



# ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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## *Noontime News* March 18th, 2021

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

### *President's Message*



The month of March Rotary celebrates WORLD WATER DAY and we have the opportunity to celebrate WATER both on a local level with our distinguished guest speaker Charlette Roman and on an international level with a very special opportunity. See page 2 of this newsletter for further information!

### *Upcoming Speakers*

- 4/1/21 Rick LoCastro, Collier County Commissioner
- 4/15/21 Dr Habermehl, Eye Glasses for Mexico
- 5/6/21 Mike McGovern
- 5/20/21 Keith Wohltman, President Marco Sports Fishing club

### *Happy Birthday!*

- George Abounader 03/08
- Pat Etensohn 03/16



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## World Water Day

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clearer than ever that hand washing — which requires a safe water source — is essential to our health. Yet more than 2 billion people worldwide don't have access to clean water. Since 2014, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$51 million in global grants to enable clubs to carry out projects that help people around the world with clean water to drink, for sanitation, hygiene & so much more. Clean water changes lives and transforms communities. We have an exceptional opportunity to make a dramatic difference in the lives of thousands in Peru by providing them with clean water and having our donations matched to make our small contributions go further towards making a big difference!. Numerous club members have already made generous donations totaling \$1600 to this project which the Rotary Club of Lakeland in our District is sponsoring- thank you to those members.

The Lakeland Club has been hard at work for over 2 years working with the local Peru communities and engineers designing the clean water system. They have also already completed all the complicated Global Grant paperwork and been approved by Rotary International. They are now on their final fund raising effort to start the project. Their club has raised most of the \$118,000.

We have the opportunity to participate in a life changing project where the members of another club in the District do all the legwork. In addition, any contribution you make will be matched by Rotary International and District making your money go further to change lives. Since we are not spending money on lunches I recommend that we each donate \$50 which represents just one month's lunches towards this wonderful goal. To make it easy, instructions will be included in your Rotary Invoice the 1<sup>st</sup> of April how to write your optional \$50 tax deductible check to the Rotary Club of Lakeland to change the lives of thousands of less fortunate people in Peru who do not currently have access to safe, clean water. This is one of the many great benefits of Rotary International. We can each know that we are making a huge difference in the world with just a small contribution because the Rotary network multiplies our actions and our donations. Just email or call me if you have any questions.



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## Opportunities to serve our Community

- Volunteer for Friendship Phone Tree: Calling Team or Intro Seniors that may benefit from this service. Team Captain-Kathy Pasternak
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- June golf tournament to support the Marco Island Charter Middle School. Email me to join the planning committee
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- Save all your [wine corks](#) to raise money for Meals of Hope packing event. Drop off at 486 Clifton Ct- my front porch- Rotary Central!
- Save your glasses for [Glasses for Mexico](#) annual project- drop off at 486 Clifton Ct- my front porch- Rotary Central! Sharon Lewis is our new advocate and Dr. Brad Habermehl will be here to report in April.
- The Marco Island Historical Society and [Museum](#) need volunteers: docents to greet visitors and gift shop [volunteers](#) to assist customers.
- The Y needs someone to oversee the [Bread Run](#).
- The Y needs [“Y READS”](#) volunteers. This could be virtual help as well as in person.
- The Y needs grant/administrative help.
- Call anyone you know that you think might be lonely to add sunshine to their day
- Let me know if you are involved with serving the community in a venue that needs more [volunteers](#)



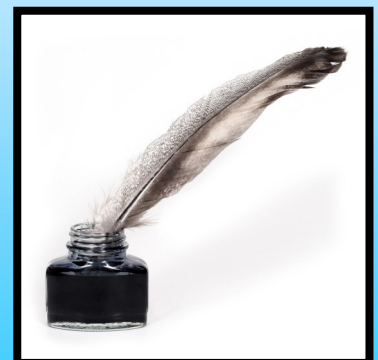
## Upcoming Scheduled Meetings & Events

- **March 23- Tuesday-** Membership Team Zoom Meeting
- **March 26, 2021 - Investing in Equity**, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.  
**Register NOW** for **Infinite Possibilities - Investing in Equity, 1:00 pm EDT March 26, 2021**
- **April 1, Thurs- 11:30 Social 12-1 Zoom Meeting-** Guest Speaker Rick LoCastro
- **April 15, Thur- 11:30 Social 12-1 Zoom Meeting-** Guest Speaker Dr. Brad Habermehl, Glasses for Mexico

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## Speaker Highlights March 18th, 2021

### Charlette Roman

As a retired member of the Marco Island City Council, Charlette Roman, our speaker for today's meeting, was familiar to many of us. Charlette's newest leadership position now places her on the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), a position she accepted at the request of Governor DeSantis. During her presentation, it was obvious that the vision and goals of the SFWMD resonated with Charlette's passion for clean water, the environment, moving water around and protecting Floridians from property damage. With Florida's propensity of hurricanes, floods, and droughts, moving water to the right place at the right time to avoid tragedies and provide protection and safety is very challenging. Today, the Everglades is half the size as it was in the early '20s

Charlette described the SFWMD as the oldest and largest water management district serving 9 million people in 16 counties. She talked about several projects now underway that should deliver the vision and goals of the SFWMD and improve the flow and cleanliness of the water for Floridians. For example, the raising of the road on State Road 41, just before entering West Miami will allow water to flow under the roadway and into Florida Bay (which is currently very stressed due to its diminishing water supply) improving the Bay's water supply, fish supply, and plant life.

Another challenge on which Charlette commented related to "Invasive Management," a term used to describe managing simultaneously the growth and reduction of the invasive creatures and plants, not necessarily indigenous to Florida. She gave four ways used to counteract these invasive creatures and plants while highlighting that the areas are huge masses of land to service.

Golden Gate Estates is the largest land development project east of the Mississippi. It was originally planned as a one house per acre development but when the developers suffered some losses, the County took over and changed the plan to allow one house on 2 and a half acres.

Asked what she enjoys the most about her role on the SFWMD, she said going out to the various project sites, meeting the people and listening intently to what their views were on the projects, as she works on restoring the Everglades and the Environment.

Thank you, Charlette for working on our behalf. We are fortunate to have you as our advocate on these critical water issues.



## Speaker Highlights (2) March 18th, 2021

**Charlette Roman**

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak with the Rotary Club today. I hope your members enjoyed it as much as I did. Here are some links for you to share with the group:

South Florida Water Management District website  
[www.SFWMD.gov](http://www.SFWMD.gov)

Governor DeSantis's Executive Order 19-12 "Achieving More Now For Florida's Environment," accelerates 29 key priority projects that focus on Everglades restoration and improving and maintaining water quality in Florida.  
<https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/AchieveMoreNow>

Annual South Florida Environmental Report  
[www.SFWMD.gov/sfer](http://www.SFWMD.gov/sfer)

Governing Board and Big Cypress Basin Board Meetings  
<https://www.sfwmd.gov/news-events/meetings>

In addition I have a Facebook page "Charlette Roman - Governing Board South Florida Water Management District" if any of your members want to follow me. And for those not on Facebook, I carry my Facebook feed on my website [www.CharletteRoman.com](http://www.CharletteRoman.com) . This email is a good one to share.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can help with.

Kind regards,

Charlette



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