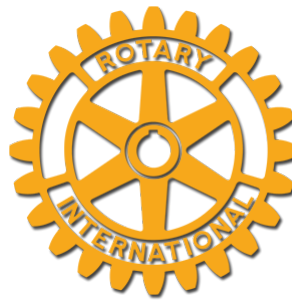


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Club of Marco Island



Thursday, August 25, 2022



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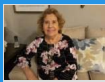
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Meeting Information

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022

Rotary Noontime meets on the **1st Thursday of each month** (year-round) by Zoom, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Contact President Kathryn Pasternak for the Zoom Link.

kathrynpasternak@bhhsfloridarealty.net

Our **3rd Thursday of month** meeting is also by Zoom July-September and In-Person October – June. In-Person Luncheons will be held from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Bistro Soleil, 100 Palm St., Marco Island, FL 34145.

Register Now!

Marco Island Rotary Golf Classic

Sept 10, 2022

Hammock Bay Golf and Country Club

7:30 Registration Opens/ 8:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$200pp/All Inclusive Package

Email Debra for a registration form:

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Our Next Social: Marco Island Center for the Arts

By Jill Sandberg on Sunday, August 21, 2022



Gather with other Noontime members at the **Marco Island Center for the Arts on September 13th from 5:30-7pm** for a special gallery reception called **"Art Done With and About Technology."**

These artists were asked to submit pieces of art that either used technology in the artistic process or depicted technology in some way. Chris Mennini our judge for the exhibition has worked in the arts community of SWFL since 1988 having worked for Shaw Gallery on 5th Avenue and presently at the Emily James Gallery.

Noontime International Report

By Linda J. Sandlin on Thursday, August 25, 2022

Thank you to all who donated glasses or are monitoring baskets in businesses or other organizations. In addition, the club donated \$5000 towards the 2023 Glasses for Mexico trip and California Homeless project. We are transforming lives with the gift of sight through this project. The Club Also donated \$5000 for the global grant WASH project in Haiti to provide clean water, sanitation & hygiene to every community in Haiti and eventually in the world. It is exciting to be on the ground floor of this important world initiative that will not only bring water to the world, it will fight disease, make possible for communities to sustainably grow their own food, improve education, fight poverty...it will transform communities. Making these huge differences in our communities and the world are possible because of your generous support of our club's fund-raising activities.

District Grant Report

By Linda J. Sandlin on Thursday, August 25, 2022

Our club participated in 3 District Grant applications for the 2022-23 year. We are the lead club for the grant for our Y's after school and vacation early learning program. Our club will donate \$7000. We also partnered with Naples Bay Rotary Club for the first time in the Y project, and they made a contribution as well.

Additionally, we partnered with Rotary Sunrise for the Meals of Hope November packaging event with each club donating \$5000.

Finally, we partnered with many of the District Clubs for Dictionary Day providing dictionaries in the fall to local schools. All 3 grants have been approved by District and have now gone to International for final approval. Our club will receive back up to 50% of what we donated from District to support our projects. These funds come from your annual donations to TRF, The Rotary Foundation, which is awarded every year the highest ranking by Charity Navigator. Thank you to each of you for your donations to the Rotary Foundation which makes these important projects to feed the needy and to support education for our youth possible.

Membership Update

By Linda J. Sandlin on Thursday, August 25, 2022

The power and heart of Rotary are its members and that means YOU. It is the goal of our club for each of our members to be engaged and empowered by our club to achieve their individual Rotary goals whether that be to feed the hungry, fight disease, provide clean water, educate the youth, improve our environment, network for business, make new friends or your personal passion. We are thrilled to have 4 fabulous new members join our family this summer: Rebecca Brisbois, Rachel Schenk, Amanda Nelson, and Amy Poss. Welcome aboard! The more great Rotarians in our club the more good we can do in the community

and the world.

New Member - Amanda Nelson

By Linda J. Sandlin on Thursday, August 25, 2022

Our club inducted Amanda Nelson on August 4th. Growing up in Marion County, CA, as the child of 2 very active community volunteers. She was the "practice-diapering baby" when her mother, a board member of the local Red Cross, gave parenting lessons! From then, Girl Scouts, and on to serving on nonprofit boards, she has continued volunteering throughout her life. Amanda earned her B.A. in Psychology from the Univ of California at Berkley and then moved to London where she studied European Art at Sotheby's. Back in the States Amanda started working for Washington Public Research Group in Seattle, produced her first special event and has been working and serving nonprofits all over the country ever since for over 30 years and now in her words' "Heavenly Marco Island as the new Exec Director of Our Daily Bread. Amanda loves everything to do on or under the water. She loves all forms of the arts, crazy for all animals and happy rescue-mutt owner. Amanda's volunteer resume is extensive and impressive The Rotary Motto is "Service Above Self" and Amanda certainly fills those shoes. " Welcome Aboard our Rotary Family", Amanda.



New Member - Amy Poss

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022



Amy Poss joined our club Aug 4th. Amy is originally from Minneapolis/St. Paul. She grew up in her family's seasonal RV park business. After graduating from Univ of Wisconsin-River Falls with a degree in Secondary Education - Biology, she decided to forego traditional teaching and took over running the family's RV park operations. Amy's family has enjoyed Marco since the 90's and Amy became a seasonal "Snow Chick". Amy loves the natural SWFL environment and worked 2 seasons for Big Cypress National Preserve in Environmental Education guiding 6th graders on swamp walks through the Everglades, as well as guiding tourists on overnight kayak camping trips Everglades Nat'l Park. In 2017, the RV Park was sold. Amy knew the only place she wanted to be was Marco. She became a full-time resident and began Amy's Blinds of Marco Island as a Hunter Douglas dealer and in-home consultant. Amy loves being able to help people aesthetically add the final touch to their home. When she is

not working Amy enjoys anything outdoors, kayaking and paddle boarding, horses and riding. Camping, traveling and exploring new areas are other favorites. Amy has lots to share with our Rotary family!

New Member - Rachel Schenk

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime inducted new business member, **Rachel Schenk**, First Horizon Bank, into the Club on July 7th. Rachel moved to Marco Island from Germany in 1982. She graduated from USF with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and launched her banking career. She is now the Manager of First Horizon Bank.

Rachel enjoys tennis and walking her two rescue golden retrievers. Rachel has 5 brothers and 2 sisters spread out across the globe, yet all still very close. She loves the big family. Rachel's father was a Rotarian in Germany and Marco Island and introduced her to Rotary. An active community servant, Rachel volunteers for the American Cancer Society Imagination Ball and Relay for Life. The Rotary Club is delighted to welcome Rachel into our Family.

New Member

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime was pleased to induct new member, **Rebecca Brisbois** on July 7th. Rebecca has a Master's Degree in Education and taught kindergarten, first grade and Special Ed for many years in Massachusetts. She also ran a successful home business in the wellness world. A dedicated entrepreneur, Rebecca is a Marco Island Realtor and she and her husband Bobby own Pink Pineapple Home Watch on Marco Island.

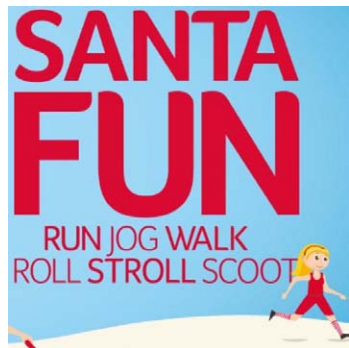
A blended family, Rebecca and Bobby have 5 children. Back in Massachusetts Rebecca volunteered at her children's schools. She was president of the parents' association, co-chaired two fund-raising auctions, as well as co-chairing a capital campaign, and sat on the Board for 8 years. Her dedication to children also included a mom's group through Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Rebecca's goal along with her two businesses is to give back to the community. Our Rotary Club is delighted to welcome Rebecca into our Family where "Service Above Self" is our motto.



1st Annual 3 Mile Santa Fun Run & 1.5mile Walk- Presented by Sunrise Rotary of Marco Island

By Jessica Harris Babcock on Thursday, August 25, 2022



Come join us for a Christmas celebration of being a Claus for a cause. The 1st annual Santa fun run & walk will begin and finish at Mackle Park on beautiful Marco Island, FL. This race will raise money for the Sunrise Rotary of Marco Island & The Marco Island Police Foundation!!

Registration will include your Race Entry, a Santa hat, (we encourage costumes) for the race, a Santa finishers medal along with milk and cookies for all finishing Santas! Come out and join in the family friendly festivities for 2 great causes.

Day of Registration & Packet pickup begins at 7:00am and the run/walk will begin promptly at 8:00am.

More information and sign up can be found at: <https://misantafunrun.weebly.com/>