



Rotary District 6960 RI President - Gordon R. McNally | District Governor - Alfred Current | Area Governor - David Rice

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Birthdays

Pam Ringo
April 24th
Michael A. Gennaro
April 24th
Elizabeth Bracero
April 25th
Michael A. Isabella Jr.
April 27th
Harold S. Eskin
May 12th
Nika Verna
May 12th
Machelle Shirk
May 12th

Wedding Anniversaries

David A. Engh
April 20th
Wayne Robert Kirkwood
April 25th
Michael Robert Rubenstein
May 5th

Speakers

April 19, 2024
[Karen Gaston - Director of Business Development](#)
Wings of Shelter Int'l Human Trafficking Safe Homes of SWFL

April 26, 2024
[Amy Turner - Executive Director Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center](#)

May 03, 2024
[Dr. Elizabeth Bouldin - FGCU History](#)

May 10, 2024
[Dr. Jennifer Sughrue - FGCU FGCU](#)

May 17, 2024
[Dr. Jackie Green - FGCU & 4-Way Test](#)
FGCU Education Department

Club Meeting

Cape Coral Goldcoast
Meets at Gulf Coast Village,
Auditorium, Main Building
1333 Santa Barbara Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

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President's Message

Good Afternoon Members,

As a reminder, we are having a meeting this week.

Last week, we had a club assembly. We are currently on a budget; the RIF program is still on hold due to school administration issues. We have also set a baseball fun night up for June. Christine Wright is planning a pickleball fundraising event and has a location and many good ideas on how to get it started, but we are coming to the point where she will need volunteers to help work out event details. Once those are figured out, we will need volunteers to help work the event as well.

Please remember to start bringing in your donations for the annual booze wagon giveaway. If you have not yet contributed, members are asked to bring in \$30 or an equivalent amount of booze for the event. We have picked a drawing date for the event but do not yet have tickets to sell. We plan to use Facebook to help market the event. When the Facebook page is up, we will ask that you link to it and share it among your contacts.

Our share of the profits from Bike Night came in at \$2,155 after expenses; a financial breakdown of the event provided by Dwight Sedgwick is attached. The next scheduled Bike Night will be October 12th 2024.

As a continued reminder, apparently, there are internet phishing attempts using the following address: districtgovernor247@gmail.com with a gentleman claiming to be Alfred Current. This is fake. Please do not respond.

The speaker this week will be Karen Gaston from Wings of Shelter International Human Trafficking Safe Homes of SWFL.

[\(27\) Karen \(Mewborn\) Gaston | LinkedIn](#)

[Wings of Shelter - Intervention and prevention of child sex trafficking](#)

I hope everyone is well rested and ready to resume normal operations this Friday.

**Mark D. Howell, Jr.
President 2023-2024**

Winners of the 4-Way Test Essays

Our judges reviewed and were amazed at the quality of this year's essays. Unfortunately, we can only award 3 cash prizes. We will be presenting the winners with their prizes at our May 3, 2024 meeting at noon at Gulf Coast Village. The students will read their essays to our club members and stay for lunch. Teachers and parents/guardians are also welcome.

1. Jordynn Simpson. \$100.00
2. Sophia Greenup. \$ 50.00
3. Miriana Michelena. \$ 25.00

Jordynn's essay will be entered into our district contest in July, where she will be competing against seven other Rotary Club's winners.

Thank you teachers and judges for this year's 2024 contest!!

Dale Arvay
Rotary Goldcoast 4 Way Test Essay Chairman



Meeting Photos



Meeting Hosts & Greeters

Date	Host	Greeters
4.12.24	Mark Howell	Michael Rubenstein & Stephanie Sarkioglu
4.19.24	Brad Corbett & Christine Wright	Michelle Shirk & Alan Tannenbaum
4.26.24	Brad Corbett & Christine Wright	Don Thomas & Nika Verna
5.3.24	Nika Verna	Christine Wright & Dylan Zsebe

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