

Rotary

Club of Marco Island



Wednesday, August 30, 2023



Schedule of Events & Service Opportunities

By Linda J. Sandlin on Wednesday, July 5, 2023

MEETINGS & SOCIALS

September 7th - Zoom Meeting on Thursday at Noon. Lots of surprises including the induction of new member Deb Henry

September 14th- 11:30- 1:00 in person meeting club at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Come for lunch, social time and tour of the Center. Just \$10. Let's all enjoy each other and support the Center for the Arts.

October 21- The Rotary Leadership Institute conveniently held at Keiser University in East Naples. All three levels are being offered by our outstanding District Leaders. This is a terrific opportunity to learn all about Rotary. Everyone that attends loves it and comes away inspired.

October 24- Mark Your Calendars for our big October Meals of Hope Happy Hour Social, Tuesday, October 24th, 5:00- 7:00 pm at the Marriott Crystal Shores in the great open-air space beneath Stilts. Many thanks to our member, Bill Kohut, for planning this event and to John Louie, the General Manager, who is a generous community supporter and will be providing not only the outstanding location but also the complimentary appetizers. Let's all attend this great party and have a blast!

OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE:

- **September 9- Golf Tournament to raise funds for the MI Charter Middle School.** We need volunteers to help with planning & sponsorships as well as golfers. Contact George Abounader or Derek Tenney for details: George Abounader georgeabounader3962@gmail.com ; Derek Tenney derektenney@gmail.com
- **November 18- Meals of Hope Packing Event.** This is a fabulous, fun event for the whole family to pack food.
- Would you like to be part of one of the island's most exciting, moving and beautiful events, **Flags for Heroes** where we fly 450 American flags on 7 ft masts. It will take place President's Day week in February.
 - Solicit Flag Sponsorships- September – January
 - Do you belong to another club or organization where you might make a brief pitch about the Flags for Heroes event and hand out brochures?
 - Flag Set Up Team – Saturday morning February 17. This is so exciting and we need a huge team
 - Opening Ceremony- Monday, February 19th at 5:00- volunteers to hand out programs & help with removing chairs... after ceremony
 - Tear Down of Flags Display- Saturday February 24 morning.
 - Email linda@marcorealtsources.com if you would like to serve on one or more of these teams. We need you!

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MI Historical Museum Tour

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Our Thursday, August 17th club meeting at the Marco Island Historical Museum was a huge success with record attendance, yummy pizza lunch, fun socializing and an outstanding power point presentation and tour of the exhibits by CEO and Friend of Rotary, Pat Rutledge and award-winning Curator, Austin Bell.



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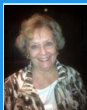
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Doing Good in our Community and Globally

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Great News on the Grants Front! Club Member, Diane Opelt, did a terrific job of writing and submitting matching grant requests for Our Daily Bread and Glasses for Mexico last Spring. We just received the exciting news that both of these grants are approved, financially increasing our ability as a club to do good in the community and globally. Plus we just packed up and mailed 3 huge boxes of glasses to be cleaned & sorted for next year's Mexico trip. In addition, we participate with Sunrise Rotary on a Meals of Hope Grant for our big November Packing Event and that was approved as well. Thanks Diane and Congratulations to all!



Meals of Hope Happy Hour

By Linda J. Sandlin on Friday, July 28, 2023



MEALS OF HOPE HAPPY HOURS (MOH)- Once a month we hold a fun & festive happy hour with live entertainment in one of the island restaurants. This is one of our monthly opportunities for fun fellowship and networking with fellow club members as well as other island volunteers and business people. Everyone is requested to give a \$20 donation all of which goes directly to our Meals of Hope Packing Event in November. The restaurant provides the appetizers as their donation to Meals of Hope. So not only is this a great time for socializing but also all the proceeds go to the packing event.

The August Meals of Hope Happy Hour Social was a lot of fun and financial success raising funds for our November Meals of Hope packing event. Thanks to the Italian Deli and owner, Jared Grifoni, for hosting and J Robert for his fabulous entertainment.

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Flags for Heroes



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With our club goal to provide each member with the opportunities for service and leadership that match your passions I would like to share some opportunities with you. I highly recommend getting as involved with the club as your time and passion allows. The feeling of fulfillment of the "ownership" of a project that transforms lives fills you with such joy and it is also a fun way to make new friends.



- **Flags for Heroes-** the net proceeds from this project go to meet the critical needs in our community. This is an amazingly exciting and moving community event and Alan and I have the step by step process totally in place from previous years' successful experience. If you are interested in being involved with the leadership of this event in the future I would love to have you **co-chair with me this year.**
- One of the keys to success of Flags for Heroes is selling flag sponsorships, major sponsorships, and **placing posters and tri-folds in businesses, doctor's offices....** We will divide the island up into areas and we are looking for volunteers to visit the businesses in a specific shopping area with posters and to let them know about sponsorship opportunities. You can pick up the posters and tri-folds at Jennifer's law office at 1770 San Marco Rd #201 next to the MICA office or at the September 14th luncheon meeting at the Center for the Arts. We found the businesses are receptive and really appreciative of your community service. If you are interested in this fun project getting to know our local businesses and would like to volunteer for an area or a few specific businesses that you frequent please email me so I can keep a master list. We need your help. We are launching this project September 9th at the Golf Tournament. Derek Tenney will display the tri-folds on the check in table and in the goodie bags. (Thanks Derek!)
 - List of shopping areas to choose or email me your own list of businesses, doctor offices, banks.....
 - Olde Marco
 - Other Bald Eagle businesses & CVS shopping center
 - Goodland- Steve Suiter
 - Isles of Capri businesses
 - Rose Marina complex & boat tours
 - Esplanade
 - Chamber of Commerce Center
 - Heritage Square
 - Town Center
 - Collier Blvd strip malls south of Bald Eagle
 - Winn Dixie- Linda
 - Publix Shopping Center
 - Publix- Derek & Kathy
 - Movie Theater Shopping Center- Marco Walk
 - Hotels on beach
- Last year one of our biggest sponsors was the Marco Island Yacht Club. That was the result of doing a 5 minute presentation at one of their functions. **If you belong to a club and could arrange for a brief presentation at one of their meetings** for either you or me to do that would be terrific. Please let me know. Thanks, Linda

Rotary Means Business

By Linda J. Sandlin on Sunday, August 13, 2023

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Our President Elect, Sue Haviland, is active at the District level with Rotary Means Business. She is seeing social media posts from clubs around the world where they identify and celebrate the many skills and variety of professional backgrounds of Rotary members. Our club is kicking off an exciting new project where members and their professions will be highlighted in the newsletter, in social media, and even in local print media. It is a great opportunity to promote you and your business as well as promoting Rotary and our club. Don't be shy- business networking is a significant piece of why Rotary was founded. As we grow this project, we will work to build a mentor program for our local high school and college students. Sue will kick off the project with her profession and get the ball rolling- who's with us? So please step up and let Sue or Linda know if you would like to be featured.


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:

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Rotary Leadership Opportunity Made Easy!



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ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)

It has never been so easy to learn so much more about Rotary opportunities and the good we do in our communities and in the world. Rotary District has brought the Leadership Institute down to us in a power packed one-day event just a short drive up East Tamiami Trail at Keiser University. Jennifer, Sue, Kathy, Diane, Linda and more will all attest to the great value of RLI. We used to drive all the way to Pt Charlotte to attend- now it is right in our backyard. So don't miss out. The next RLI opportunity is Saturday October 21st.
