

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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December, 2023



2023-2024 Board of Directors

Roop Gill, <i>President</i>	Plastic Surgeon
Charles Contessa, <i>Vice-President+</i>	Hospitality
Len Stevens, <i>Secretary++</i>	CPA (retired)
Silvia Evans [^] , <i>Treasurer</i>	Certified Public Accountant
Al Burlando, <i>Director+++</i>	Manufacturing
Elizabeth DeBrule, <i>Director</i>	Community Leader
Mary Rogan ⁺⁺	Community Leader
Bruce Taylor, <i>Director*+++</i>	Computer Consultant
Graham Whitfield, <i>Sgt-at-Arms++</i>	Orthopedic Surgeon
Suzanne Turner, <i>Immediate Past-President*++</i>	Administrator, NFP (ret.)

December Speakers – Mary Rogan, Speaker Chair

Tues 5 th	Darrell Bock, PGA Director of Operations First Tee of the Palm Beaches
Tues 12 th	Peter Cruise, Professor, PhD, Founding Director: FAU-LeRoy Collins Public Ethics Academy
Tues 19 ^{th*}	Jack Frost, President Commerce Consulting, Inc.
Tues 26 th	No Meeting – Happy Holidays!!!

*Monthly Club Board Meeting immediately following regular weekly meeting.

Members:

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



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

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

December Service Project:

Santa Shop for Adopt-A-Family

Please join Elizabeth DeBrule, as we will again volunteer to wrap Holiday presents for Adopt-a-Family's annual Santa Shop.

WHEN: Friday, December 8th, from 10am – 12 Noon

WHERE: First Christian Church
215 South Congress Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

The toys will already be there. We will be helping to wrap them. The next day, children from the Adopt-a-Family program will arrive and receive their toys for the Holidays!





Celebrations

Birthdays:

30th – Beth Walton



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. **December has been designated as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month.**

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).

Club Business – From the President

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

We have two upcoming matters that require the attention and input of our active club members:

1. Slate of Officers and Directors for 2024-25

Per your club bylaws,

Article II Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 – On or before November 30th of each year, the club president shall elect a nominating committee of three members. The committee shall consist of the current president (who shall be the chairperson) and two other members chosen by the chairperson. This committee shall select a slate consisting of president, president-elect (if possible), vice-president/president-nominee (if possible), secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and at least two directors, based on merit and performance. This slate shall represent the committee’s recommended nominations for the coming Rotary year which begins in July of the following year. The nominations duly made shall be presented to the membership at a regular weekly meeting prior to December 31st (the “Annual Meeting”). By majority *viva voce* vote, the slate of officers and directors shall be duly elected to serve.

We need members to step forward and take an active role in the operation and in the future direction of our club. Therefore,

Club Business (continued)

if you are willing to serve as either a director or an officer of the board for our club, please speak to President Roop Gill as soon as possible. The next Rotary fiscal year does not begin until July 1, 2024, so you will have plenty of time to prepare for your role. You will not be required to invest a great deal of time and, in return, you will learn a tremendous amount about both the operation of our club and Rotary International in general. It is a great way to practice “Service Above Self”.

2. Possible Meeting Re-Location

For approximately 25 years, our weekly meetings have been held on Palm Beach Island. After all, we *are* the Palm Beach Flagler Rotary Club!

A few years ago, The Chesterfield Hotel was sold and we were required to find a new weekly meeting location. We were unable to find a suitable location on the Island and currently meet at Hyatt Place “just over the bridge from Palm Beach”.

We may have an opportunity to move back to the Island. Please stay tuned for an e-mail which will provide you with the details of a proposed relocation back to Palm Beach. Active members will be asked to vote ‘Yea’ or ‘Nay’ on moving. It is very important that you respond to this e-mail once it is sent out. Look out for an e-mail from PalmBeachFlaglerRotary@gmail.com. Thank you!

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