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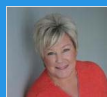
Club of Marco Island



Tuesday, April 1, 2025



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Mark Your Calendar- April Happenings

April 3, Thursday Club Zoom Meeting- New Member, Jonathan Wright, will be formally inducted into our family and we are all looking forward to his "Getting To Know You" talk. Our speaker is Tim Philbrick, Avow's Community and Engagement Manager. He'll be discussing National Healthcare Decisions Day which is April 16. Sue has heard outstanding things about his presentation- why not invite a potential Rotary member to this meeting?

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971_964036?pwd=UFpyQ0h4TTdvaUdQRTZjdmlmVExEUT09

Meeting ID: 397 196 4036

Passcode: 048850

April 17- 11:30- Luncheon meeting at Marco Presbyterian Fellowship Hall will be our favorite Students of the Month Program PLUS our speaker is another favorite, Dr. Brad Habermehl with his Glasses for Mexico Report plus Stuart Unsworth from Sunshine Booksellers, who graciously ships all our glasses for us, will be attending and we want to offer him a huge thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING TO THE MEETING:

1. Your glasses and sunglasses for our Glasses for Mexico Mission
2. Your costume jewelry and gently used purses for Manatee Elementary School students to give to their mom's for Mother's Day

April 22- Marco Island Earth Day- mark your calendar: 4th Annual Island Wide Clean Up Tuesday, April 22, 2025- stay tuned for more info! This is a great family event including our children.

Chair: René L. Ford

Volunteer, Marco Island Rotary Noontime

Love Your Island Litter Clean Up & Prevention Initiative
(914)552-5547

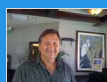
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April 26th, Island Country Club- Rotary Spirit Awards Elegant Garden Gala. LAST CALL!! Get your tickets. Deliver your Silent Auction Items, booze, and Sponsorships. Sign up to Volunteer.

Last Call - We Need You!



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(Photo of Alexandra Diaz, your Silent Auction Chair, at last year's fun & fabulous gala.)

There are many ways you can be part of the fun as well as the joy of making our signature event, the **Rotary Spirit Awards Elegant Garden Gala**, a big success.

1. Contact Al Diaz, manager@royalmarcoway.com for tickets or go online to <https://app.betterunite.com/rotarysgardengala> to register before we sell out!

When: April 26th. 5 PM.

Where: Island Country Club.

What: It is the best buy, most fun gala of the season. Tickets only \$150 for elegant evening of fine dining, dancing, entertainment, and much more....

2. Volunteers needed!!

- We need additional volunteers to help 11:00 - 1:00 Saturday, April 26th morning with set up at the Island Country Club
- We need additional volunteers at the event Saturday, April 26th, to help as greeters, sell 50/50's, photographer...

Please email Linda to volunteer- Linda@marcorealtysource.com

3. We need auction items this week!! Our goal is for every member to solicit at least one Silent Auction donation or sponsorship from a business that you frequent. It takes all of us to make this fun event a success so we can continue to "Do Good For Those In Need."

- Ask a restaurant or other retailer that you frequent for a contribution to the Silent Auction to raise money for the critical needs of the community. They will thank you for your work for the community.
- Ask your insurance agent, attorney, dentist... to do a sponsorship.
- Bring bottles of wine or booze for our cooler of booze auction item to the April 17th luncheon meeting or dropoff for Alexandra at Tenney Law Office. text: 239-537-5998, alexandrasellsmarco@kw.com

Attached above are the Sponsorship Opportunities and Silent Auction Form. Contact Alexandra Diaz with Auction Items. alexandrasellsmarco@kw.com, text: 239-537-5998

Get your Sponsorships and Reservations in ASAP as this event always sells out.

Welcome Our Newest Member, Dianne Hamberg

We are delighted to welcome Dianne Hamberg as our newest member. We are also excited to announce Dianne as our 50th member, an exciting accomplishment, as the more great members we have the more good we can do in the community and the world. A big thank you to member, Ben Ramsey, for introducing Dianne to our club.

Born in Massachusetts, at age 2 Dianne moved to Georgia where she grew up and attended the University of Georgia. She then relocated to California, Maryland and finally Collier County where she has resided for 25 years. Dianne loves the water and beaches here and cooking and gardening are her hobbies. She has been married to husband, Robert, for 35 years.

Although Dianne is new to Marco Island as Branch Header III and Vice President of Truist, she has over 30 years of banking experience and leadership and has been with Truist for 23 years.

Dianne is also passionate about giving back to the community with over 25 years of community involvement in Naples. She served on the Board of Parkinson Association of SW Florida, Hodges Board of Trustees, volunteer with Cancer Alliance of Naples as well as projects benefitting Laces of Love, Naples Equestrian Challenge, MS Society PASFI, Immokalee Middle School and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Being new to Marco Island, Dianne is anxious to connect with the community and believes our Rotary Club is a great avenue for making like-minded friends and getting involved with community service. Dianne clearly lives the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self", and we are thrilled to welcome her into our Rotary Family. "Welcome Aboard, Dianne!"



Jonathan Wright to be Inducted April 3rd



We are all excited for Jonathan Wright to be inducted into our club family this week at the Thursday noon zoom meeting. Jonathan holds degrees in music production, mass communications and business management. He is currently the Tech Director at Marco Presbyterian Church. We look forward to learning more about Jonathan in his "Getting To Know You" talk.

Corn Hole- Successful Event!



Left to right Elizabeth Kerens, Jean & Mom, Jonathan Wright and Scott Kerens all decked out representing Marco Presbyterian Church for the big competition!

More Corn Hole Fun!



Karyn Brooks prepares for her toss decked out as an ear of corn!!

Rotarian Corn Hole Team Poses



Arne Sandberg poses with Rotary Team John Riley and Leslie Tetterton

Rotary Leadership Institute

Hello District 6960 Rotarians!

Our next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is right around the corner – **Saturday, April 12, 2025**, at Woodland Middle School in North Port, 9am- 3:30.

RLI offers in-depth knowledge of Rotary, along with valued leadership skills that will prove beneficial to you in your future professional or voluntary leadership roles. ***RLI isn't just for Rotarians interested in leadership within their Rotary Club, RLI is a fantastic tool for personal growth.*** It's also a great place to meet Rotarians from other clubs and share ideas!

If you haven't already registered and would like to attend, please do so right away! You won't want to miss this exciting opportunity to participate in Part I, Part II or Part III – please secure your spot today!

[Register NOW](#) for **RLI Gulf Coast Parts 1, 2, 3 - April 12, 2025**

As an added bonus, a **District Grant Writing Master Class** will also be offered in conjunction with the February RLI. No pre-requisite RLI course is required so anyone can attend. ***We encourage each Club to send at least one person - this course is extremely beneficial!!***

Registration for the District Grant Writing Master Class, held on **Saturday, April 12, 2025** at Woodland Middle School in North Port can be completed by using the following link:

[Register NOW](#) for **RLI Gulf Coast Master Class - District Grants - April 12, 2025**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Sherry Penfield, slpenfield@yahoo.com
Judy Hammond, judyhammond@ymail.com
RLI Administration

Easy Tip for Keeping Your Rotary Info Handy



In order to always have the latest Rotary info at my fingertips I have created a Rotary folder in my Outlook and I keep all our newsletters and other email announcements there along with the latest rosters and Rotary Means Business. That way I always know where to look for the latest details about meetings, events, or how to look up a member's info. Try it- it works! Hugs, Linda
