

*- Contributed by Gail Auguston-Koppen*



# Interact Softball Game

The Softball game with the Interact Club at Cardinal Gibbons was established in 1996-1997 under the leadership of President Walter Morgan, Past President Wilkie Gilbert, Jamie Meehan, softball guru (the late) Frank Lanzana, and liaison teacher Tim Davis from Cardinal Gibbons High School. Robert Moorman has been the chef for all of the softball games since the first pitch was tossed, thrilling members with his wonderful barbecue spareribs and sausages. In years past, we have played NFL Alumni and the Pompano Beach Rotary Club.

In an area known for years as the epicenter of Spring Training, the Softball Games are the ideal way for Rotarians to have fun, get to know each other better, raise money for our many worthy causes, and allow grown ups to run around and slide into base!

*- Contributed by Sam Iannaccone and Robert Moorman*



# Annual Raffle

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The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale raises significant funds each year through its annual raffle. Each member is asked to sell a minimum number of tickets and the proceeds go to the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation, known as simply “the 1090.”

The 1090 Foundation annually provides direct grants to support community projects and organizations recommended by the members and approved by the Board of Directors of the Club and the Foundation. The organizations our fundraising supports, through our annual contributions to the 1090 Foundation, include - for example: emergency hurricane and disaster relief, the Wheelchair Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, Rotary Youth Exchange, A Spring of Hope, Challenge Air, Turkeys Take Flight, Thanksgiving Baskets, the Power of One Hour, Have-A-Heart Campaign, Project Stable, Water wells and Lifestraw® projects in Africa and the Caribbean.

The annual raffle has also become the main source of funding to support our scholarship program for local students who have the ability - but not the financial capacity - to pursue higher education. To date, due to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation has granted more than \$2.6 million in scholarships to Broward County high school students.

*- Contributed by Anthony Abbate*



Top: Rotarians and volunteers deliver turkeys to the community in Immokalee.

Bottom: Rotarians mobilize overnight to collect emergency supplies for delivery to disaster stricken areas after hurricane Irma.



# Pat Burnes Memorial Elder Care

The Elder Care Project was established in 2007 by the project's namesake, longtime Rotarian, Pat Byrnes, who passed away in February 2011. The goal is to assist elderly adults in the community who have few resources, friends or family members to rely on. Pat felt the elderly poor in the community are overlooked and forgotten during the holiday season as so much emphasis is placed on toys and children. For many of the most needy, the holidays are a time of sadness, not celebration.

Pat organized a gift bag distribution for elderly adults residing in Adult Assisted Living Facilities. The bags contain essentials such as blankets, toiletries, pens and pads, along with playing cards, candy and festive items. Rotarians procure the gift items, assemble the bags, and then distribute them to approximately 500 recipients at nearly two dozen facilities in need. The appreciation of the recipients - for many the only holiday treat they will receive - is matched by the gratification of working alongside dedicated Rotarians. Linda Cooke has led our efforts to provide holiday gifts and fellowship for seniors through the Senior Care project.

- Contributed by Ann Meacham and Anthony Abbate

# Salvation Army

F. Peter Clements (past club President 1955-56) initiated the Club's annual bell ringing project for the Salvation Army in 1950. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has enjoyed a long association working side by side with The Salvation Army and their annual Bell Ringing Campaign. During the early years, our long time member, Festus Stacy would match the club member donations up to \$10,000. The club supports the Salvation Army with member's individual contributions and 40 to 50 volunteers who ring the bell at "kettle locations" throughout Fort Lauderdale. We are very proud that our Rotary Club has consistently been the one organization that yields the highest dollar value in "kettle contributions." Currently our Rotary club services more locations than any outside volunteer group.

- Contributed by Steve Botkin



Rotarians gather at RoboVault to prepare packages for Elder Care. Pat Byrnes is pictured on the far right.



Rotarians Denise Caligiuri, Steve Botkin, and Victoria Briggs.



## End Polio Now

Through The Rotary Foundation our club supports an international project called Polio Plus. Rotarians, with the help of the World Health Organization, has almost eliminated Polio from the world. Work began in the late 70's when there were 350,000 “wild” cases of polio annually and in 2018 there were only 33 reported “wild” cases in the world. The goal is to eliminate the disease and prevent it from ever returning.

- Contributed by Kim Scott and Tony Abbate



Rotarians assemble at the historic Fire Station No. 3 with former city commissioner John Aurelius (far right).

## Challenge Air

The inspirational Challenge Air project took flight in 1993 to expose disabled children to the challenge and excitement of piloting an airplane. On each “Fly Day,” approximately 25 privately owned planes are donated to be flown by volunteer pilots (both disabled and able-bodied). Each participating child gets the opportunity to co-pilot an airplane on a real flight, letting them see the world from a different view and perspective. The pilots spend quality time with their young co-pilots, who are encouraged to take the controls and actually fly the planes themselves. Not only is the “Fly Day” a great introduction to flight, these special children are empowered by the flight experience, expanding their horizons to look beyond their perceived physical or mental limitations. It allows them to demonstrate ability, to set personal goals, experience achievement, and reach for a more enriched and prosperous life. Many of the young “co-pilots” over the years claim this experience transformed them, allowing them to lead normal lives they previously never thought possible. It’s equally as educational for club members, as the children are inspiring and teach us lessons of humility, courage, focus and commitment.

- Contributed by Jeff Shaffner and Les Campbell



Rotarians Roger Edwards, Jamie Meehan, Jorg Hruschka, and Jeff Shaffner assemble at a hanger at FXE in preparation for Challenge Air.

## Power of One Hour

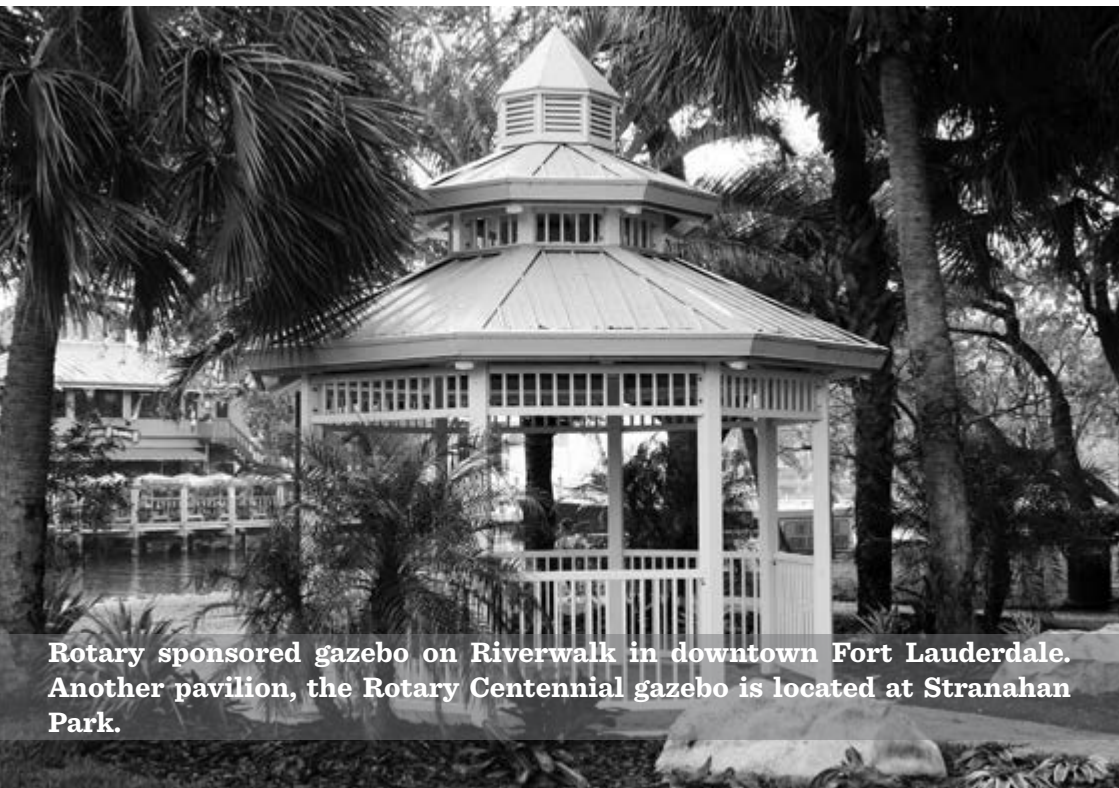


Rotarians assemble at the historic Fire Station No. 3 for a Power of One Hour project.

Imagine what it would be like if a community came together for one day each year, for a singular cause - and if each participant contributes just one hour of their time. That noble concept is what motivated Rotarian Jorg Hruschka to develop the Power of One Hour Project. With the simple premise to select projects that can be tackled in a day by assembling a large corps of volunteers, the first project was launched in 2011. Volunteers dedicated one hour of their day to clean up areas in the Lauderdale Manors and South Middle River neighborhoods, in honor of six local veterans who live in these communities. In just one hour, they made a surprising difference. The project, known as a “Random Act of Gratitude” brought communities together, with over 220 volunteers from dozens of organizations working simultaneously on 16 projects in 5 neighborhoods. The projects have been recognized with distinctions including: Rotary District 6990 “Best Community Service Project,” a special award by the Community Appearance Board of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Rotarians can also “get their hands dirty” by volunteering to clean a street through the Adopt-A-Street program.

- Contributed by Jorg Hruschka.

## City Park Gazebos



Rotary sponsored gazebo on Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Another pavilion, the Rotary Centennial gazebo is located at Stranahan Park.

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale offered to build a gazebo structure in a Fort Lauderdale public park as permanent enhancement to the public realm in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Rotary International. On November 1, 2004 the City Commission approved the proposal and the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department designated the location to be the historic Stranahan Park, at Broward Boulevard between SE 1st Avenue (Rotary Way) and Andrews Avenue. The club committed to obtaining in-kind contributions for surveying, design and engineering services, as well as construction materials for building the gazebo. In addition, the Club provided sweat equity by assisting with the actual construction work. The Gazebo Committee was led by Jerald McLaughlin and August Pujols, P.E. and the project was completed in 2006. In recognition of both this contribution to the City and the many years of community service provided by the Downtown Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, the City Commission named the gazebo “The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Centennial Gazebo.”

- Contributed by August Pujols, P.E.



## Pirate Fest - New River Raft Race



Rotarians bring back the New River Raft Race in 2011.

After a 16 year hiatus, the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale brought back one of city's most beloved events in 2011: The River Raft Race. This wacky, high-energy event was started in the '70s, with homemade rafts bumping down the New River to cheering crowds and thousands of hand-flung water balloons. Believing this well-worn downtown tradition could be the perfect community-building fund-raiser to benefit the chapter's 1090 Foundation, St. George Guardabassi, Chairman of the Special Projects Committee, and Wes Parker appointed themselves co-chairs of the re-born event. Assembling along the banks of the New River, attendees enjoy food, drinks, live music and family activities in Esplanade Park. All rafts were homemade and relied completely on human propulsion. Although water balloons were strictly prohibited from the arsenal of "water weapons," the event was a huge success. The community came together to cheer on the rudimentary rafts and Rotarians had a great time while raising money for the scholarship fund. The event was merged with the Pirate Fest in 2018 and was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Contributed by St.George Guardabassi and Tony Abbate

## Annual Toy Drive



Rotarians deliver toys to children in hospital.

Rotarians provide hundreds of toys to children at the Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health, the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, the Ann Stork Center, and Henderson Behavioral Health during the winter holiday season. Toys are collected, wrapped and delivered by club members.

- Contributed by Linda Cooke





Rotarians provide sweat equity to improve homes in Broward County.

## Rebuilding Together

Rebuild Broward was launched in 2004, through a partnership with Rebuild Together to help revitalize and provide a face-lift to low income neighborhoods throughout Broward County. Each Spring the organization selects a specific neighborhood in need. Homes and public spaces within the targeted community are identified for refurbishing. Supplies for the face-lift are donated by area businesses and the home improvements are all made through the joint efforts of the home owners themselves and a core of community volunteers. The first Rebuild Broward project to paint and landscape two homes was spearheaded by Steve Picha in April, 2004. The Club has since participated in the annual event, and has also competed in the annual Rebuild Together Olympiad and the Family Festival, held each fall. Subsequent service chairs have been Carmelita Singh-Mayer, John Gustafson, St. George Guardabassi and Jorg Hruschka.

*- Contributed by John Gustafson*

## Hurricane Relief

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*- Contributed by John Gustafson*

# Rotary Scholarships

Under the inspiration and leadership of a single Rotarian, Dr. Bob Shepard (Club President 1970-71) who served as the club coordinator for the Interact Club of Fort Lauderdale High School, the club awarded \$100 scholarships annually in the late 1960s. The scholarship program has grown with the support of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation and the funds raised by the club each year. Through 2021, over \$2.6 million in scholarships have been awarded, providing benefits to hundreds of students from schools throughout Broward County. Though the bulk of the chapter's scholarship award funds are generated directly through the Club's fund raising events, giving power has been enhanced by partnerships with a variety of institutions, organizations and individuals. Scholarships are awarded by the Scholarship Committee through a competitive application process with consideration given to need, community service, extracurricular activities, work history, grades, SAT scores, and two essays for final selection.

- Contributed by Terry Robinson and Lee Anne LeBlanc



The Stones and Romanos pose in their "glad rags" at the 2005 Roaring 20's Scholarship Gala at the Antique Car Museum.

# Broward Navy Days - Fleet Week

Since 1990 over 2,500 men and women from the US Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard sail into Port Everglades in a grand springtime tradition that was known as Fleet Week USA. Approximately five days of welcoming events, shore leave activities and a memorial service are organized to honor our military heroes and publicly recognize the sacrifice they have made in service to their country. Every year the Rotary Club participates in these activities by collaborating with Broward Navy Days, donating time, money, wheel chairs and other items for survivors, veterans, and their families. Fleet Week's magic is in the power of the partnership between our community and the men and women who serve our nation. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale also conducted an annual 5K Run as part of the official Fleet Week activities with the theme of "Run with the Military." Proceeds from the Rotary US Military 5K Run benefitted children with significant medical needs. The link between country and community, and the spirit of Service Above Self is evidenced by the support Rotary provides to Broward Navy Days activities. For information about Broward Navy Days visit: <https://browardnavydaysinc.org>

- Contributed by Jaye Abbate



Rotarians Linda Cooke (first row, 3rd from right) and Jerry Cooper (2nd from right) aboard the USS Enterprise.

# Rotary Youth Exchange

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Since 1986, the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Club of Rotary International has hosted visiting teenagers from around the world through the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program. The program offers high school students an extraordinary cultural and scholastic experience abroad. From August through June visiting students from around the world are hosted locally by a Rotarian families and friends. The students learn about our culture and enjoy the hospitality and beauty of South Florida while completing an academic year at a local high school.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) began in 1927 and quickly spread around the world, broadening the horizons of students everywhere. The program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year. This inspiring program builds future Rotarians and spreads the Rotary Object - Service Above Self - far and wide across our planet.

In 1993, John Aquino, who has always been fascinated with different cultures joined the Rotary Youth Exchange committee for our club and has had the privilege of being a counselor to one inbound student annually for 25 years, getting to know the students and guiding them to get involved in school, family & club activities. Aquino also taught quite a few to drive. With a Florida license they only pay a license transfer fee in the home country, saving them a lot of money (with much gratitude from their parents)! He also taught tennis or golf, and one young woman went on to win her company's annual tournament for several years! Aquino's success with international youth expanded to the District Committee, responsible for organizing and managing all aspects of hosting 10-25 students per year and sending the same number from our District out for their "year abroad." These connections last a lifetime. RYE students have gone on to have very successful careers, happy families and many cherish their "year in America." Aquino has gained lifelong friendships with the students, and has visited their home countries, stayed with their families, and gained exceptional insights into just how similar we all really are, while experiencing unique food and places around the world.

If you have a high school student in your family who is interested in an experience abroad or would like to host a student, and would like more information about RYE visit: <https://ryeflorida.org>



US President George W. Bush, Anna Hintze (RYE 2000-01), and First Lady Laura Bush in Washington, D.C.

## Visiting RYE Students hosted by the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

1993-94	Czechia	Barbara Wolfova	2006-07	France	Cyril During
1994-95	Indonesia	Henry Djunaedi	2007-08	Ecuador	Nicolas Bustillos
1995-96	Finland	Ericha Holme	2008-09	Germany	Lukas Grosse-Kleiman
1996-97	Sweden	Carl-Johan Jonsson	2009-10	Sweden	Madeleine Johansson
1997-98	Belgium	Sophie Vignette	2010-11	Thailand	Mon Kachintaksa
1998-99	Germany	Moritz Roy	2014-15	Belgium	Guillaume Cloquet
1999-00	Sweden	Daniel Ottestig	2015-16	Turkey	Onur Fidan
2000-01	Germany	Anna Hintze	2016-17	Taiwan	Daniel Guo
2001-02	Finland	Elena Jarvio	2017-18	Peru	Christopher Hernandez
2002-03	Germany	Robert Jenke	2018-19	France	Jules Fougere
2003-04	Taiwan	Michelle Wei	2019-20	Chile	Brian Jimenez
2005-06	Ecuador	Belen Horra			





“The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller, friendlier place when we learn that all people – regardless of nationality – desire the same basic things: a safe, comfortable environment that allows for a rich and satisfying life for our children and ourselves.”

- John Aquino, Chair, RYE Committee



## Centennial tribute

## Kimberly Scott

Executive Secretary Kimberly Scott began working for the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale in 2015 during the presidency of Mike Sanchez. Kim followed a succession of executive secretaries that includes Meryl Schickler, Tinker H. Connolly, and Florence Rifenburg.

As an all-volunteer organization it's critical to have an executive with the skills and qualities that Kim exemplifies. Kim manages the club with professionalism, grace, and - if we apply the Four Way Test - a good deal of patience. Her duties include managing the weekly minutes and publishing our weekly newsletter, *The Rotary Tarpon*, maintaining our financial records and membership database, updating our website, producing our weekly club agenda and video slides, posting the Board minutes, answering emails and correspondence, keeping track of the minutes and agendas of the 1090 Foundation, processing new members and Paul Harris sustaining memberships, processing credit cards, and filing reports, reports and more reports.

Kim does all that - while she lights up the room with her smile!

The club is very grateful to Kim Scott for her commitment to the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale as it looks forward to a second century of leadership and service to the community. On behalf of the Centennial Committee and the Board of Directors we have made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation to honor Kimberly Scott as a Paul Harris Fellow.

# Member profiles

## Fred Anderson

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Fred Anderson joined rotary in West Virginia in 1957 and has the distinction of a record of perfect attendance since his first Rotary meeting. When he moved to South Florida he worked in downtown Fort Lauderdale and visited our club as a make-up opportunity. He joined on June 30th 1957 and was promptly elected president for rotary year 1958-59

Among the most memorable Fort Lauderdale Club meetings “was when RI President McCaffrey made a surprise visit to our club.” Stanley McCaffrey (1981-82) was in the area attending an RI Board of Directors meeting in Boca Raton.

Fred served as District Governor in Rotary Year 1990-91 and club president in 1982-1983. That year he presided over the induction of 38 Paul Harris Fellows. Stan McCaffrey returned to the club as the immediate past president of Rotary International, to present the certificates. Fred also “fondly recalls the cooperation received from all Rotarians.” Each week the club would feature a Rotarian who would sit at the head table as their biography was read, researched by George Ernst. Fred and his wife Ruth were also among the first Americans to visit the Peoples Republic of China after President Nixon’s historic visit in 1972. With a group of physicians, he witnessed a surgical procedure using acupuncture instead of anesthetics. He remembers visiting the Bank of China “where there was a teapot and an abacus on every desk.” After returning Fred made presentations about the experience and Ruth prepared authentic Chinese food for the attendees. Is there any doubt as to why these presentations were in demand?

Above all, the club’s service projects have been the highlight of Fred Anderson’s engagement with Rotary. “There is always something going on, whether we are painting and repairing homes, or ringing bells for the Salvation Army!” Fred is a model Rotarian, and his modesty belies his enormous contributions to the club and the community: he organized an annual collection and delivery of shipping containers filled with scholastic supplies, furniture and medicine to the Bahamas and Guatemala. Fred traveled to rural Guatemala with a group of Rotarians to build 5 houses for Q’eqchi Mayan villagers (Rotary’s Ak’ Tenamit project). As chair of the Rotary Foundation for our club he manages the Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions, ensuring the presentations are memorable occasions, with the pomp and circumstance a Paul Harris Fellowship deserves.

The advice he wishes to share with our youngest and newest members: “Attend as often as you can, set the bar high for service above self.”



**With perfect Rotary attendance for 64 years, Fred joined Rotary in 1957 and served as President of the Rotary Club of Keyser, West Virginia in 1959-60. Anderson joined the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale in 1972. During his year as President in 1982-83 the Club added 38 Paul Harris fellows.**



# Rick Riccardi

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Rick Riccardi spent 25 years on Wall Street in New York as a municipal bond specialist before he ran his own securities firm and then moved to Fort Lauderdale. He first learned of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale through a friend, Jay Jones, a member of the club. Rick wanted to meet people outside of his social network and especially people of service, so Rotarian Jay invited him and introduced him. Finding the club to be “a friendly, open armed and welcoming group,” Rick recalls, “they were like-minded and centered around service in the community.”

One of the most memorable experiences with the club was when Melissa Aiello became the first woman present of the club. “There was an atmosphere of excitement” during President Melissa’s year (2001-02). Rick also remembers the antics of Jack Braunstein who used to love practical jokes and generally raise havoc at meetings.

A highlight of his membership with Rotary is having been nominated and elected as Club Secretary for its 101st year and he enjoyed recruiting people as chair of the membership committee. Rick organized the club’s participation in an annual holiday event with the residents at the Broward Coalition for the Homeless, Broward Center for the Homeless. Rotarians volunteered to serve the annual holiday lunch and donated gifts of needed clothing and other items. Membership in the club has also lead to lasting friendships. “I got to know fellow Rotarian, Judge Jeff Levinson,” Rick recalls, “and we became friends and remain friends to this day.”

Rick is the founder and CEO of the Fellowship Community Organization, which has provided over 3500 nights of free housing to homeless individuals in recovery - with a 0.6% recidivism rate - and with over 600 participants enrolled in its “Back 2 Work” program. The not-for-profit also provides life skills development, telephone recovery support, a capital recovery program, computer training and bio-sound therapy to help individuals take control over their emotion and focus on quality of life.

When considering what advice to give our newest, youngest members, Rick shared the following, “I think the number one reason younger people are leaving their jobs is because they are looking for more meaningful employment. If service and community are in your make-up, join Rotary, let it take over, and get involved!”





## Ray Williams

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Ray joined Rotary three times. First, in 1979 at San Jose CA. A banking executive, he joined to meet people in town. “Don’t forget,” Ray said, “when Paul Harris started Rotary, he started it as a way to get to know people in the community and build meaningful relationships based on service.” Ray was a member there until he moved to Los Angeles. In 1989 he moved to Fort Lauderdale where Hank ‘Welcom’ Watson, introduced him to local community and business leaders. Ralph Marrinson encouraged him to join the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. He became a member in 1989.

Two years later he had to move back to California and then to Washington DC, after which he and his wife Susie had to make a decision about where they wanted to live. The connections he had made in Fort Lauderdale during his first time here made the decision easy. He rejoined the club in 1995.

Ray is a natural leader and served as club president in 2008-09 and as District Governor in 2019-20 – a year of challenges. That year the District experienced a series of emergencies, starting with his evacuation from Grand Bahama Island during a DG visit prior to the catastrophic landfall of hurricane Dorian. Rotarians rallied and the immediate response to hurricane Dorian relief efforts on Grand Bahama demonstrated what Rotary can do. The Grand Bahama Rotary and Rotaract clubs joined together to coordinate relief efforts with other clubs. A global pandemic followed in early 2020 and everyone took “a 180 degree turn.” With fellowship so central to the Rotary experience, clubs struggled to adapt to remote meetings, yet the District clubs made the transition within 45 days.

His most memorable experiences in Rotary include the scholarship presentations, Turkeys Take Flight and Challenge Air. Rotary International’s Centennial Convention in Chicago in 2005, meeting classmates from around the world at the International Assembly for District Governors-elect. “Rotary will not be the same for anyone who attends an international convention. You hear extraordinary speakers.” For example golf legend Jack Nicklaus, himself a polio survivor and Rotary Polio Ambassador, at the Atlanta Convention in 2017. “You meet incredible people who have high regard and trust for Rotary, such as Bill Gates,” who was another speaker 89 at the Atlanta Convention.

Ray’s advice for newest, youngest Rotarians is to sign with the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) for leadership training. “Above all get engaged – volunteer and get to know other Rotarians. Also if you travel, visit a Rotary club wherever you go!”



# Maddie Camp

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Maddie Camp was looking for a club that was an authentic group of people, all encompassing and involved in the community with volunteer opportunities. A friend recommended she visit the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. She later found out that her great grandfather, the late James D. Camp, who was distinguished in banking and a community builder, was a member of our club and nominated as a club director in 1946.

The most memorable meeting of the Club for Maddie was the very first meeting. “I was impressed at the first meeting – so many people in the room – exactly what I was looking for!”

Among the highlights of Maddie’s membership in Rotary include seeing the younger people who have joined and that has made it more exciting. She said, and Also, she remembers one of the speakers was involved with cleaning up the waterways. – “I love the volunteer opportunities,” and soon afterward Maddie signed up for the club’s participation in Water Cleanup Day. “Paul Shuler had me on a paddle board behind their dinghy cleaning the Intracoastal.”

During President Perry Monioudis’ term (2020-21) the club was fully in remote mode, with meetings held via Zoom. Fellowship - and that room full of people - had vanished during the global pandemic. The club persevered with true Rotary spirit, hosting club meetings and club socials online. Maddie hosted a social and led an online yoga class providing an opportunity for Rotarians to reconnect with each other (and themselves). It was fun to participate and to watch fellow Rotarians stretch their capacity for holding various yoga poses.

Maddie’s advice for the newest, youngest Rotarians joining us in this centennial year is to “take advantage of the opportunity to get involved, and in this way meet other Rotarians.”





## Jaye Lasine Abbate

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Jaye joined Rotary in 2015. A Chicago native, she had enough with the severe winters and the blizzard of '79 motivated the move to sunny Fort Lauderdale. Jaye is the Vice President of Communications and Community Relations at Florida's Children First, a not-for-profit organization that dedicates efforts to protect and promote the rights of Florida's nearly 25,000 children in foster care. Jaye formerly served as CEO and President of ArtServe, Marketing Director at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Vice President of Marketing for Trader's Library, Marketing Director at Dick Davis Digest. Jaye has written numerous books and book reviews.

The simple motto, 'Service Above Self' is what compelled Jaye to join Rotary, the premiere service organization in the world. "I'm a life-long volunteer. From childhood my mother instilled the value of giving back. No matter how little we have, she would say, others have less or need help."

Jaye's first memory of the club was a time when we had done several back-to-back projects that were very hands on: packing & distributing holiday turkey dinners to families in need, doing the same with essentials and gifts for residents of nursing homes in underprivileged communities, and working on the Power of One Hour project landscaping a street in need of beautification. I saw first hand the immediate effect coming together as a group can have on changing a life or a community. Those 3 first projects showed me the power of putting service above self and having a club where the sole focus is on doing good in the world.

Her favorite Rotary memory was attending my her first international conference. When I stepped off the plane, the entire airport was filled with Welcome Rotary signs. There were thousands of Rotarians from all over the world, many in their native dress. Welcome Rotary signs were everywhere throughout this dense International city. It was an amazing sight that reinforced the global impact of Rotary. It made me proud to be part of that."

Jaye's advice for new members: "It's your club, leave your mark on it. The best way to enrich the community while also making new friends is to participate in committees and projects. The more immersed you get in the club, the more connected to it you'll feel. And don't be intimidated by the weekly meeting schedules - life happens! You can volunteer or attend a social as a make up meeting, and bring a friend!"

"The Rotary theme in our 100th year is 'Imagine Rotary'. Imagine the type of club you want to be in, and help us make that vision a reality."



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Madam Speaker,

I rise today to honor and congratulate The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale on its centennial celebration. For 100 years, this organization has become pillar in our community and its members champions of the spirit of volunteerism at home and abroad. As they celebrate this momentous occasion, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale for its exemplary service and the impact it has had on residents throughout South Florida.

Since the founding of their charter on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1922, the Rotarians of Fort Lauderdale have been motivated by the guiding principle of "Service Above Self." Through the club's many projects, including toy, clothing, and food drives; community feeding initiatives; and local street and waterway cleaning; they have shown their commitment to that mission.

In 1959, the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale organized and founded Junior Achievement in Broward County, which now serves over 54,000 students annually through 20 programs delivered in classrooms and local colleges throughout South Florida. Through these projects, the Club has provided emergency hurricane relief, food, and supplies to the Florida Keys, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas. It has also worked alongside NGOs to fund the construction of 10,000 wells to supply over 200,000 people with potable water in southern Africa. The Club has also hosted over 20 exchange students from around the world, promoting goodwill and peace within the international community.

Organizations like the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale are an invaluable asset to our communities that not only give us hope, but provide real, long-term benefits that have lasted for generations. I would like to express my gratitude for their leadership and good works and wish them many more years of continued service ahead!

# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor  
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In Recognition of the  
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Centennial Celebration

- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale will commence its 100th year of service to the community with an ambitious initiative to engage in 100 community-based **Power Of One Hour** service projects in its centennial year that enriches our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, established on March 1, 1922 and founded on the principle of "Service Above Self", was Fort Lauderdale's first service club and has faithfully exemplified this motto over the past century through direct actions, strategic partnerships and purposeful collaborations. Whether responding to an urgent need or crisis, or focusing on long-term projects to improve the community for the next generation, the Rotary Club Championed volunteerism and provided support and distinguished service for 100 years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale was one of the original partners that enabled the City of Fort Lauderdale to donate and install 106 Little Free Libraries located throughout the City since 2016, providing over 30,000 free books annually to children in our most disadvantaged neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale was instrumental to the success of the Fort Lauderdale Cares Project, whereby more than 600 care packages were delivered to homebound elderly and disadvantaged families during the COVID pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale was vital in supporting the monthly Pop-Up Resource Events benefiting the families of elementary school students who experience homelessness. 75 families and 181 children benefited from the project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's 1090 Foundation awarded nearly three million dollars in college scholarships to some of the most promising young people in our city, helping them fulfill their dreams of obtaining a higher education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's annual Challenge Air Day exposed more than 3500 disabled children in our community to the excitement of co-piloting an airplane on an actual flight, and expanding their horizons to look beyond their perceived limitations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale also reached beyond its borders to help neighbors in need globally, and provided food and provisions to hurricane damaged areas such as Florida Keys, The Bahamas and Puerto Rico. The Rotary Club provided in excess of 100,000 LifeStraws to people in Haiti and Africa, and funded the construction of 10,000 wells in Africa that supplied potable water to more than 200,000 people who consider clean water a luxury.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as:**

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*in the City of Fort Lauderdale.*

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Test your facial recognition skills and try to identify these Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale members past and present without peeking at the answers below!



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B



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## In memoriam

**Melissa Aiello**

Melissa Aiello joined the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale in 1996. Melissa was the first woman to serve as Club President from 2001 to 2002. Ms. Aiello also served as the CEO of Junior Achievement of South Florida. Junior Achievement was founded in 1959 by the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club.

**Pat Byrnes**

Rotarian Pat Byrnes was involved with Hospice Care of Southeast Florida, Hospice One Hundred and the Federal Little League. Pat organized the annual Elder Care Gift Bags project in 2005 and chaired that committee until 2010. Pat was the recipient of many awards for her service to the community, including the In Focus Magazine's 2003 Quiet Storm Award.



A black and white portrait of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored, vertically striped shirt. He is standing in front of an American flag. The name "Horace Chang" is overlaid in white text on the left side of the image.

**Horace Chang**

**A Rotarian for more than 59 years, Horace Chang was a founding Charter member of Jamaica's first club at Kingston in 1959. Mr. Chang joined Rotary Club 4444 in 1980. Currently the eldest member of the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club, Horace was a welcoming and familiar face at the reception table where he welcomed Rotarians and their guests.**

A black and white portrait of a man with a friendly expression, wearing a light-colored polo shirt. The name "Frank Lanzana" is overlaid in white text on the right side of the image.

**Frank Lanzana**

**Rotarian Frank Lanzana brought his unique brand of humor to the weekly Rotary meetings. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Cardinal Gibbons Interact Club and Softball Game in 1996-97. Frank is remembered for organizing and motivating Rotarians to participate in the annual NFL Alumni and Pompano Beach Rotary Club softball games.**



Art Stone



Jack Drury

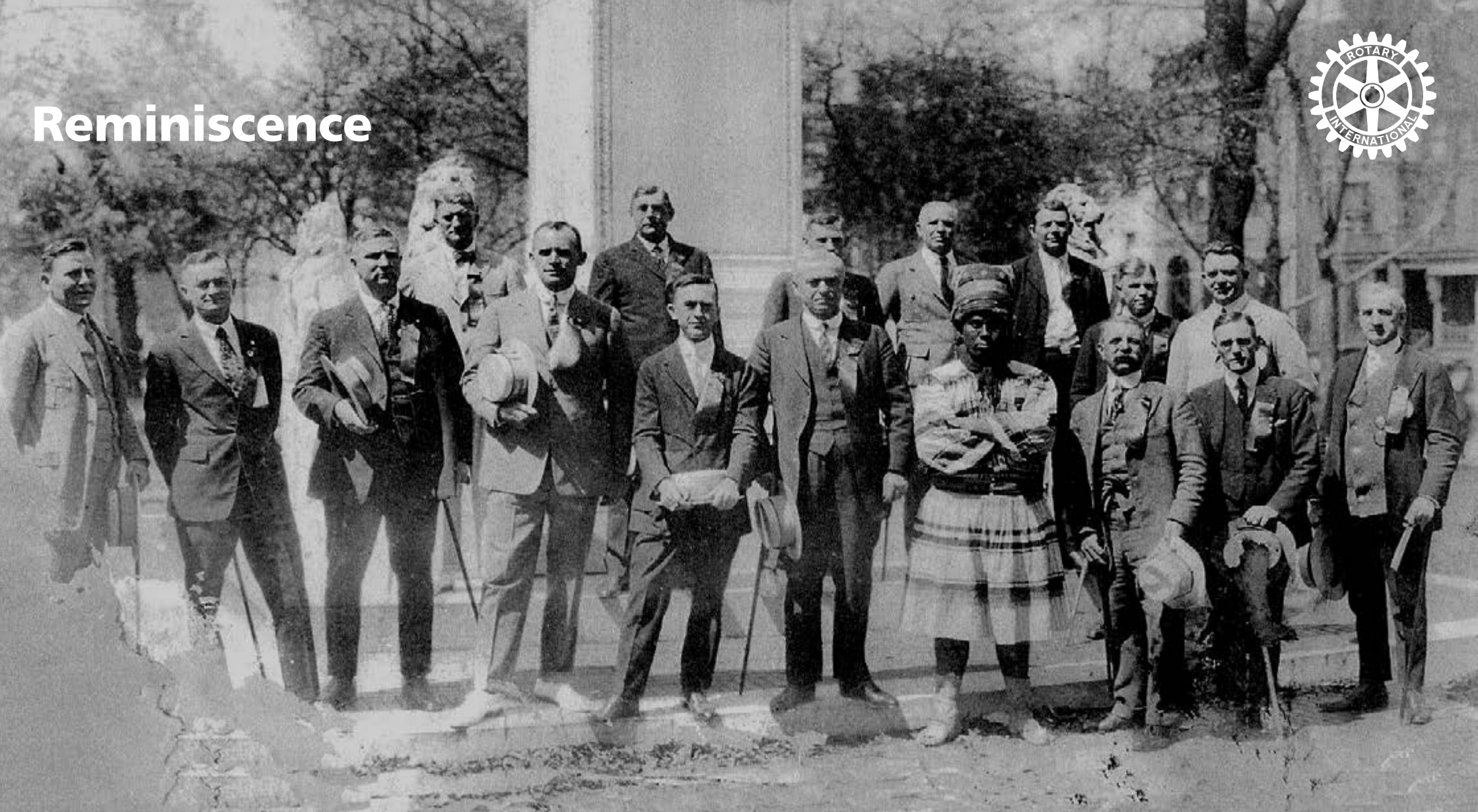
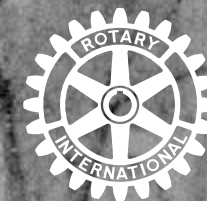
Rotarian Arthur Stone joined the club in 1944. A quote from his autobiography says it all: “I am really flattered that I was asked to join, and have been proud to say I am a Rotarian...It truly is ‘Service above Self.’ I believe in Rotary and have enjoyed a lifetime of friendships and camaraderie. I wish all of my fellow Rotarians the very best, and hope the club keeps flourishing for another hundred years. Thank you.”

- Arthur O. Stone and Tim McGovern. *Say It With Flowers and Packards*. 73-74.

Rotarian Jack Drury was the President of the SE Region of the Wheelchair Foundation. He was the author of *Fort Lauderdale - Playground of the Stars*, published by Arcadia Press, a history of celebrity visitors to Fort Lauderdale. Over decades Jack cultivated long lasting relationships with personalities such as Bob Hope, Johnny Carson, Billie Jean King, and Ed McMahon, who he invited to club meetings through his advertising and public relations firm Jack Drury and Associates.



# Reminiscence



The 1922 District Conference was held in Savannah, Georgia, with Governor Turner presiding. Second Vice-President William H. Coppock represented the Rotary President. The 762 attendees included representatives from the newly chartered Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club. Commodore Brook and James S. Rickards are standing to the right of Tony Tommie (dressed in traditional

native American clothing). Tony, son of Annie Jumper Tommie, was the first Mikasuki Seminole to be educated in public school in Fort Lauderdale. First to the left of Mr. Tommie is John Stanford and next to him is Alfred 'Doc' Beck.

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