



ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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District 6960
Area One
Zone 34

President's Message



Wow! What an outstanding job the Kingfishers did at our Thursday club meeting - *Thank You!*

Upcoming Speakers

- 3/18/21 Charlette Roman, Water Quality
- 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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Opportunities to serve our Community

- June golf tournament to support the Marco Island Charter Middle School. Email me to join the planning committee
- 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

- **Register NOW** for **Rotary Works: Essential Tech Tools for Marketability** - March 10, 2021
- **March 11, Thurs- 5:00-** Fund Raising Team Zoom Meeting
- **March 18, Thurs- 11:30 Social 12-1 Zoom Meeting-** Guest speaker Charlette Roman
- **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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Achieve your personal development in the new year

Become a more effective presenter, communicator, and leader by taking a series of courses developed exclusively for Rotary by the experts at Toastmasters International. These courses in Rotary's Learning Center will help you grow professionally and personally. They include:

- [Develop a Speech](#), on developing content based on your topic, audience, and goals
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- [Interpersonal Communication and Networking](#), on building and maintaining professional relationships and networks
- [Leadership Basics](#), on topics like motivating others, integrity, and team inclusiveness
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- [Building Consensus](#), on developing the skills needed for effective and inclusive leadership

Expand your opportunities by building your skills!



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Upcoming Speaker Spotlight

March 18th, 2021

Charlette Roman

Charlette Roman serves as a Governing Board Member of the South Florida Water Management .

The South Florida Water Management District is directed by nine Governing Board members who set policy for the agency.

They reside within the agency's 16-county region and represent a cross section of interests, including the environment, agriculture, local government, recreation and business.

Governing Board members are unpaid citizen volunteers appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate. They generally serve four-year terms.

The South Florida Water Management District encompasses two major watershed basins, the Okeechobee Basin and the Big Cypress Basin.

The Big Cypress Basin also has a Basin Board, with appointed members setting policy. Charlette serves as the chair of the Big Cypress Basin Board.



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The Kingfishers' Meeting

President Linda Sandlin opened the meeting with greetings followed by a prayer and pledge of allegiance and then called upon Pat Etensohn, the leader of our Kingfishers to conduct the meeting.

Pat organized many of our Kingfishers to introduce their home Rotary Club and tell us about their respective club's fundraisers, the beneficiaries of each of the club's donations, and how their meetings are organized and conducted.

All of us could relate to the way the pandemic effected the clubs: the change in meeting format; the way fundraisers have been conducted, and the reduction of funds raised.

Nevertheless, all us found that our clubs financially contribute to similar causes, including but certainly not limited to scholarships, feeding and clothing those in need in our local communities, and children.

The wealth of knowledge and experiences that was shared by our many diverse Kingfishers from many parts of our country and Canada was inspirational. Our members as well as the other clubs' members represented at this meeting have been enriched because of this sharing.

The presentations ended with a donation that the Kingfishers customarily give to our Marco Island Club for us to support local needs. This year, the Kingfishers' designated that their generous donation of \$2,050 benefit "Our Daily Bread," a local not-for-profit, whose mission is to feed the hungry in our community.

THANK YOU, KINGFISHERS. WELL-DONE. YOU'RE THE BEST!



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Opportunity to make a difference!

We have an excellent, easy opportunity to make a big difference by providing clean water to thousands in Peru who do not have access to safe, clean water. The Rotary Club of Lakeland in our District has been hard at work for 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. This is also a tax deductible contribution. AND for anyone who donates \$150 or more your money will be matched a 2nd time by an anonymous donor and you will get Paul Harris point credits for both your donation and the match. If your passion and your checkbook lead you to do this please:

Check payable to : Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and in the memo line please put Walk for Water. This will automatically kick in the 100% matching.

Please mail to Linda Sandlin, 486 Clifton Ct, Marco, since I will be the one keeping records on this as International Chair and I will mail donations directly to the Lakewood Club after received.

Your Donations Make A Difference! Rotary and our partners work hard to ensure that every dollar you donate goes to help someone in need.

Education and training is provided by our team to the community leaders and residents to ensure a sustainable program. These projects not only save lives by improving health and preventing disease, they offer many economic benefits.

Follow up visits are made to check on the status and monitor the impact of every project for long term success.

Global partners include a Rotary Club in the community we are serving, Water Mission, matching grants organizations and private donors.