

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Flagler

A 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Member Club

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2023-2024 Board of Directors

Charles Contessa, President+	Hospitality
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Members:

Alex Anderson	Foreign Service
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Lee Gordon*++#	Attorney: Real Estate
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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

April Speakers – Mary Rogan, Speaker Chair

Tues 2 nd	Daniel Lishansky, Chair, Floridians for the National Popular Vote
Tues 9 th	Bruce Taylor – All about Tesla!
Tues 16 th	Michael Fineman, Motivational Speaker
Tues 23 rd *	Dr. Donna Marks, Licenced Mental Health Counselor and Certified Psychoanalyst
Tues 30 th	John McGreevy – T-Butt Fishing Accessory

*Monthly Club Board Meeting immediately following regular weekly meeting.

Happy Hour is the last Wednesday of every month!

April is Rotary Environmental Month

Supporting the environment is Rotary's seventh area of focus. It has joined peace-building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Rotary is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Other countries soon followed suit. Every year since, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources.



Celebrations

Birthdays:

4th – Corey Brown
27th - Fred Wright

Anniversaries:

24th – Lee & Susan Gordon



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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. **April has been designated as Environmental Month.** In addition, April is a time to recognize the contributions made by *The Rotarian magazine*, 27 regional Rotary magazines, and, especially, our Club's monthly "award-winning" newsletter! (see below)

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).

The Origins of April Fools Day

Unlike most of the other non-foolish holidays, the history of April Fools Day, sometimes called All Fools Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a first April Fools Day that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time and arose out of various celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the New Year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1st.

Communications being what they were in those days (news traveled by foot), many people did not receive notice of this change for several years. In addition, a significant number of people refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1. These "backward folk" were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

April Fools (continued)

Over time, this harassment evolved into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies.

April Fools Day thus developed into an international fun fest, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.



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