

# Rotary

## Club of Marco Island



Saturday, August 10, 2024



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Philip Penzo  
Sergeant-at-Arms

## Schedule of Events & Service Opportunities

By Susan A. Haviland



**August 17- Rotary Leadership Institute- Deadline to register is this Monday, August 12th.** See flyer attached above for details. RLI offers in depth knowledge of Rotary and it's fun!

**Aug 22, 11:30- Luncheon Meeting at Physicians Regional Hospital** on Collier Blvd, Naples. A huge thank you to Tyler's wife, Erika, for inviting us for a lovely buffet lunch, talk, and tour.  
**We need to arrive by 11:30 and will promptly begin lunch at that time.**

**We all need to RSVP no later than Weds. Aug 14. This is a very short window so please RSVP to Sue as soon as possible and indicate if you are bringing a guest or potential new member.**

**If there are any special dietary requests, include that info in your RSVP.**

Sue Haviland, 443-677-0389, shaviland3604@gmail.com

**August 27th- Meals of Hope Happy Hour** Please join us at the new La Mesa on Collier Blvd. 5:00-7:00 for our Meals of Hope Happy Hour!!

**Sept 5 - Zoom Club Meeting-** Tiffany Irvin, CART Fund - very important information and we are a "CART Club" supporting research for Alzheimers

**September 7- Rotary Golf Tournament** to raise money for the Charter Middle School. Golfers sign up to play. Not a golfer?? Sponsor a Hole for only \$100. Larger Sponsorships offer great advertising. Best of all- join the committee & make new friends while you help with this fun event. Contact Jennifer & Derek- jtenney@tenneylawmarco.com; derektenney@gmail.com.

**Sept 19- IN PERSON- Adventures in Rotary Continues** as we meet at the Power Squadron for a presentation by our own Geoff Fahringer - CPR. He is a great instructor and includes some hands-on participation for those who are interested.

**October 20- Meals of Hope 50/50 at Stan's** sponsored by our club- fabulous opportunity to raise big bucks for Meals of Hope packing event in November

**January 28, 2025, 8am- Noon. Habitat for Humanity Build Day-**

Registration Link: <https://vhub.at/noontimerotaryclub>

**Noontime Rotary Build day- chaired by Jessica Babcock**

10405 Majestic Circle,  
Naples, Fl, 34114



Tyler Canady  
Club Director



Patricia Ann Ettensohn  
Club Foundation Chair



Tom Menaker  
Club Director



Jessica Harris  
Babcock  
Club Webmaster  
International Service Chair  
Webmaster



Jennifer M. Tenney  
iPast President

## Rotary Classic Golf Tournament

By Linda J. Sandlin



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## Glasses for Mexico

By Diane Opelt



**Change the life of a Mexican with poor sight.** A message from Diane Opelt, our Glasses for Mexico Chair. Please collect glasses or sunglasses and bring to our in-person meetings. Thanks, Diane

## Our Club Doing Good

By Patricia Ann Ettensohn

Report From Pat Ettensohn, Chair of Screenings & Allocations Committee:

You and Your Rotary Club, â€œDoing Good in our Community and the Worldâ€ as we start our new 2024-2025 Rotary Year! We just donated \$10,000 to the Y for their "After School Program" and \$5000 to Meals of Hope. It is exciting to see our fund raising efforts being put to very good use in the community.



## **Tyler Canady and Erika are Wed!**



Congratulations to our newlyweds- Tyler and Erica Canady!

## **Membership grows while Sandlin's play! Yey Team!**

By Linda J. Sandlin



While the Sandlin's hiked glaciers in Alaska, the Rotary Club increased its fabulous membership to 48!! Congratulations to our terrific Rotary family and outstanding new members! PLUS as of August 22nd when we induct Tyler Bantel our family will be 49 members! Just think of all the magic we can achieve in the community and world with this great team!

## Ben Ramsey Joins our Rotary Family in July



Ben Ramsey was inducted into the Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime on July 11th. Ben comes to us from the Rotary Club of Naples North where he received the prestigious Rookie of the Year award for his exceptional service. He served on the Naples Craft Beer Festival, Guns and Clays, and Running with Rotary with the Naples North Club.

Ben originally hails from Pikeville, Kentucky, where he grew up and attended the University of Kentucky and then Chase for his Law degree. He is an attorney licensed to practice in both Florida and Kentucky. Most of his family relocated over the years from Kentucky to the Naples area and Ben moved to Naples to join his family in the mid 90s.

Ramsey achieved his Florida General Contractor and Realtor licenses in 2000. He has built many homes in the area but following the real estate crash he returned to Kentucky where he met his wife, Christina, in Lexington. 8 years ago, Ben and Christina and their two children moved to Naples and then last January they moved to Marco Island. He manages rental properties with his BCSA Properties business as well as involvement in developing commercial properties. The big reason for their move to Marco was so their two children could attend school on the island. The family is very involved with the Family Church on the island. Ben enjoys fishing, hunting, boating, anything outdoors, traveling and family time. Some of his memorable hunting trips include an African safari, New Zealand, and the Brooks Range, Alaska.

We are thrilled to have Ben and his family on Marco and in our Rotary family. His commitment to service reflects the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self."

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## Sean Duggan joins our Rotary Cub

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is pleased to welcome Sean Duggan into our family. Sean grew up in Buffalo, New York, where he enjoyed big family reunion gatherings and cheering on the Buffalo Bills. At age 21 he relocated to Tempe, AZ for 12 years and subsequently to the Twin Cities for another 12 years. Duggan has an impressive educational background with 2 Associates in Engineering (SUNY/Alfred and BS Electronics Engineering, MBA Science, Engineering and Technology Management, and Master of Systems Engineering all 3 from Arizona State. His professional career includes 8 years in semiconductor engineering with Motorola and Amkor Technology plus 20 years medical device product development and program management with Medtronic, AtriCure, Artix and Olympus.



Sean relocated to Naples with his wife Bobbi Jo and two daughters Fiona and Ainsley 6 years ago and his career has now turned entrepreneurial as the new owner of SkyRun Vacation Rentals on Marco Island. A man of many interests, Duggan enjoys continuous learning, books (Spiritual and Business), sports (Rugby, football, hockey, skiing, tennis, fishing), family, friends, faith and networking.

In Minneapolis, Duggan served as a BestPrep Mentor to High School students, Second Harvest Volunteer, and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Volunteer. Locally he belongs to the Chamber and Marco Island Area Association of Realtors, and has been accepted in Leadership Marco. Sean is looking forward to meeting more people in the community as well as giving back to the community. His impressive knowledge base and heart for service will make Sean a valuable member of our Rotary Club. Welcome Aboard!

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## Alexandra Diaz is inducted into Rotary



The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime welcomes Alexandra Diaz into our Rotary Family. Actually Alexandra has been part of our family as the daughter of outstanding Rotarian Al Diaz. Alexandra has been volunteering for our Rotary projects as long as she can remember. She explained that "service and giving back was what was expected when growing up; Dad "Volun-TOLD" her what she was to be involved in!"

In fact Alexandra has received 2 Paul Harris Awards for her outstanding contributions to the club as a volunteer in 2009 and again in 2024 as a "star" member of the very successful Spirit Awards Great Gatsby Gala this April.

Born and raised on Marco Island, Alexandra received her Bachelor of Education (Special Education) from FGCU in 2016 reflecting her heart for helping others. She has her real estate license with Keller Williams and serves as Office Receptionist for Tenney Law. Alexandra is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and committee member of the Young Professional Network. She is also a member of Together She Rises Group, women helping women in business. She is an up and coming business professional in the community in addition to her dedication to community service and outreach.

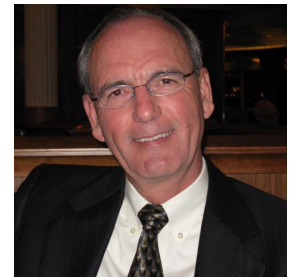
Other interests include event planning, theatre, travel. Alexandra loves international travel and has been to more than 20 countries. She loves quotes, fashion, everything Christmas, dogs and butterflies!

Our Rotary Club is thrilled to have Alexandra join us as an official Rotarian in our family.

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## Our Rotary Family Welcomes Joe Nolan

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime welcomes Joe Nolan into our Rotary family. Born and raised in Rahway, New Jersey, Joe attended Villanova University outside Philadelphia where he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. His first employment was with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission working on regional wastewater planning. In 1979, he moved to Gannet Fleming Consulting Engineers in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania as a staff engineer working on water and wastewater design projects and then in 1984 to CKS Engineers, Inc., a small consulting engineering firm in Warrington, Pennsylvania. As Project Manager he handled numerous municipal clients as the "Engineer of Record." The firm grew from 10 employees to 50 over the years and Nolan became President in 2016 and ran the day-to-day operations of the firm until his retirement in June of 2023. He is still working as a "Contract Consultant" on a part-time basis, at his leisure.



Joe moved with his wife Fiona to Fiddlers Creek in Naples in 2023 although they still have a house in West Ocean City, Maryland, which allows them to spend time with family during the summer months. They have 3 children. He enjoys golf and reading, but his passion is Formula 1 racing as well as cycling to keep fit.

In 2019 Nolan was elected to the Board of Directors of the Lenape Valley Foundation which provides services to families in the Bucks County, Pennsylvania area related to mental health, Substance abuse, intellectual disability and early intervention. He serves as Chairman of the Personnel committee, Co-Chair of the Golf Committee for their very successful tournament, and sits on the Executive Committee. Joe remains a member of the Board, handling his responsibilities remotely, and through return visits for certain board function.

Our Rotary Club warmly welcomes Joe. His diverse knowledge, leadership, and interests will be a valuable addition to our family.

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## Karyn Brooks is Inducted into Club August 8th



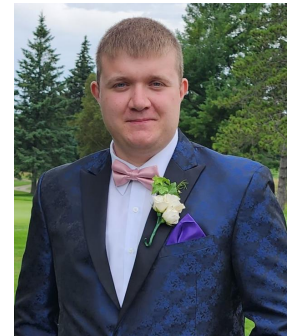
The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is excited to welcome Karyn Brooks as our newest member. Karyn grew up in a corporate business and education household in Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania moving every 6 months. She loved moving and has traveled to more than 25 countries and 48 states. Karyn has 3 college degrees: BA, BS, and Masters in Education. Brooks has worked in Global Cash Management, in sales, she has run a family-owned indoor sports arena (10 years), taught for 13 years, coached soccer at all levels and high school lacrosse (10 years) while also assisting in administrative operations for her company and currently finishing liquidation of that company. Karyn is an investor in sports teams along with her parents.

Brooks's grandparents moved to Naples in 1968 and Karyn has been fishing around the 10,000 Islands an Marco since she was a little girl. She has now moved to Naples, purchasing a home on a canal, to pursue her new goals to learn to relax and be healthy, boating, fishing, foodie, genealogy, reading, Presbyterian Church, Conservancy volunteer with her grandfather, transporter for MI biologist, Brittany, and time with friends and family.

Rotary has been a big part of Karyn's family for over 30 years. She served as President of Oakmont-Verona, PA Rotary Club for 3 years reviving the club, introducing Flags of Honor, increasing high school scholarships. She loves that when you donate to and serve in Rotary you achieve so much good in the community and the world. Brooks truly has a "Service Above Self" heart, Rotary's motto. We are thrilled to welcome Karyn into our Rotary family.

## Meet Tyler Bantel

Tyler Bantel is an Electrical Tradesman relocating from Pennsylvania. He loves to travel and experience all kinds of new things. Motorcycles, woodworking, computer building, sewing, cooking, swimming, gym, volleyball, bowling are some of his hobbies. We look forward to formally inducting him into our Club on August 22nd.



## A Message from President Elect Sue Haviland

By Linda J. Sandlin



President Elect, Sue Haviland, is reaching out to members to better understand each member's interests and passions. The opportunities to serve are endless, only limited by your imagination. Here are just a few openings to spark your interest: (Detailed "training" available for all positions)

- Would you like to be mentored by Sue Haviland, Public Image Whiz, to feature our club and the good we do in the media?
- We just had an excellent, inspiring presentation on Disaster Relief preparedness in SW Florida. Would you like to be part of our club's communication network during disaster events? The communication is already set up and easy- just click a couple buttons to communicate with all our members at once.
- This will be the most exciting year ever for our Lely High School, Interact Club. We have a great teacher at Lely to lead the club and our exchange student will be part of the club and attending Lely High School. We would like to have a liaison or two from our club for communications between our two clubs.

Sue would love for you to contact her to talk about what Rotary means to you and where your personal interests lie. [Shaviland3604@gmail.com](mailto:Shaviland3604@gmail.com) or 443-677-0389

## District & Club Database Benefits!

By Linda J. Sandlin

Wendy Ring gave an outstanding "lesson" in how to take advantage of all the resources in our District and Club Database DACdb at our last zoom club meeting. It's easy and fun:



**DACdb = District and Club Website:** Go To: [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com)

- Accept Cookies
- Email/User ID (usually your email address that you are using as your primary Rotary email address) Password (If you do not know your Password then click on Pink Box- Forgot Password & follow directions), club number (4327).
- Click on LOGIN- Any questions or problems call or email Sue Haviland or Linda Sandlin
- CLICK BELOW FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Once you are logged in:

1. You'll arrive at the Home Page- current Local and District info will appear here.
2. At the top of the page, click on **My Data** tab- You will see your own personal information. Be sure your data is up to date! This is the info we use to report to district and RI. Check your phone number(s), address, email address, business, etc. If you need to edit the information, go to the **Edit Member** tab on the left side of the page under the **Member Navigation** heading. Click on tabs across the top to add or correct info.
3. From My Data click on **My Finance Statement** on left to pay Rotary bills!

Always go back to My Club tab at top to go from one area to the next under **My Club**

1. From My Club, click on **Club Members** icon below to find members phone, email!
2. From My Club, click on **Club Committees** icon, choose committee. You can send a **Pmail** to all committee members.
3. From My Club go to **Calendar** icon for schedule of all our & District events.
4. From My Club, click on **Club Files** icon. Click on Secure files. You will find club documents stored here. There are also Secure files under the Club Committees .

## Check out what's happening in D6960 this August!



Dear D6960 Rotarians,

August is Membership Month. Our Membership Chair, PDG Don Thomas, shares the enriching reasons why welcoming our friends and family into Rotary strengthens our clubs and our community. Read that and more in the August District 6960 newsletter. [Click here](#) to read it. A PDF version is also attached.

Registration is open for Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, and 3, happening August 17 in North Port. [Click here](#) for more.

**Important:** We are organizing the support for our Rotary Community in all of Southwest Florida which sustained significant damage in the wake of Hurricane Ian. **Please fill out [this survey](#)** so we know what resources we have and how we can help you.

Yours in Rotary,  
Kelsey

