

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Flagler

A 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Member Club

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2022-2023 Board of Directors

Suzanne Turner, <i>President++</i>	Administrator, NFP (ret.)
Roop Gill, <i>President-Elect++</i>	Plastic Surgeon
Charles Contessa, <i>Vice-President+</i>	Hospitality
Chad Layton, <i>Secretary</i>	Attorney-Family/Divorce Law
Silvia Evans [^] , <i>Treasurer</i>	Certified Public Accountant
Stephanie Branscomb	Administration
Al Burlando, <i>Director+++</i>	Manufacturing
Elizabeth DeBrule, <i>Director</i>	Community Leader
Mary Rogan, <i>Director++</i>	Community Leader
Graham Whitfield, <i>Sgt-at-Arms++</i>	Orthopedic Surgeon
Bruce Taylor, <i>Immed. Past-President+++</i>	Computer Consultant

Members:

Alex Anderson	Foreign Service
Corey Brown*+	Financial Advisor
Glenn Espig	Jewelmer: Owner
Lee Gordon*++#	Attorney: Real Estate
Daniel Kahan*++	Architect
Nixon Lajoie+	General Contractor
Russ Morley	Real Estate Broker-Associate
Ozzie Osborne*++	Information Technology (IT)
Marvin Rosenberg++	Periodontist
Thomas "Mac" Skelly+	Trust Administration (retired)
Len Stevens++	CPA (retired)
Beth Walton [^]	CEO, Town of Palm Beach United Way
Frederick Wright, Jr.	Real Estate Investor



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

August Speakers – Etonella Christlieb, Speaker Chair

Tues 2 nd	Bruce Taylor, Club Member "How many apps should I have on my iPhone?"
Tues 9 th	Dr. Roop Gill, Club Member "How to get old and still look young?!?"
Tues 16 th	Umberto Rosi "Feeding the homeless in our community"
Tues 23 rd *	Casey Tennyson, Publisher – Chart Magazine "How to self-publish? Do I need a ghost writer?"
Tues 30 th	Owen O'Neill, CEO, Clinics Can Help, Inc. "Where can I get medical equipment short term?"

*Monthly Club Board Meeting immediately following regular weekly meeting.

Creating a "My Rotary" Account on RI's Website

While anyone can access the Rotary International website, members of Rotary are able to learn more detailed information. To do this a member needs to register and create a "My Rotary" account on the RI website. With this account you will be able to view your Rotary profile (and update your own personal information such as current home address, current office address, a current photo, etc.), check your contributions to the Rotary Foundation, and lots of other useful information. Here is how you do it:

1. Go to <https://www.rotary.org>
2. Click on "My Rotary" at the top and then click on "Register for an Account". Fill in the Account registration information and click on "Continue". If a club number is requested, we are club #31535 and our District is 6930. You will be informed that an e-mail has been sent to you.
3. Check your email for the address you provided in step 2. You will receive a message which will ask you to click on a link to finalize the process. Fill in all the mandatory information and click on Create Account.
4. Once the screen refreshes you will be given information describing what you can do with your new My Rotary account. It is recommended that every active Rotarian should set up his/her own personal account within Rotary International.



Celebrations

Member Birthdays:

4th – Roop Gill
16th – Charles Contessa
21st – Etonella Christlieb



Member Anniversaries:

None known. Please let us know if we are missing you!



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. **August has been designated as Membership and New Club Development Month**, a time to highlight membership development and the creation of new Rotary clubs.

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

August is Membership Month

One of the duties of Rotarians is to introduce leaders of our community to Rotary and encourage an active and dynamic membership. Our Club's goal is to maintain 30- 40 active, enthusiastic members. Your bylaws specifically dictate the manner of introducing prospective new members to Rotary. We will summarize below the suggested method of prospective membership:

Any active member (the "Sponsor") shall bring a prospective member to a minimum of three (3) weekly breakfast meetings as his or her "guest". At this time, the 1st visit is paid for by the Club. The 2nd and 3rd visits are paid for by either the Sponsor or the prospective member.

It is OK to identify this person as a "prospective member"; however, you are asked not to state "This is X, who is *going to be* a new member", etc.

The reason for this has nothing to do with "blackballing" or discrimination. Rather, the purpose of the minimum three weekly visits is to give active members an opportunity to object to a guest as a potential member for *legitimate* reasons. Some examples of legitimate reasons include (1) this person is a current member of another service club, such as Kiwanis, or (2) this person is of bad moral or professional character in the community.

We, as members, should be sensitive to the feelings of a particular guest who may be a potential member. Put yourself in his or her shoes. Would you like to be introduced as a "new

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member", only to find out later that, for legitimate reasons, you were disapproved for membership? It would be embarrassing. Therefore, in the event that a guest is reasonably objected to, it is less embarrassing that the "guest" be told privately by the Sponsor that continuing to attend meetings would not be in his or her best interest.

Most importantly, if an active member does have a *legitimate* objection to a particular guest, you need to privately advise the Sponsor immediately as well as speak to one of your Board members, typically the Club President. If you wait until someone has attended 3, 4, 5 times, you are only setting this person up with false hopes and embarrassment. If you don't typically attend meetings on a regular basis, you only have yourself to blame if this individual gets admitted as a new member over your too late objection. In fact, your bylaws specifically state that "If no member objects by a particular individual's third visit, it shall be presumed that no valid objection from the membership exists".

After the minimum three visits, a Sponsor has the right to propose his or her guest for membership. You do this by requesting a membership application from the club secretary. This completed application is forwarded to the Membership Committee for review. If no problem or objection exists, the board of directors will vote on that candidate at the next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting. If approved, the new member must complete a "fireside chat", pay a new member fee, and be formally inducted at a regular weekly meeting. If, after three visits, the prospective member decides not to join the club, they are prohibited from continuing to attend further weekly meetings.

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