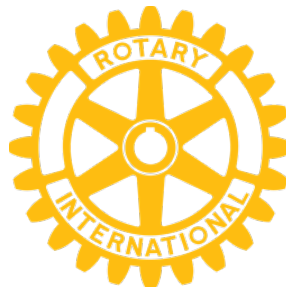


# Rotary

## Club of Marco Island



Monday, November 4, 2024



### President's Corner- Mark Your Calendars

By Susan A. Haviland

#### Club Leaders



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- **November 7- 11:45- Rotary Zoom Club Meeting-**
- Henry Stanley will be our new member spotlight !
- Our speaker is Carrie Kerskie. Her topic is: **Protecting your assets from identity theft, fraud, and cyber threats.** In this talk we'll explore the latest threats and simple steps you can take to minimize your risk. In past meetings, we've talked about situational awareness involving ourselves and our families, but what about our online safety?

Carrie Kerskie is a highly sought-after speaker on identity theft, fraud, and cyber threats. In addition, she is the President of Kerskie Group, a private investigation agency providing identity fraud and cyber threat risk management services for executives and private clients. We are fortunate to welcome Carrie as our speaker. She's a Rotarian and a member of the North Naples club. She waives her speaking fee for Rotary clubs.

#### November 9th, Charter Middle School- Meals of Hope Packing Event -

- Check in begins at 8am, followed by the meal packaging at 8:30am. Our club has 2 tables. Sign up at: <https://mohmi.org/upcoming-events/>- Deb Henry

#### November 12- 5:00- Board Zoom Meeting- President Sue will provide link and agenda

**November 21- 11:30-1:00 Club Luncheon Meeting** at Marco Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. We are so very fortunate to be meeting at Marco Presbyterian with Chef Laura providing delicious lunch menus. Our thanks to Pastor Scott Kerens and everyone at the church for their hospitality & excellent venue.

We will be inducting our newest member, Audrina Flowers who has already volunteered as our talented new Webmaster. This is our first Student of the Month program so mark your calendars for a great meeting.

#### December 5, Thursday 11:45- Club Zoom Meeting. President Sue will provide details & zoom link.

**December 12 (2nd Tuesday revised schedule), Thursday, 11:30-1:00.** Club Christmas Luncheon Meeting with Student of the Month, Band, and guest Exchange Student, Ester.

**December 14-** Marco Christmas Street Parade. Contact Chair Taylor Davis to participate in this festive, fun event. [davistay@kean.edu](mailto:davistay@kean.edu)

**January 9th, Thursday, 5:30 - Seniors Complimentary Concert with Jodi Keogan, The Sounds of Broadway & Beyond** at Rose Auditorium in the MI Museum Complex, sponsored by our Rotary Club. Would you like to be a greeter- let Sue know. Are you a Senior and would you like to attend- call 239-389-6447, to reserve a seat.

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

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

#### Noontime Rotary Build day- mark your calendar!

10405 Majestic Circle,  
Naples, FL, 34114

**February 8: Save the Date for our Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** at Woodland Middle School (2700 Panacea Boulevard North Port, FL 34289). RLI Parts I, II and III will be offered plus Grant Writing Master Class Check-in is 8:15am and classes run from 9:00am until 3:15pm.

RLI offers in-depth knowledge of Rotary and valued leadership skills that will prove beneficial to you in your

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future professional or voluntary leadership roles. You don't have to aspire to be a Club President or Leader to attend, as the sessions are useful for any Rotarian! It's also a great place to meet Rotarians from other clubs and share ideas.

## Rotary in the Christmas Street Parade

President-Elect Taylor is gathering up her elves to help her keep a very special Marco Island Christmas tradition alive. On Saturday, December 14th the Marco Island Christmas Island Style will be hosting the ever famous Christmas Parade, starting at 7pm. Our theme this year is the Gifts of Rotary!

Please let her know by Friday, November 8th, if you are interested in participating. We will get to walk in the parade (and not to mention, get dressed up like a Christmas gift)! Get on the Good List by RSVPing to Taylor at [davistay@kean.edu](mailto:davistay@kean.edu)!



## Flags for Heroes!!



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**Honor  
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**Sponsorship for Only \$50**

**Presented by: Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime  
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**Field of Flags on display February 15-21, 2025**

**Opening Ceremony- President's Day, February 17, 5 pm**



Hundreds of United States flags on 7 ft masts will fly in a spectacular formation at the corner of San Marco & Sand Hill from February 15-21, 2025 creating an awe-inspiring patriotic panorama. This stirring display will be a community tribute to honor our heroes. Each U.S. flag represents an individual and tells a story. Flag sponsors may be purchased to honor Veterans, disaster relief heroes, individuals actively serving in the military, first responders, health care workers, teachers, employees, hometown heroes, family members, friends & anyone who is a hero in your life.... For only \$50. This unique event is the perfect opportunity for us to remember & honor our heroes.

This moving display is made possible through donations, sponsorships, & the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. You can show your support & gratitude by purchasing a flag sponsorship or by choosing one of our larger sponsorships which includes advertising opportunities for you & your business or organization.

**Net proceeds go back to meeting the critical community needs- Feeding the Hungry, supporting Youth Development & Education & much more.... Thank you for honoring our heroes and supporting our community.**

For related questions, contact: Joe Nolan, nojo812@aol.co

[Click Here For Sponsorship Opportunities & Application](#)

## Club Historian's Corner

As the new Historian Chair, I'm interested in hearing more about our club's history! If you have a favorite memorable moment in Rotary with our club, please email me at kbrooksie23@gmail.com.

You can stay anonymous, keep the story with our historian's archival material, or allow me to share it in a future newsletter. Please be sure to mention your choice in the email. Thank you, Karyn Brooks, 412-576-4114



## Our Lely Interact Club



President Sue met last week with Vanessa

Laughton-Green, (Interact Counselor), Robyn DeZego (host mom to visiting exchange student, Ester) and nearly 20 students at Lely High. Robyn and Sue provided lunch and talked to the students about Rotary in general, and Interact opportunities. One young man in attendance, Ulysses, attended RYLA (he remembers AL Diaz), and will be this year's Interact president. The students were quite engaged, asked questions, and some approached Sue about helping with Meals of Hope on Nov 9.

Sue invited Ester and her host mom to visit our club's December luncheon meeting. Don't miss that special meeting.

If you are passionate about youth development the Interact Club Liaison position is open. One or two members could share this rewarding role The kids are terrific! Let Sue know if you're interested. [shaviland3604@gmail.com](mailto:shaviland3604@gmail.com)

## Doing Good in Our Community & the World

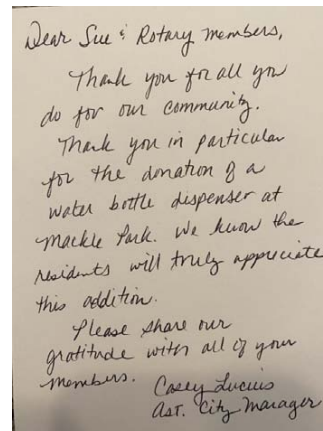
We received Thank you notes this week from Dr. Brad Habermehl, our Rotary Partner in Glasses for Mexico for our \$5000 donation to his upcoming Avoidable Blindness trip to Mexico this coming March. He wanted to be sure the members knew how grateful he is for our long-term on-going support. We also received the attached note from the city thanking us for the water bottle dispenser at Mackle Park. Thank you to Deb Henry for bringing this opportunity to do good for our community to the club.

Chair of Screenings & Allocations and Our Club Foundation Chair, Pat Ettensohn, reports on the latest humanitarian gifts our club has issued:

Eyeglasses for Mexico \$5,000  
District 6960 SWFL Disaster Comm. 2,500  
YMCA Prog. for Childhood Obesity ( 4 scholarships) 2,000  
Migrant Food and Clothing Program 3,000  
Our Daily Bread 5,000

Total \$17,500

Direct any questions to Patricia Ettensohn, [pat@ettensohn.com](mailto:pat@ettensohn.com)



## Exciting District News

On October 17 at our monthly in person meeting we were thrilled to welcome District



Governor, Kelsey Mitchell and Area 1 Governor, Ted Fitzpatrick. DG Kelsey shared an informative presentation including updates on disaster response and aid throughout the district. Donations, including financial, food, and supplies as well as the disaster response trailers are being put to good use throughout the district and beyond. She thanked all who have contributed in any way to these efforts. On a happier note, she discussed some of the details regarding the family friendly district conference to be held June 6-7 at the The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village. Acrobats, dueling pianos, and puppies, oh my! She also encouraged all members to get involved at this district level. As one who has chaired a district committee, I can tell you it is a fantastic experience. Sue

## Welcome New Member Henry Stanley

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime is thrilled to welcome Henry Stanley as our newest member. Henry has an impressive and diverse background in Education, the Navy, Corporate Public Relations, Marketing, Symphony, Opera, Band, Sailing, and Leadership in both business and volunteer work to touch on a few highlights.

His Education background includes everything from Beta Honor Society, Gold Key Scholarship, English, Physics & Chemistry awards to Florida Governor of the Kiwanis Key Club, and Glee Club Gold Key, from the golf team, rifle team, tennis team and football to 2<sup>nd</sup> chair in Alabama All State Band and Student Conductor of the Army ROTC Concert Band. Henry attended Georgia Military Academy and the University of Florida where his degrees were in Advertising & PR (from the Journalism School) with Minors in Public Relations & Television Production as well as serving in Air Force ROTC.



[Read More](#)

## Audrina Flowers- New Member Candidate

I am excited to report that our Club has received Audrina Flowers New Member





Application. A huge thank you to Alexandra Diaz for introducing Audrina to our club. Many of us know Audrina from the Great Gatsby Spirit Awards in April. She and Alexandra were key to the huge success of the event. They both received Paul Harris honors for their exceptional volunteering along with Mary Zachrich at the Princess Cruise party. Alexandra joined our club this summer and now she is our Sunshine Chair and Audrina's Sponsor.

Audrina, originally from the Pacific Northwest, now calls the beautiful Southwest Florida coast her home. Surrounded by nature throughout her life, she developed a deep love for the outdoors and a commitment to environmental preservation. Licensed REALTOR in both Florida and Georgia, Audrina helps clients make thoughtful real estate decisions that align with their lifestyles. Outside of her work, Audrina actively participates in numerous environmental cleanups in Southwest Florida, reflecting her dedication to the local environment. When she's not working or volunteering, she indulges her passion as a cuisine connoisseur, enjoys the rhythms of jazz, or spends time baking for her family. Audrina's diverse interests and love for nature and community drive her to make a positive impact wherever she goes.

## 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 bring Glasses and Sunglasses for Mexico to each meeting. There is always a bag when you check in to deposit glasses.

**Calling All Greeters:** Diane is also the Chair of our Meeting Greeters. Greeting is a super fun job and great way to get to know your Rotary family. She is looking for 2 volunteers for Greeters for our December meeting. One person to come early to greet, the second to thank people for their attendance on the way out. Please let Diane know if you are available for December 12th meeting or if you would like to be considered in the new year. Thank you. [diane@dianeopelt.com](mailto:diane@dianeopelt.com)



## Tuesday is Election Day- VOTE!

We are proud of our members' commitment to serving our community and state: Deb Henry running for City Council and Yvette Benarroch running for State Representative. Thank you for your service!

## How to Pay Your Dues Online



We are pleased to report that once again we have an online payment option for dues. The instructions for online payment were included in your 2nd Quarter invoice but also are given here:

Your invoice can now be paid online through DACDB

1. Login to DACDB
2. Click the "My Data" tab
3. Click "My Finance Statement" in the left navigation bar
4. Locate and click on the blue "Pay Online" button above your itemized statement
5. Follow the instructions to pay

If you have any questions about this invoice please contact Durell Buzzini by email; [rotarybuzz@outlook.com](mailto:rotarybuzz@outlook.com) or phone 207-745-4679.

## 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: <https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6960/Downloads/4327/Rotary Means Business Master 2.doc>

