

# Rotary

## Club of Marco Island



Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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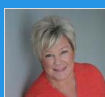
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### Mark Your Calendar-Upcoming Events!



Thank you Anabela for greeting us with your beautiful smile at our Club Meetings.

**July 27th Mark Your Calendar for Meals of Hope Happy Hour** for fun, fellowship, entertainment and raising money for Our Daily Bread Packing Event:

- When- Monday July 27th 5-7
- Where- Mango's Dockside Restaurant, 760 N Collier Blvd on Smokehouse Bay.
- See Flyer attached above

**August 1st , Friday, 10 am to 1:30 - Pints & Pantries-** there will be a bloodmobile at the chamber coordinated by NCH and The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce. Win a Prize Florida Cruise ticket for donating. Blood levels in Collier County are at an all-time low. Donate 5 packages of food and

get 4 \$25 gift cards to Phelan family restaurants. Club contact- Deb Henry- dbhenry920@comcast.net.

**Sign up TODAY** to help with the **Our Daily Bread Opening of their new building**. They need volunteers to greet and direct guests as they arrive. Let's all wear our Rotary T-shirts and sign up in force!.

- When: **Aug 2nd, Saturday, 8am to Noon** plus 30 minute planning meeting on Wednesday July 30th
- How: Contact Evelyn Rosetti at Our Daily Bread to sign up: 646-643-0094, [evelyn@ourdailybreadfoodpantry.org](mailto:evelyn@ourdailybreadfoodpantry.org)

**August 4, Monday at 5:15- All New 1st Monday Monthly "Just For Fun" Socials**—first one on August 4th at 5:15 pm at CJ's. Bring your family and friends to just enjoy visiting and laughing together. Questions- contact Detlef, <detlef.rethage@gmail.com> Hope to see you there!

**August 7th, Thursday, Club Zoom Meeting at Noon-** Don't miss terrific travel presentation by Geoff Fahringer who will speak on his recent "Band of Brothers" trip. Details to follow from President Sue.

**August 16th, Saturday.** What better way to start 2024-25 Rotary year than with some **Rotary FUN and education at Rotary Leadership Institute**? Join Rotarians from around Southwest Florida for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Gulf Coast Florida Division Courses 1, 2 and 3 will be offered at Woodland Middle School in North Port. Check-in is 8:15am and classes are from 9:00am until 3:15pm.

- **Cost is \$100 for each Part One, Part Two, and Part Three. Note: Our Club will reimburse you.**
- **Lunch will be provided -- IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**
- RLI offers in-depth knowledge of Rotary and valued leadership skills that will prove beneficial to you in your future professional or voluntary leadership roles.
- It's also a great place to meet Rotarians from other clubs and share
- **Register NOW** for RLI Gulf Coast Florida Div Parts 1,2,3 August 16, 2025



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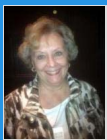
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**August 21, Thursday, - In person luncheon meeting at the Fire Station** - Training Room. Adventures In Rotary continues with Speakers City Manager Mike McNees and Asst City Manager, Casey Lucius plus meet our S4TL Camp Students.

**August 30th- Marco Island Rotary Golf Classic** - Flyer attached. Let's all sign up to play or sponsor this fun event to raise money for the MI Charter Middle School.

**Sept 4, Thursday, Noon- zoom meeting-** details to follow

**Sept 19th, 11:30 - Special Luncheon Meeting Community Outreach Event** - World Polio Day is Oct 24- In advance of this date we have secured a presentation by Rich and Cheryl Willett. Rich is a Polio survivor and the author of Perseverance, Journey of a Child Warrior As we look toward World Polio Day, let's invite guests: family, potential members, community leaders, business owners, to this meeting to showcase what Rotary is all about. Your outstanding membership and public image committees will be working hard to promote this event. Our meeting time and location will be the same as usual- Beautiful Marco Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall and Chef Laura will provide a wonderful lunch.

**October 24th- World Polio Day**

**November 8, 2025, Meals of Hope Packing Event at the Marco Island Middle School** - flyer attached above if you would like to donate as a Friend of Meals of Hope. Meals of Hope Marco Island needs to raise at least \$50,000 to purchase the food ingredients to package at least 200,000 meals. Every donation is needed to make this event happen and your contribution as a Friends of Hope member is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Deb Henry and Anabela Fernandes on the MOH Team!

**December 11th-** Mark your calendars-the Club Holiday Party Luncheon will be December 11th instead of the normal 3rd Thursday.

## Our Club donates \$72,700 to Nursing School

Club Foundation Chair, Pat Etensohn, sent the check for \$72,700 to Scott Lee at Lorenzo Walker Technical College. These monies will help them obtain equipment and other items in order for them to provide a full nursing program at the school. This was the culmination of our successful cash call at the Spirit Awards in April. We applaud those present at the event for their generosity and recognition that there is truly a need for more nurses in our area. Plus this program opens up a new career pathway for youth in our area.



## Marco Island Charter Middle School Interact Club



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Celebrate! Derek & Jennifer Tenney are starting a new Interact Club sponsored by our Rotary Club at the Marco Island Charter Middle School.

Once school starts up again, week of August 4, we will have our first Interact Club recruiting session during the **Open House August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**

**We would love a few Rotary Members to attend.**

We will also plan to have additional recruiting sessions during the first few weeks of school. We hope to achieve a full roster of Interact Club students (Goal 10 to 15 students)

Contact Derek for details and how to participate. Derek Tenney 239-860-9466. [derektenney@gmail.com](mailto:derektenney@gmail.com)

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**Your Fabulous President, Sue Haviland, Needs You!**





I'm still looking for a service project chair- this individual will not need to work on every project, merely review projects that are submitted to the club for consideration. Who is ready to help make a difference? Just call or email me to learn more about this opportunity. shaviland3604@gmail.com, 443-677-0389. Thanks, Sue

## Need Greeters and Glasses for Mexico pick up



### Glasses for Mexico needs & updates:

- Diane is headed north Mid-August to Mid-September. She is in need of a volunteer to pick up glasses at NCH and Dr Madison's office.
- Diane's sisters are now shipping her glasses from various Doctor's Offices where they live. They are 100% into it!

**Looking for 1 more Greeter for August** as Diane cannot be here to greet or organize. Please email Linda if you are available. Thank you to Rick LoCastro and Kyle Stanutz for greeting.

Reminder to visit **Sunshine Bookseller** for great novelty gifts, cards, fed ex shipping and more cool stuff you probably don't need. They ship our glasses at their cost. Diane is addicted to shopping there while they

package up the glasses!

## Getting to Know New Member Ed Brandt



Ed Brandt was formally inducted into the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime by President Sue Haviland, transferring from the Pelican Bay Rotary Club. Past President, Kenny Goodman noted, "Marco Club is getting a stellar member with Ed." Brandt is a lifelong Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow along with having received the Rotarian of the Year and Service Above Self awards. The club is thrilled to have Ed join our Rotary family.

Chaplain (Brigadier General) Kenneth "Ed" Brandt, (USA, Retired) served the Army National Guard for nearly 32 years. He retired in May 2020 from his last duty assignment in Arlington, Virginia as the Chief Chaplain, National Guard Bureau, and United States Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Army National Guard. He provided religious advice to the Chief, National Guard Bureau and served as liaison to the United States Army Chief of Chaplains.

In those roles he provided resources, policies, and training for over 450,000 Soldiers, Airmen, and their families and provided leadership to over 2500 Army and Air National Guard Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants. As the Senior Religious Advisor to the State Partnership Program, he worked with the Ohio National Guard to help Serbia re-establish their military chaplaincy and had the honor of meeting with the Chief of Chaplains from the Czech Republic, Philippines, and other countries around the world.

In 2008 Ed deployed to Iraq serving as a Brigade Chaplain providing pastoral care and worship to over 1200 Soldiers. For his service in Iraq, Ed received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

Upon returning home, he continued service as a Chaplain at the National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia, and then as State Chaplain for Delaware. In 2017 he was selected as United States Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Army National Guard and in 2018 selected as Chief Chaplain, National Guard Bureau. Ed retired at the rank of Brigadier General in May 2020.

He was honored to serve as the guest preacher for the 2019 annual Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery. When Ed retired, the Delaware National Guard presented the Distinguished Service Cross, and the National Guard Bureau presented the Joint Service Medal, normally reserved for the rank of major general and above.

An ordained Presbyterian Minister, Brandt served congregations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, California, and Michigan ranging in size from 50 to 2200. Chaplain Brandt serves on a number of Non-profit Boards including Advisory Board member for the American Bible Society; ThanksUSA; Alumni Board of Governors for the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio; National Guard Youth Foundation, Washington, D.C.; OneMoreDay; and a former member of the Board of Trustees Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Awards and honors include University of Findlay as an Outstanding Alumni; and the Moss Award from Lancaster Theological Seminary presented for distinguished service in the practice of specialized ministry. He was one of the 2021 Commencement Speakers for the University of Findlay.

Ed's academic degrees include a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a Doctor of Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Findlay. He received a certificate from the Homeland Defense Seminar, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ed is married to the former Jane Stewart. He is the father of three children and Jane and Ed spend time spoiling their three grandchildren and reside in Naples, Florida. Ed currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the United Church of Marco Island.

Clearly Ed has a Rotarian's "Service Above Self" heart and will be a valuable member of our club. Welcome Aboard Ed!

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## Exciting Club News!



### **MIR\*100: Growing Marco Island Rotary – Because People Matter**

Our Rotary Club District provides outstanding support and ideas to clubs in every aspect of Rotary. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Detlef and Linda attended a District energizing webinar to arm clubs with cutting-edge tools and best practices for attracting new members and the opportunity to renew our commitment and inspire new ways to grow and serve.

Highlights included:

- The power of Rotary's Member Success Center
- Membership tools that truly work
- Courses from Rotary's Learning Center to supercharge our efforts

- And much more!

Here at Marco Island Noontime Rotary, we're not just waiting for change—we're making it happen! We are stepping up with our MIR\*100 plan! Our Membership Committee is hard at work, and we're excited to share our bold new vision: to expand from our current 50 members to a dynamic 100 strong. It's an ambitious goal, but we know that big dreams spark big actions.

Why double our numbers? Because...

- With more hands, we can help more people in need.
- New faces mean fresh ideas, new expertise, and stronger community ties.
- Rotary is about business, too. More members equals more opportunities to work together.
- And of course, more friends means more fun and fellowship!

We call our exciting new growth campaign MIR\*100 (**Marco Island Rotary**), and we're already seeing momentum:

- Regular Membership Committee meetings—scheduled and rolling!
- A newly structured Onboarding process for new members—check!
- Monthly "just for fun" socials—first one on August 4th at 5:15 pm at CJ's. Bring your spouse and friends!
- Brand-new MIR business cards for members—1,000 printed, already being disseminated into the community to spark curiosity and invite potential new members!

And that's only the beginning. Got an idea to help us grow? Want to jump in and make a difference? Reach out! MIR\*100 is more than an initiative—it's a movement, and every one of us plays a part. Let's dream big, act boldly, and double our impact. Together, we'll show Marco Island just how much good 100 Rotarians united in service can do!

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## Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

### HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEAT STROKE

Thank you Geoff for sharing your expertise and this valuable safety info:



Being active outdoors this time of year can lead to heat exhaustion and even worse, heat stroke.

HEAT EXHAUSTION occurs when the body's normal temperature reducing mechanisms get overwhelmed and become inefficient or stop working.

Signs of heat exhaustion are:

Heavy sweating, Pale cool sweaty skin, Nausea and vomiting, Dizziness, Feeling weak,

Although it may not appear serious, treat heat exhaustion quickly. Without early recognition and treatment, it could progress to heat stroke, a life-threatening condition.

TREATMENT:

- Move the person to a cooler, shady place or inside where air conditioning is available.
- Spray water on or apply cool wet cloths to the head and torso and encourage the person to drink fluids, preferably a carbohydrate-electrolyte sports type drink followed by plain water.
- Loosen or remove excess clothing.
- Have the person lie down and consider raising his or her legs 6 to 12 inches.
- The idea here is to get the person cooled down ASAP!

HEAT STROKE is a condition where the body's normal cooling systems are overwhelmed. This is a serious medical emergency.

Signs of Heat Stroke are:

The person will be very warm, even hot to the touch. Heavy sweating could be present, but in many cases the skin can be red and completely dry

Typically the person will be confused and could have trouble communicating

The person could become unresponsive and could experience a seizure.

TREATMENT:

FIRST CALL 911

- When possible, immerse the person up to his or her chin in cold water.
- If immersion is not possible, spray or pour cold water on the person or cover them with a cold wet sheet. If available and use a fan to enhance cooling.
- You MUST cool this person down quickly!

A FEW FINAL TAKEAWAY POINTS:

- Heat cramps (muscle spasms) are the earliest signs of a heat illness.

Prevention of heat related issues can be prevented or at least minimized by:

- Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate early and often, starting even before your day outdoor begins. Stay ahead of the dehydration curve by drinking sports type drinks and bottles of clear water.
- Not to give TMI, but if you are not urinating you are already dehydrated. AND, look at the color of your urine. If it is not a light yellow or clear color you are very likely even more dehydrated.
- AND like with any other emergency, if you suspect any medical (or safety) issue call 911 NOW!



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## New Home for Tyler & Erika

Tyler & Erika Canady recently closed on their new home purchase, painted the whole home themselves, and moved in!!  
Congratulations and wishing you abundant blessings in your new home!



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## Ben Ramsey Opens His Law Practice

Ben has launched his local law practice with focus on real estate and construction law: residential and commercial title, contracts, closing and legal needs of contractors and homeowners. He has extensive experience in Florida General Contracting since 2000 and experience as a real estate developer and real estate agent. These skills set him apart from other attorneys in the field. Ben says, "My Door is always open if can help in any way." Congratulations Ben!



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## History of the Rotary Bell by Karyn Brooks, Historian





## THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY BELL

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



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## Rotary Means Business

By Linda J. Sandlin

### Rotary Means Business

Please support these "Service Above Self" Rotary Members and Businesses that Give Back So Much to the Community. Click below for the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime's Official Guide:

[For Rotary's Business Guide](#)  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Link: [2025 Rotary Means Business Link](#)

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## 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

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