

[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Monday, September 23, 2024

### Member Longevity Celebration Pictures



The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale has served our community since 1922. That's more than 102 years of service! In keeping with that long commitment to Service Above Self, the Membership Committee created a special dinner meeting to recognize members with 10+ years of service to the Club and, amazingly, that is half of our membership - one member is even celebrating 51 years of service - Don & Sally Glenn! However, when we add the tenures of all 101 members, Rotary Fort Lauderdale has given nearly 1,500 years of service to the Fort Lauderdale community!

Some of our memorable service for the betterment of our community has included: founding Junior Achievement of South Florida in 1959 (former JA president and CEO, Melissa Aiello, became our club's first female president in 2001-2002); Challenge Air helping differently abled children experience the confidence of flying; Turkeys Take Flight (our first global project feeding families at the holidays); AGAPE (feeding and supplying homeless persons); our annual Toy Drive (serving six charitable organizations serving impoverished children and their families); and \$3 million in scholarships given to local students seeking higher and technical educations.

The distinctive dinner was generously hosted by our corporate member, Broward Health.

Here are some scenes from the evening's festivities.



### Club Meeting

Fort Lauderdale  
Meets at Global Event Center  
416 NE 1st St Entrance B  
Second Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

### Events

September 25th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting - NO Monthly Social](#)  
Speaker: Monthly Social - No Social

September 28th  
[Volunteer Opportunity - Little Free Library Restocking Drive](#)

October 2nd  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)  
Speaker: TBA  
Speaker: TBA

October 5th  
[Annual Rotary Picnic](#)

October 9th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)  
Speaker DG Caltagirone  
Speaker: District Governor Caltagirone

October 10th  
[Rotary Water Taxi Cruise](#)

October 16th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)  
Speaker Joe Natiello  
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[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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## Birthdays

Shelley Leinicke  
September 25th

## Years of Service

Walter L. Morgan  
09-01-1986  
38 Years

Kristin LaFleur  
09-01-2021  
3 Years

Barbara Sanchez  
09-01-2021  
3 Years

Patricia A Robinson  
09-08-2021  
3 Years

Cheryl Hill  
09-28-2022  
2 Years

JD Smith  
09-15-2023  
1 Year





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## No Social This Week

There is no Monthly Social on September 25th.

Please join us for our next lunch meeting on  
Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at Noon  
at the Global Event Center  
416 NE 1st St  
Fort Lauderdale.

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## Rotary Weekly Meeting - October 2, 2024

### Rotary Weekly Meeting

October 2, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: TBA

We meet at the Global Event Center, 416 NE 1st Street.  
Join us at Noon; the meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with questions.

A lunch buffet is provided by Hugh's Catering.

Please note that on Wednesdays during our lunch meetings, we have free parking if you arrive between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
If you arrive after 12:30 p.m., please be sure to pay for the time you need to avoid getting a ticket.

[Click here](#) on Wednesday anytime after 12:00 to participate in the Zoom meeting.

You can also dial in, but you will not see the PowerPoint or video feeds.  
To dial in call: 646-558-8656 and use this Meeting ID: 954 424 0731  
Password: 275406

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## Rotary Weekly Meeting - October 9, 2024

### Rotary Weekly Meeting

October 9, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.



Speaker: District Governor Caltagirone

We meet at the Global Event Center, 416 NE 1st Street.  
Join us at Noon; the meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.  
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# Shoe and Undergarment Collection Drive

## SHOE AND UNDERGARMENT DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024

Our hearts go out to help our neighbors in need, especially our youngest children. Every year, thousands of children in the Broward County School System experience homelessness. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, in collaboration with the City of Fort Lauderdale and other local partners, is collecting new and gently used shoes and new undergarments for Fort Lauderdale elementary schools. Our school liaisons will distribute your generous donations with other school supplies and minimum necessities for a dignified, safe, and healthy life to homeless families in need.

Click [here](#) to shop our Rotary Kids Clothing Drive wish list on Amazon. Be sure to select **Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale c/o Jorg Hruschka's Gift Registry Address.**

**To donate or start your own donation drive, contact Jorg Hruschka at [Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov)**

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## Annual Rotary Picnic

Annual Rotary Picnic  
at the Beach!

**Saturday, October 5th**  
Noon to 5 pm



Bring a dish to share,  
Drinks, Burgers & Hot Dogs provided.

Bring your friends & families  
for games, fellowship, food & fun!

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# Rotary / Water Taxi Evening Cruise

## OCTOBER SPECIAL SOCIAL

### Water Taxi Cruise and Pre-Cruise Happy Hour Boathouse at the Riverside

Thursday, October 10, 2024

\$20 pp until September 20th

**Rotary**  *Water Taxi*  
Club of Fort Lauderdale

**Rotary Club Members**  
★ **Party like a Rock Star** ★  
Friends and Family are welcome!

Join us on Thursday, October 10th, 2024, for a scenic evening cruise through Fort Lauderdale's Intracoastal waterways!

**Event Details:**

- Date & Time: October 10th, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (all aboard time is at 5:45 PM)
- Location: Water Taxi Stop #1, 335 SE 6th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
- Price: \$20 per person (until September 20th), \$25 afterward

**Pre-Cruise Happy Hour:**

- Location: Riverside Hotel Boathouse, 620 SE 4th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
- Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Parking: Self-parking at Riverside Garage, or valet for \$10 (mention the event) Surface parking lots are east of the hotel and Boathouse

For any questions please email [corrine3636@gmail.com](mailto:corrine3636@gmail.com)

**Additional Info:**

- No coolers /only drinks from neighboring restaurants.
- Food permitted.
- Gratuities included in the ticket price.
- Enjoy Live Music for 1/2 Hour

**Scan QR code to purchase passes:**



For any payment questions, please call 954-467-6677 and ask for Dirs

# BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education>

## Follow Us on Social Media

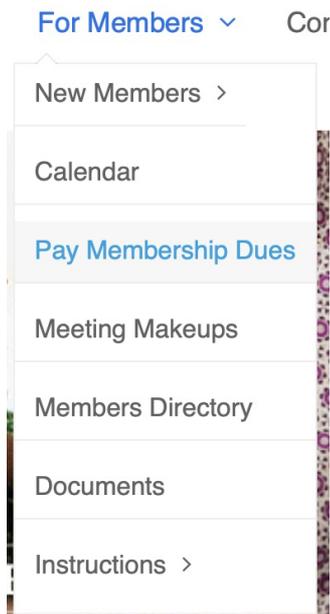


## Pay Membership Dues Online

[Click to Pay Membership Dues Online](#)

OR

Go to [www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org](http://www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org).



Click on Members > Pay Membership Dues  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS / REQUEST FOR ARTICLES



### NEWSLETTER SUGGESTION / ARTICLE REQUEST

Do you have a great idea for our next newsletter? Would you like to see more information on a certain topic? If so, please email your article or suggestions to [Barbara Sanchez](mailto:Barbara.Sanchez).

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Instructions for Club Documents

Secure documents are only available to members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. You will need to click the link above on the top right to login to DACdb.

Once you have logged in, click on My Club and then click on Club Files, Click on the Secure Files Tab (to the right of Public Files), and open the file you are looking for.

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

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

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## Instructions for Member Directory

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

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

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### To add a shortcut to your smart phone

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

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

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## Club Leaders



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