

Rotary  
District 6890



February 2025

# Magical Message



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2024-25 District Governor

THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY



## Rotary's Camp Florida Hires Executive Director

Rotary's Camp Florida will have a new executive director effective Feb. 10. Rebecca Schultz brings two decades of philanthropy and operations management experience, with a strong focus on child health and education. Rebecca has raised millions of dollars through annual, capital and comprehensive campaigns. Rebecca earned a Master's in Public Administration, with a concentration in Non-Profit Management and Bachelor's in Kinesiology with a focus on Fitness Management.



"As a fellow Rotarian and a native Floridian, I intend to see Rotary's Camp Florida soar to new heights!," Rebecca said. "Adding donor centric fundraising and unique programs to those we serve will not only help with programmatic expenses but it will serve as a catalyst for awareness across the state of Florida."

Longtime camp director Liz Fields will retire after helping with the transition.

The countdown is on, and we want YOU to be part of something special. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in May – join us at the Rotary District Conference at Camp Margaritaville RV & Cabana Resort in Auburndale! This is your chance to connect with fellow Rotarians from all over our district, exchange ideas, and be inspired by exciting speakers. With great sessions, engaging activities, and beautiful surroundings, you'll walk away with fresh perspectives and renewed energy to take back to your club. Come for the weekend or just drive in for Saturday. Bring an RV or stay in one of the resort's cabanas. Special pricing is available until April 2 – reservation info [HERE](#). Bring your family to enjoy swimming pools, splash pads, kids' parks, putt putt golf, gaga ball, pickleball and much more.

Experience the Magic of Rotary at Margaritaville.

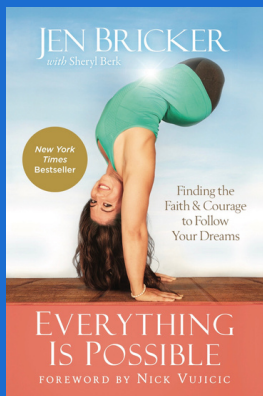


Full conference - \$129, Saturday only - \$99



## Jen Bricker to Share the Magic of Possibilities

Born without legs, Jen's biological parents left her at the hospital. One would think she would be destined for a life of hardship. However, she says the hand of God brought her an amazing adoptive family, who gave her one simple rule: "Never say the word can't." As a child, Jen played several sports and became a state champion in power tumbling. As part of her amazing story, and a twist of fate, Jen later learned that her childhood gymnastics idol, gold medalist Dominique Moceanu, was actually her biological sister. Always challenging herself, Jen transitioned into an accomplished acrobat and aerialist, performing around the world with Cirque de Soleil.



Jen's incredible story has been featured on multiple shows, including HBO Real Sports, 20/20 and Good Morning America. She is currently living in Illinois with her husband, and child and has added a successful speaking career to her list of accomplishments, including being featured in one of the well renowned TED talks, as well as speaking & performing in over 23 countries. Her best-selling book, Everything is Possible, has been translated in 11 languages. She hopes to inspire & motivate others to BELIEVE that anything is truly possible. [Click HERE to see video.](#)

**Family members are invited to join attendees for Jen's presentation at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3.**

## PDG, RI DE Marshall Butler - Sharing the Magic



Marshall Butler was president of his high school Interact Club and joined the Rotary club of West Jacksonville in 2002. His specialty is marketing.

ROTARY ROLES: Zones 33-34 Director Elect to join RI Board in 2026; Zones 33-34 Communications Director and chair of Communications Action Plan; Zone 34 Public Image Coordinator; Zones 33-34 Summit Executive Committee; Lead Facilitator for RI Global Support Seminar; PDG District 6970, highest membership net gain in North America; host of Million Dollar Dinner.

## Rotary Peace Fellow Diego Carneiro Orchestrating Peace - Magic through Music

Diego will share his musical talent as a master cellist and stories of his world travels promoting peace through music.

See video about Carneiro [HERE](#).

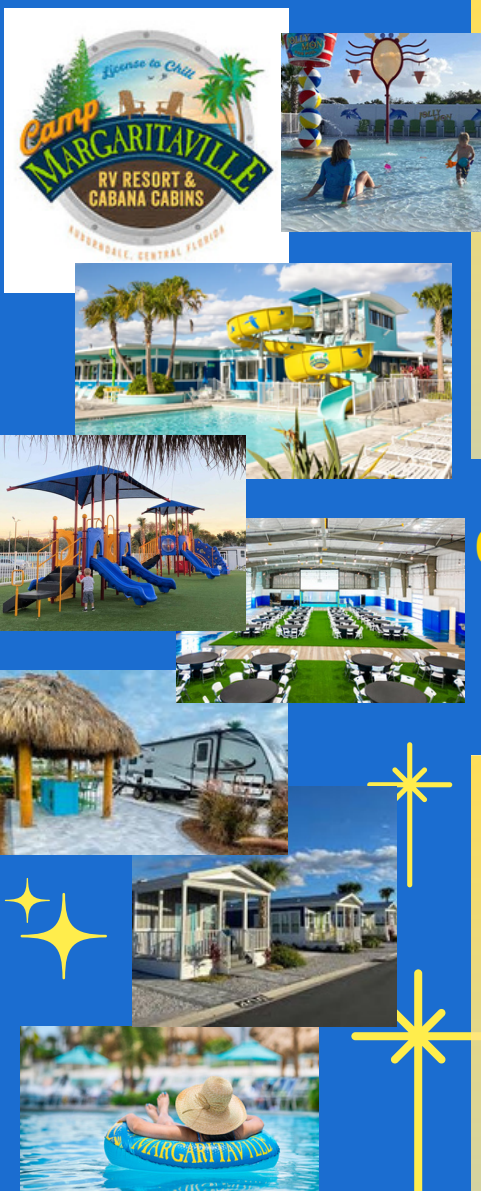


## PDG George Robertson-Burnett - The Magic of Membership



Born Aberdeen, Scotland – Served Her Majesty's Government smuggling and drug enforcement; owned hotels, restaurants and pubs. Moved to US in 2008. Became US citizen 2015.

ROTARY ROLES: Chair, Zones 33/34 Membership Action Plan Committee; Head of MAP Ambassadors; Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator; Zone Innovative Club Advocate; 3-time Florida PETS Chair; Council on Legislation District Representative; Past District 6890 Governor; Past President, Bartow Rotary Club;





# Join for More Rotary Fun



Save the Dates

**Picnic in the Park**  
Lakeland Rotary Clubs  
11-2 Feb. 15  
Bonnet Springs Park

**District Social**  
3-9 p.m. February 22  
Highlands Hammock  
State Park, Sebring

**Florida PETS**  
Feb. 28-March 2  
Orlando

**Lake Wales Mardi Gras**  
Feb. 28-March 1  
Shores of Lake Wailes  
Parade 3 p.m. Saturday

**Zone 34 Training**  
April 5-6  
Jacksonville

**District - High School  
Speech Contest**  
Tuesday, April 8  
Bartow Public Library

**PETS 3 - District  
Learning Assembly**  
Saturday, April 12

**Crawfish Festival**  
FishHawk-Riverview  
11-4 Sat. April 26

**Westchase Rotary  
Pub Crawl**  
2-7 Sat. April 26

**Blueberry Festival**  
Avon Park rotary  
9-3 Sat. April 26

**District Conference**  
May 2-4  
Camp Margaritaville  
Auburndale



**District 6890 Social**  
**Saturday, February 22**  
**Live Alligators & Live Music!**

**Highlands Hammock State Park**  
5931 Hammock Road, Sebring  
Entry fee - \$6 per vehicle or  
\$4 single occupant, included  
in State Park Pass  
No RV parking due to construction

### Agenda

3-4:30 pm - Alligators Tram Tour  
4:30-6:30 pm - Alligator Pavilion  
Picnic -- Dinner by H&R Block  
Tour and Pavilion registration  
\$15 per person (limited to first 30  
paid registrations)  
7- 9 pm - Backtrack Blues Band  
(Chicago and Texas Blues)  
(\$15 per adult pay on entry.)  
Bring your own chairs.  
No seating provided.  
Register [HERE](#) on DACdb



14th Annual  
**WESTCHASE ROTARY  
PUB CRAWL**  
Crawl for a Cause

Sat, April 26th, 2025



FishHawk-Riverview  
**Save The Date** Rotary

**15th Annual  
CRAWFISH  
festival**

**Saturday April 26, 2025**

Founders Square Park  
at Winthrop Town Centre  
from 11am to 4pm  
Rain or Shine

Photos of last year's festival

More Info

[KIDS ZONE](#) [CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT](#) [MOTORCYCLE & CAR SHOW](#)

[FREE ENTRY](#) [BAKE-OFF COMPETITION](#) [FOOD TRUCKS](#)

**14th annual  
BLUEBERRY  
FESTIVAL**

**26 April 2025**

9am - 3pm

ORIGINAL ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS,  
LIVE BLUEGRASS ENTERTAINMENT,  
AND MORE!

**Location:  
DONALDSON PARK  
DOWNTOWN AVON PARK**

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The 4 Lakeland Rotary Clubs

**PICNIC  
IN THE PARK**

The 4 Lakeland Rotary Clubs are hosting a Family Picnic at Bonnet Springs Park. Enjoy a picture-perfect day filled with sunshine, laughter, and fun with your Rotary family

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Pranay & Tina Patel Picnic Hill

Bring chairs, blankets, lawn games,  
and a picnic lunch for you and your family

Parking located at the Event Center

**Dates are for planning  
purposes, subject to change  
Check on DACdb**



## Clubs Working to Plant 4-Way Test Peace Poles

Four peace poles have been planted, and several clubs are in the process of organizing events to plant more.

Rotary 4-Way Test Peace Poles covered in 19 pieces of children's peace art are available for \$500. Poles can be ordered and paid for using the QR code below.

Sample scripts, tips and ideas are available to help once clubs identify high visibility locations and get permission to plant the poles.

Peace and conflict resolution is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

DGE Linda Devine has asked DG Chevon Baccus to continue as a peace ambassador in the coming year. She is representing the district at the Rotary Presidential Peace Conference Feb. 20-22 in Istanbul, Turkey.

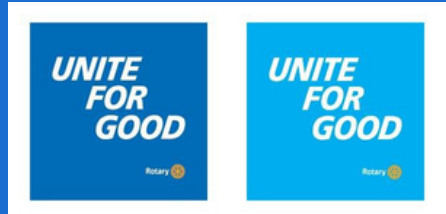


Click [HERE](#) for convention info

Meet us at  
**Camp Margaritaville**  
**Poolside social**  
**7 p.m. Friday, May 2**  
**to kickoff 2025**  
**District Conference**



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## Incoming RI President Unveils 25-26 Theme

At International Assembly Feb. 10 Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to *Unite for Good* by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand "the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet."  
DGE Linda Devine is attending IA to complete her Governor training.

Reach out to DG Chevon to sponsor district conference



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