

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

MAY 1, 2025

2024-25 Leadership

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

District 6960 Governor Kelsey Sola

Club President Lang Woody

THIS WEEK

We're honored to hear from Dr. **Thomas Yoon**, the dean at the LECOM School of Dental Medicine in Lakewood Ranch. A Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, he is a dental educator, consultant and author. Dr. Yoon brings a unique combination of experience and advanced training in periodontology, maxillofacial surgery and hospital dentistry to his profession. He presents regularly at national symposia as a speaker on surgical procedures for general dentists. An expert in dental implants, regenerative surgery and minimally invasive sinus augmentation, his research and clinical interests include computer-guided dental-implant placement and laser-assisted periodontal therapy. A graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, School of Dentistry, Dr. Yoon also holds advanced degrees and certifications in hospital dentistry, oral biology and periodontology from the University of Florida and Washington University.



Dr. Thomas Yoon

PROGRAMS

MAY 1

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

DR. THOMAS YOON, LECOM

MAY 8

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

**DOUG SMOOT, THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION**

MAY 15

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

CLUB ASSEMBLY

MAY 22

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

**ELLIOTT FALCIONE,
BRADENTON AREA CVB**

MAY 29

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

SPEAKER TBD

JUNE 5

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

**RICK PICCOLO, CEO,
SARASOTA-BRADENTON
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

[Click here to join Zoom meetings at noon Thursdays.](#)

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Eldon Bohrofen

Rotarian **Eldon Bohrofen** is District 6960's chair of CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust). He is married to **Augusta Crane**. Eldon's late wife, Judy, died after years of suffering with dementia. Augusta's late husband also suffered dementia during his later life. Eldon has been a Rotarian since 1974, first in a club in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and currently the Sanibel-Captiva club. Read more about [The CART Fund](#).

CHECK OUT LWR ROTARY!



On April 24, Ted Lindenberg's ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. There are 35 cards in the deck and the pot is \$517. Good luck!

CALENDAR

April 30: Club board meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Law Offices of Najmy-Thompson, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch; meetings are usually the last Wednesday of each month. Attend via Zoom by [clicking here](#). Info: President **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

May 10: District Assembly, 8:30 a.m. to noon at Florida SouthWestern State College, Fort Myers. Registration is open on DACdb.

May 13: Tuesday Evening Social from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Deep Lagoon, 1540 Lakefront Drive, Waterside, Lakewood Ranch.

May 26: Save the date: Join area Rotarians at 9:15 a.m. to walk in the Memorial Day parade setting off at 40 N. Osprey Ave., Sarasota; see details on Page 7.

June 6-7: District 6960 Conference at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village, 5951 Silver King Blvd., Cape Coral. Registration is open on DACdb. See the agenda by [clicking here](#).

June 10: Tuesday Evening Social from 4 to 6 p.m. at Jiggs Landing, 6106 63rd St. E., Bradenton. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome.

June 26: Save the date for our evening dinner to celebrate the club's leadership transition.

July 3: Save the date for for Rotary Night at Bradenton Marauders at 6:30 p.m. at LECOM Park, 1611 Ninth St. W., Bradenton, followed by fireworks.



Do you have fundraising ideas? Share them

Our Suncoast Food & Wine Fest is a valuable and vital event that, through our dedication and commitment, has and will continue to donate to local organizations.

As Lakewood Ranch Rotarians, we recognize that Service Above Self is a belief that influences our lives. With our continued growth in membership, we can expand our giving and service through new fundraising avenues.

Should we plan another fundraiser? It could be a small or medium-sized fundraiser. We could use the money for a specific cause or additional grants.

If you were involved with a successful fundraiser in another organization or know of a successful fundraiser, tell us about it. We are exploring all possibilities.

Please send any suggestions, ideas, or comments about fundraising to: Linda.avery60@gmail.com, Dorothy@Bodenburg.com or jc.Shakon@gmail.com.



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Borda 5/3
Angelo Tramontelli 5/11
Ted Lindenberg 5/17
Barb Spangler 5/20
Ryan Brems 5/22
Laura Adcock 5/26
Frank Harris 5/27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John and Jennifer Freeman 5/3
Frank and Lisa Harris 5/13
Ron and Glenda Myers 5/13
Steve and Carrie Shaw 5/15
JoAnn Shakon and Jim Wingert 5/19
Dana and Michael Maassen 5/22
Mike and Ruth Harshman 5/25
Deborah and Garrett Gregory 5/29
Dave and Carol Sluzevich 5/29

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Guy Perry 5/4/23
Paul Hoenle 5/7/03
Darren Brunner 5/9/24
Jennifer Fritch 5/9/24
Doug Smoot 5/9/24
Helen Spence 5/9/24
Steve Kelle 5/15/18
Ronniqwe Hawkins 5/16/24
Dan Rosen 5/16/24
Angie Faron 5/16/24
Jennifer Fretz 5/16/18
4 previous years in Rotary
Anthony Baldo 5/19/22
Marie Thompson 5/19/22
Susan Courter 5/29/14
8 previous years in Rotary

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please let Ryan Brems and Marie Thompson know if you need to make any changes.

MAY 1

Front Desk – Marie Thompson and Ted Lindenberg
Queen of Hearts – Donna Layrisse
Greeters – Dan McAllister and Joe Fabrizio

MAY 8

Front Desk – Marie Thompson and Darren Brunner
Queen of Hearts – TBD
Greeters – Scott Jablon and Susan Courter

MAY 15

Front Desk – Ryan Brems and Ellin Sidell
Queen of Hearts – Govind Singh
Greeters – Bob Wyatt and Jim Russell

President's Corner



LANG WOODY
Club President 2024-2025

Greetings!

Just another great week in the life of a Lakewood Ranch Rotarian!

Cornhole Update: The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Cornivores won our first match, 2-1 against an experienced league team! **Donna Layriss**, **Mark Midyett**, **Chris Fehr** and I chopped, diced and carved on our cornhole charcuterie board to earn our first match victory! Great job!

Thursday's CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) presentation, featuring Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian **Eldon Bohrofen**, is becoming an annual thing, appropriately so. Thank you for your generosity in contributions during the meeting. Eldon has reported back to me that our club is \$100 away from reaching the \$1,000 donation level for this year. Of course, we will earn that level. See me if you would like to help get us over the line. Going forward, we



will try to provide a regular and convenient way to empty your change pockets by putting the buckets on the tables — maybe weekly? More to come.

Our monthly StogieMasters convention on Sunday afternoon was great fun. Personal backstories were shared and conversations took unexpected turns. It was a great example of the fellowship we share with our Rotary Family members. Join us next month!

This week is your monthly board meeting. The club is on firm financial ground and our growth this year has supported our philanthropy and ability to react to and support special opportunities. If you have topics or situations you believe merit board discussion, please send those to me by this evening. See you Thursday at the Ranch!

Let's Go!
Lang



Thank you, Paul Harris Fellows!

At the April 24 meeting, club Foundation Chair **Doug Smoot**, left, presented Paul Harris Fellow +2 pins to **Chris Fehr** and **Gena Martin**. Club President **Lang Woody** is shown at right. Thank you both for your continued support of The Rotary Foundation and the good it does throughout the world!

Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Clean Water and Sanitation Program Update

Since the beginning in 2008, the club's Clean Water Program has contributed to the support of 57 projects in seven countries — Peru, Guatemala, Ghana, Honduras, Panama, Philippines and Bahamas.

Thru "The Magic of Rotary," the club's total contributions of \$573,000 have resulted in our partnership participation in projects valued at \$4.1 million that have served an estimated 30,000 families.

NGO Water Mission has recognized the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch's long-term support in the transformation of 30 communities in Peru. We have so many people to thank for this accomplishment:

These members, past and present, who managed the

Global Grant processes (alphabetically): **Peter Azzopardi, John Bodenburg, John Freeman, Donna Layrisse, Fred Lopez, Bob Maxman, Anne Ross, Russ Sexton, Barb Spangler and Connor Wolfe**

Barb Spangler, Clean Water Committee chair

The generous club members and Honorary Club Members **Carl and Kay Baldwin** who have consistently supported the program

Susan Courter, for her many years of support for Clean Water

The Partner Rotary Clubs and non-Rotarians who believe "all children deserve clean water"

--**Ron Myers**, Past Clean Water Committee Chair

Club fellowship groups now forming

Rotary International has long sponsored interest groups. Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.

They are a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession and enhance your Rotary experience — be it running marathons, railroads, scuba diving, cricket, dolls, environment, or appreciating wine or whiskey.

In that same spirit, our Rotary club here in Lakewood Ranch would like to incorporate some fellowship groups. While some of our members are already meeting for fellowship with the StogieMasters get-together, men's breakfast, Wine Down Wednesdays, etc., we want to create more opportunities for our members to meet around a common interest. We already have a few suggestions; a kayaking group, a book group and a once-a-month poker game.

If you have an idea for starting one of these groups around an interest you have, please reach out to **Sybil Porter** at sporter@porterccs.com or 412-965-9626. As our club grows in membership, any opportunity to become better acquainted with each other is a great idea!

Social Committee plans more fun events

May 13: The **Tuesday Evening Social** will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Deep Lagoon, 1540 Lakefront Drive, Waterside, Lakewood Ranch. Relax with Rotarians members and guests over drinks and food on the restaurant's deck.

June 10: The **Tuesday Evening Social** will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at Jiggs Landing, 6106 63rd St. E., Bradenton. It's a peaceful place to relax, explore the boardwalk and order food and beverages. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome.

July 3: Save the date for the **Rotary Night at Bradenton Marauders** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at LECOM Park, 1611 Ninth St. W., Bradenton. Other Manatee County Rotary clubs will celebrate with us. The \$40 ticket includes your entry, dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and a hat. A private, accessible boardwalk area is reserved for us. We will have a Rotary promotional booth at the entry to share information with other ballpark visitors, children will be allowed on the field prior to the game, new Rotary District 6960 District Governor Gerard Sola and incoming club presidents will throw out first pitches. We will receive wristbands to go on the field for the fireworks show after the game. Registration links will be coming soon.

– Social Committee Chair 2024-25 **Sybil Porter** and Social Committee Chair 2025-26 **Linda Avery**



Supporting veterans with Our Next Mission

Our Next Mission with the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch's support is rebuilding the carports and utility rooms on several of our mobile homes that were damaged during the fall storms. Photos on this page show the work being done by our volunteers at Pescara Lake in Bradenton on one of our mobile homes that suffered significant damage. We are using a new design with a wooden framework on the carport/utility room. This new framing is significantly stronger, withstanding up to a CAT 2 storm, than the standard aluminum used in the past. This design was developed by one of our great volunteers and will hopefully minimize future repairs! We are also beginning to shift our efforts back to renovations of units donated to us which we "gift" to veterans in need.

If you would like to join in on these efforts let me know at terry.byce@verizon.net or 703-627-7765. Our work hours are normally 7:30 to 11:30 am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Any time that you donate is appreciated. Shout-outs for Lakewood Ranch Rotarians **Russ Sexton**, **Bob Bidwell** (visiting from the Denver Rotary Club). and **Ethan Wolfson** for their significant efforts on these projects! They have made a tremendous impact in helping veterans in need in a time of crisis in our local community.

Last week was very productive. We replaced the kitchen cabinets in Unit 169 in Pescara Lake and repaired a portion of the ceiling and floor. We also developed game plans for repairing (not replacing) the Florida room and carports on Units 71 and 149. Thanks to everyone who worked on these projects. This week will be a little different than the past. On Tuesday, several of us will do some punch list items on Unit 169. In addition, on Thursday a group will go to King's Gate Mobile Home Park in Nokomis to reuse some metal from a home that was damaged by the recent storms. This metal will allow us to finish the repairs on Units 71 and 149 without incurring that cost.

So, if you haven't agreed to do any of the above assignments, your week is free. We plan a big push for the weeks of April 28 and May 5 to complete the remaining hurricane repairs, so be ready.

— Submitted by **Terry Byce**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Veterans Issues Committee chair





Help place flags for Memorial Day

On Saturday, May 24, we will be laying flags on the monuments at Sarasota National Cemetery for Memorial Day.

We will place flags from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., but please try to be there at 7:15, if possible. Park near POW/MIA Flagpole Circle. Our section of responsibility is Section 12 as in past years and we also help on Section 13 if time allows. The flags will be removed the morning of Saturday, May 31, if you would like to volunteer then as well.

You will be at the cemetery for an hour or less in most cases for either date. A follow-up email with additional instructions on items to bring will be sent out later.

If you, your family and friends would like to join in on one or both days, let me know how many in total (and the date) by emailing terry.byce@verizon.net or calling/texting 703-627-7765.

This is always a great way to start out the Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to make a donation to purchase replacement flags, go to [this website](#).

Last year, we had 30+ volunteers from the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and Our Next Mission who participated.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our club's Veterans Committee events!

Yours in Rotary Service,

-- **Terry Byce**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Veterans Committee chair



SARASOTA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 26TH

9:30AM

BE AT 40 NORTH OSPREY AND MAIN ST.

WEAR REDS, WHITES AND BLUES

**ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF ROTARY IN DISTRICT 6960
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Sign up on DACdb

CONTACT TERESA TAFT WITH QUESTIONS.

TERESATAFT711@GMAIL.COM

CELL 941-586-0707

OPTIONAL: SOCIAL LUNCH AT MARINA JACK AFTER THE PARADE



Tutorial for approaching festival restaurants

1) Preparation:

- Restaurant acquisition is a year-round enterprise. Visit new restaurants, meet the managers, tell them about the Food & Wine Fest, get their card, and let them know you will be in touch soon.
- Select those restaurants with which you already have a relationship before contacting others.
- Prepare a script and practice it well (memorize, if possible) to sound spontaneous and informative.

2) Phone Call:

- Make sure that you are directed to the individual who makes decisions for the restaurant. Give the prospect every reason to believe that the Fest will benefit their restaurant. Answer questions to the best of your ability. Get a firm date and time to meet. Try to make it a time of low business volume to ensure their undivided attention. If the restaurant cannot participate, ask for gift cards.

3) Possible Obstructions:

- When asked for an email describing the event, try to determine if it is for real or a stall to get you off the phone. Sidestep the request and continue to get a face-to-face meeting.
- If you believe the request is valid, prepare a glowing description of the event followed by a phone call to determine interest.
- Watch for managerial changes. The new manager might be disinclined to participate, and it may necessitate a new effort.

4) Meeting:

- Be on time, upbeat, and friendly. Get the client to talk about themselves. Once the ice is broken, open the pamphlet with it facing the client. Show them the satisfied past participants and the many charities that benefit. Describe how over 2,000 attendees enjoy the signature dish and how participating restaurants get exposure that may increase clientele. If you cannot answer all questions, tell them that you will get back with the answers. If you detect sufficient interest, now is the time to ask them to fill out the form. Review the completed form to ensure it is correct before you leave. Follow up with phone calls before the event to ensure that they remain on board. Let them know that you appreciate his participation. Be prepared for last-minute questions.

– **Joan Frey**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch restaurant committee chair



Meet this year's Wine Fest committee leaders

Do you want to join a festival committee? Here are the leaders to talk to about joining their teams:

Chair – **Steve Kelle**
 Operations – **Steve Shaw** and **Carlton Bennett**
 Sponsorships – **Barbara Jones**, **Rob Thomas** and **John Freeman**
 Tickets – **Barb Spangler** and **Sybil Porter**

Restaurants – **Joan Frey**
 Wine – **Carmen Spagnola**
 Cooking – **Trista Slowik** and **Renee Shopoff**
 Parking – **Ethan Wolfson**
 HR – **Donna Layrisse**
 Supplies – **Mark Frey**
 VIP – **Susan Courter**
 Public Relations – **Amy Fehr**
 Ambassadors – **Ted Lindenberg**
 Treasurer – **JoAnn Shakon**

Cleft lip and Palate Repair and The RI Foundation Endowment SHARE Program: An Opportunity to Support Meaningful Projects Forever – by Al Taricco



Put simply, no child and family should suffer the health consequences, indignities, and social stigma associated with cleft lip and palate when corrective surgery can make such a difference in their lives. There have been many focused trips by dedicated medical professionals to perform surgical repair on children in places like Peru, India, Venezuela, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and many other locations. These trips have changed the lives of thousands of children and their families.

Knowing this, how else can we help? What can we do as Rotarians to bring some focus to the global cleft lip and palate problem and expand the great work already done in this area?

We have many options! Global grants, surgical missions, direct contributions to specific projects and many other ways to have an impact on this important issue.

How else can we help?

Did you know that it is also possible to create an Endowment-SHARE fund at the Rotary Foundation? Endowment-SHARE funds can't be designated for a particular purpose like cleft lip and palate repair, but they do have some appealing advantages that continue to yield results into perpetuity.

With an SHARE Endowment Fund, the initial investment and all subsequent contributions generate annual earnings available to our District every year – forever.

These proceeds are in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF) that the District manages and may be applied to global grants that support the endowment donor's preferred area of focus.

Here's an example:

My wife **Maureen** and I established a Rotary Foundation Endowment-SHARE Fund with the hope that proceeds from the fund will be applied by our District to any approved district cleft lip and palate global grant actively seeking funds. This year, there are four global grants where the endowment earnings may be applied by the District.

For any given year, the earnings available for global grants is a function of the size of the endowment. If you'd like to learn more about cleft lip and palate, contact me and if you'd like to contribute to the Endowment-SHARE fund and build the base of the endowment that will generate funds in perpetuity, please contact Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club Foundation Chair **Doug Smoot** for more information.

How to Donate

1. If you have an RMD, use it to qualify for a Charitable Donation. It is tax-deductible and avoids using your checking account needed for daily expenses.
2. Any donation using the Rotary Foundation Contribution Form (found on MyRotary.org) has spaces for specific numbers. The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch club number is 55320. Use this as it credits the club as a leader in cleft donations.
3. The second number is to identify the Fund. The ID number is E 20732.
4. Keep in mind that donations are tax-deductible, whether you use your RMD, checkbook or credit card.



Drive Away Hunger Golf Classic

Friday, May 16th, 2025

8:30am Shotgun Start

Rosedale Golf & Country Club

5100 87th St E | Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211



We proudly invite you to join us for the 2nd Annual "Drive Away Hunger" Golf Classic benefiting Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee. Tee it up and show support for the critical work of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee! Your support will help children, families, and seniors in need, right here in our community. Please help us #FEEDMANATEE!

The "Drive Away Hunger" Golf Classic will be held the morning of Friday, May 16, 2025, at Rosedale Golf & Country Club in Lakewood Ranch.

This scramble tournament will include green fees, cart, driving range, as well as food and beverages. In addition, there are chances to win prizes including winning team, hole-in-one, and other great contests. Join us and grip it and rip it for a great cause.

SPONSORSHIPS

☐ Title Sponsor \$5,000

(\$2,500 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$2,500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Prominent recognition on event communications & media promotion
- Set up tent/promotional table in prominent location at event
- Putting Green Sponsorship
- Three (3) foursomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Eagle Sponsor \$3,000

(\$1,500 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$1,500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Prominent recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Exclusive hole sponsorship
- Two (2) foursomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Swag Bag Sponsor \$2,000

(\$1,000 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$1,000)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Logo imprint on Swag Bag provided to all golfers
- Prominent recognition on event communications and media promotion
- One (1) twosomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Cart Sponsor \$1,800

(\$900 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$900)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on each cart
- One (1) foursome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Hole-In-One Sponsor \$1,500

(\$750 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$750)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage at the Hole-In-One Hole
- Exclusive set-up at hole-in-one hole
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Ball Drop Sponsor \$1,250

(\$750 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage at the ball drop
- One (1) twosomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Birdie Sponsor \$700

(\$700 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on a designated golf hole
- One (1) foursome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Par Sponsor \$500

(\$250 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$250)

- Limited Opportunity (3)
- Exclusive hole sponsorship with ability to set up a tent/table and create a one-of-a-kind experience
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

☐ Hole Sponsor \$250

(\$125 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$125)

- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on a designated golf hole
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Individuals & Foursomes

☐ Foursome \$600

(\$600 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Green fees for four players
- Includes cart, driving range, food and beverages

☐ One Player \$150

(\$150 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Green fee for one player
- Includes cart, driving range, food and beverages

▶ I will provide promotional items for (150) Swag Bags: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name, Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone, Fax: _____

Thank you for your commitment to the above sponsorship. Please make checks payable to **Meals on Wheels PLUS** or you may use one of the following methods of payment:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Account Number: _____

Exp: _____ CVC: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

For sponsorships & player registration, please contact Kelly Pinskey at (941) 747-4655 ext. 1250 or kpinskey@mealsonwheelsplus.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee 811 23rd Ave E., Bradenton, FL 34208 | Phone: 941-747-4655 | www.mealsonwheelsplus.org

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Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & LUNCHEON**

Saturday, May 24th, 2025

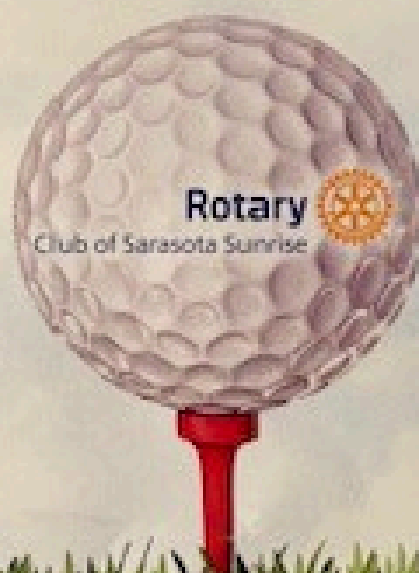
Peridia Golf & Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL 34203

8:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$120

per Player
Includes golf and
buffet lunch

Buffet Menu: Burgers, Fried
Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans, Salad Bar,
Apple Pie & Ice Cream



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Register or sponsor today!

We will be awarding great prizes for first, second, and third places, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive, and best team score.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000

Includes 2 complimentary foursomes, exclusive signature at Tee#1, logo on event materials, recognition during opening and closing, social media promotion, and branded giveaway opportunity.

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

Includes 1 complimentary foursome, table display opportunity at any Tee, logo on event materials, recognition during closing, social media promotion, and branded giveaway opportunity.

Silver Sponsor - \$1,500

Includes 2 complimentary tickets, table display opportunity at any Tee, logo on event materials, recognition during closing, social media promotion, and branded giveaway opportunity.

Individual Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Business signage displayed at the sponsored hole.

Text (407) 580-6673 or email john@alllabstoday.com



Mission Statement

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



What are people saying about RLI courses?

- "I found the day very informative and fun."
- "The program was very well planned and presentations (leaders) were excellent."
- "A very effective seminar."
- "Enjoyed the focus on the chosen issues—great interaction."
- "I have learned quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary."
- "I definitely learned a lot from today's leadership training that will be beneficial to my club—instructors were all great."
- "I loved swapping ideas with Rotarians from other clubs"

Go to the calendar in DACdb to register for our next event

RLI is a recommended program, but not an official program, of Rotary International.



The Rotary Leadership Institute

INTERNATIONAL RLI

Established Spring 1992

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Why we need The Rotary Leadership Institute

The success or failure of a Rotary Club depends on the quality of club leadership. Often, poor club leadership is the primary cause of membership losses. Because of the annual turnover of club officers, Rotary needs a constant influx of knowledgeable Rotarians who have the leadership skills necessary to move a club forward. It is difficult to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Furthermore, leadership skills in a voluntary organization are often different from business leadership skills. RLI provides an opportunity for quality Rotary education that is usually not otherwise available.

What is the philosophy of RLI?

RLI believes that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be.

What is the "recommended curriculum"?

The curriculum is divided into three parts, generally taken on 3 separate days. RLI also recommends a program of graduate seminars for those who have completed the three basic Parts. Since the founding of RLI, the curriculum has been continually reviewed, updated and revised as the result of experience and the evaluations of the attendees.

What are the teaching methods?

The Institute believes in course sessions with as much discussion/participation as possible. Course methods include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops and creating projects. Everyone participates during one of the Institute's sessions. Course materials including session outlines, the daily program, faculty listings and resource materials are provided to all participants.

Who are the faculty?

Faculty members are carefully selected for their teaching abilities. Many are present and past district governors, presidents and those with experience in special areas. Each new faculty member must attend a full day training program and various periodic reorientation programs. The results of course evaluations help to improve the course content and instruction.

Who should attend RLI courses?

Although any Rotarian may attend RLI courses, RLI recommends that Rotary Clubs encourage Rotarians who have the potential for future club leadership, not necessarily as club presidents, to attend. The ideal candidate is early in their Rotary career, has a strong interest, and is prepared to be exposed to the larger world of Rotary outside of the club. Clubs typically pay the fees for their members attending the courses.

What are the costs?

Each course is currently charged at \$100, and includes tea or coffee, lunch, tuition and all course materials.

What is an RLI division?

For administrative purposes, RLI creates "divisions" that may consist of one or more Rotary districts, countries, zones, etc. Each division works with RLI to arrange course schedules, set policies, and handle finances. Each division pays modest dues to RLI. Divisions are formed by written agreements signed by district governors and RLI officers. RLI has divisions/districts in every Continent of the world except Antarctica.

Should our club participate?

This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will also be exposed to new ideas while creating relationships with members of other clubs. The exchange of ideas alone makes the courses worthwhile, and membership retention is improved.

	It broadened my definition of Rotary and what it means.	
It enhanced my experience as a Rotarian and introduced me to new friends!		The collaborative environment allows you to meet people from other places and hear about what they are doing.
	It helped me become a better leader and a better Rotarian.	

Why attend RLI?

1. Gain **knowledge** about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.
2. Learn practices that have helped other clubs **succeed** (and those that haven't).
3. Become a better leader and a **better Rotarian**.
4. **Make friends** with Rotarians from around the district.
5. Have **FUN!**

