

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Flagler

A 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Member Club

Tuesday 7:45 AM • Hyatt Place • 295 Lakeview Avenue, West Palm Beach
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January, 2024



2023-2024 Board of Directors

Roop Gill, *President*
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Al Burlando, *Director++#*
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Bruce Taylor, *Director*++#*
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Hospitality
CPA (retired)
Certified Public Accountant
Manufacturing
Community Leader
Community Leader
Computer Consultant
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Members:

Alex Anderson
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Corey Brown*+
Suzi Edwards
Lee Gordon*++#
Daniel Kahan*++
Nixon Lajoie+
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Thomas "Mac" Skelly++
Beth Walton[^]
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Foreign Service
Education
Financial Advisor
Artist/Author
Attorney: Real Estate
Architect
General Contractor
Information Technology (IT)
The Give Back Community
Trust Administration (retired)
CEO, Town of Palm Beach United Way
Real Estate Investor
Financial Advisor, CFP



Danielle Hickox Moore
Jack McDonald*+
Jesse Newman*+
Philip Whitacre*++
Honorary Member (Mayor of Palm Beach)
Founding/Honorary Member
Founding Member (deceased)
Founding Member (deceased)

* Past President + Paul Harris Fellow ++ Multiple PHF
[^] Corporate Membership #Active-Rule of 85

January Speakers – Mary Rogan, Speaker Chair

Tues 2nd No Meeting – **Happy New Year!**
Tues 9th Dr. Stefan E. Harzan, CEO
Taras Oceanographic Foundation
– **Bring supplies for our Service Project (see reverse)**
Tues 16th Sheila Schwartz, President
Lots of Yachts/Lots of Spots
– **Bring supplies for our Service Project (see reverse)**
Tues 23rd* Speaker TBA regarding Human Trafficking
– **Bring supplies for our Service Project (see reverse)**
Tues 30th Official Visit from District Governor Douglas Heizer;
– **Last Day to Bring supplies for our Service Project**
A Representative from Wounded Veterans Relief Fund will attend as we complete our Service Project

*Monthly Club Board Meeting immediately following regular weekly meeting.



Happy New Year!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

5th – Bruce Taylor
19th – Alex Anderson
21st – Len Stevens
28th – Al Burlando

Anniversaries:

-None Known-



Rotary International (RI) News: Rotary International has designated certain months of the year as times for Rotary clubs to emphasize the involvement of all Rotarians in designated activities or to highlight specific Areas of Focus. Clubs are encouraged to plan special programs on the appropriate topics during these months. **January has been designated as Vocational Service Month**, a time to highlight Rotary’s contribution to the second Avenue of Service. **January 27th is the date on which Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947.** This date is used by some Rotary clubs as an occasion to memorialize their own deceased members.

Rotary District 6930 News: Need to “make up”? Try one of our local neighboring clubs: (1) ***Palm Beach*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at Bice Ristorante, off Worth Ave.); (2) ***West Palm Beach*** (Tuesdays at Noon at The Drive Shack, WPB); (3) ***Lake Worth*** (Wednesdays at Noon at The Irish Brigade); (4) ***Singer Island*** (Fridays at 12:15 pm at Sailfish Marina); (5) ***The Northern Palm Beaches*** (Tuesdays at 8:00 am at Cypress Island Clubhouse); (6) ***Jupiter-Tequesta*** (Tuesdays at Noon at Mangrove Bay, Jupiter); (7) ***Royal Palm Beach*** (Tuesdays at 7:30 am at Hilary’s Restaurant and Royal Deli); and (8) ***Wellington*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at the Wanderers Club).

January Community Service Project: Wounded Veterans Relief Fund

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund exists to provide emergency financial support to qualified disabled veterans living in Florida. 85% of their donated funds goes directly toward veteran assistance.

Many military service members leaving the military have a hard time transitioning into civilian life. Not only are they faced with the challenges of their visible and unseen injuries they are also overwhelmed with trying to navigate their way into the civilian workforce and can experience financial difficulties when trying to provide for themselves and their families.

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund’s Critical Dental Assistance Program is a dedicated initiative that provides vital dental care to eligible wounded and disabled Florida veterans who do not receive VA dental care throughout the State of Florida. Their dental program’s primary objective is to offer much-needed dental services, including emergency care to eliminate pain and infections, as well as restorative treatments to restore a smile and proper oral function.

A veteran must be 100% disabled or have a service- connected dental injury in order to receive free dental services through the program. Florida has the third highest veteran population in our nation (1.5+ million veterans). 92% of veterans in the VA system are not eligible for dental services. Currently there is a

Service Project (continued)

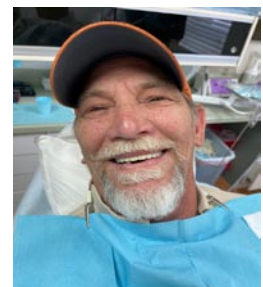
large backlog of veterans waiting for necessary dental services. Dental health is vital to one’s overall well being. Proper dental care can reduce heart attacks by 35%. Proper dental care will increase self-esteem and increase chances for job placement.

OUR PROJECT:

On Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, please bring and donate new, unopened toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste , and containers of dental floss. The Town of Palm Beach United Way will be supplementing our donations with mouthwash, tongue scrapers, toothbrush covers/cases, floss picks, specialty toothpaste made for sensitive teeth or dentures, and zip lock bags. **We will assemble dental hygiene kits on the morning of January 30th.** A representative of Wounded Veterans Relief Fund will be speaking to our club and collecting the completed kits.

Before:

After:



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Lee B. Gordon,
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