

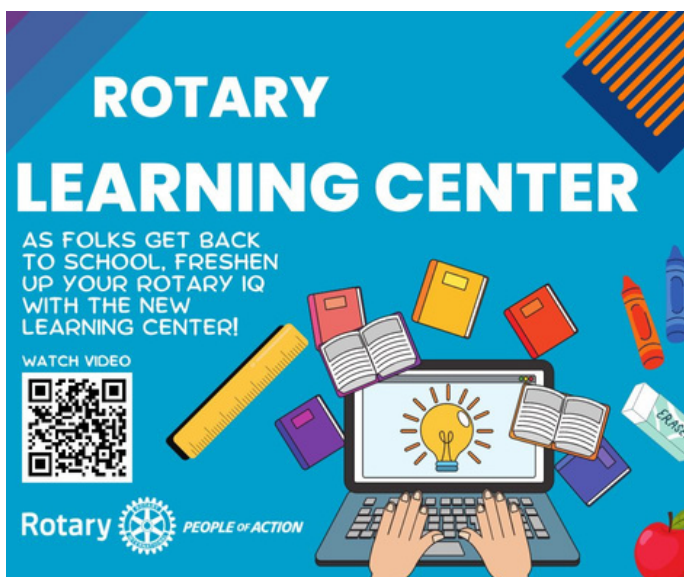
# ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

JULY 13, 2023

2023-24 Leadership  
RI President Gordon McNally  
District 6960 Governor Alfred Current  
Club President Sybil Porter

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Start off this Rotary Year learning more about Rotary and your position in the club! The Facebook page of Rotary Zones 33-34 shared valuable information. See it by [clicking here](#).  
#RotaryShares  
#RotaryZ3334



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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

## LAST WEEK



Sybil Porter

New club President **Sybil Porter** presided over the first meeting of the 2023-24 Rotary year. Her inaugural address was titled "Hopes and Dreams." She joined Rotary in September 2016. During her talk, she emphasized that together we can harness the power of Rotary to enact change. She especially wants to focus on re-energizing the club's human trafficking committee and also to champion RI President Gordon McNally's mental health focus. See Sybil's first Presidential Corner message on Page 3.

## PROGRAMS

**JULY 13**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**SPEAKER TBA**

**JULY 20**

AT PALM-AIRE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
**EVAN BARNISKIS, MOTE MARINE LABORATORY AND AQUARIUM**

**JULY 27**

AT TARA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

**AUG. 3**

AT TARA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
**DONNA LAYRISSE, ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE**

**AUG. 10**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**MISSY PARMENTER, HARBOR58**

**AUG. 17**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR ALFRED CURRENT**

CHECK US OUT!



# CALENDAR

**Aug. 3:** Thirsty Thursday social at 5:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at McGrath's Irish Ale House on Lakewood Main Street. RSVP by Aug. 2 with **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

**Aug. 17:** District Governor **Alfred Current** makes his official visit to our club.

**Aug. 26:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2 and 3 at the Out-of-Door Academy in Lakewood Ranch and at Keiser University in Naples. Registration required on DACdb.

**Nov. 4:** District 6960 Rotary Fun, Family & Friends Luau with project showcases, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Club of Englewood's youth campground, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice. Cost is \$30, free for age 17 and younger. Register on DACdb.

**Nov. 11:** Our club hosts its signature event, the Suncoast Food & Wine Festival, at Premier Sports Campus in Lakewood Ranch. See details on Pages 6 to 8.

**Oct. 21:** Save the date for Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2 and 3 at north and south locations TBA.

**Oct. 24:** World Polio Day observances.

**Jan. 6:** Save the date for RLI sessions at north and south district locations.

**Feb. 17:** Save the date for the Foundation Ball with special guest past RI President **Mark Maloney**.

**March 16:** Save the date for RLI sessions at north and south district locations.

**April 27:** Save the date for the District Training Assembly.

**May 25:** Save the date for the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

**July 12-13:** Save the dates for the District 6960 District Conference, "Yacht Rock."

## Opportunity to welcome incoming RYE students

The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch is proud to be hosting two incoming Rotary Youth Exchange students this year, **Nicholai (Nico)** from Poland and **Simon** from Slovakia.

It is customary in the RYE program to have Rotary members, host families and any others interested greet the students at the airport to provide a warm, friendly welcome with banners and signs. Simon arrives around 7:30 p.m. July 25 and Nico arrives around 10 a.m. July 28.

If you are interested in joining our RYE team at the airport, please contact **Donna Layrisse** at [dlayrisse@hotmail.com](mailto:dlayrisse@hotmail.com) or call/text (770)330-1380. We are hoping to have a nice group to join us!



**ORDER A LICENSE PLATE; YOU'LL SUPPORT ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS!**

Pre-order your Florida Rotary license plate at [FloridaRotaryTag.com](http://FloridaRotaryTag.com) or by [clicking here](#). For each order, \$25 goes toward Rotary youth programs.

# MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

Carl Baldwin 7/2  
Ethan Wolfson 7/2  
Helene Obst 7/4  
John Bodenburg 7/3  
Vonda Johnson 7/10  
Rick Schendel 7/10  
Chris Fehr 7/12  
Russ Sexton 7/13  
Don Haake 7/17  
Marty Saia 7/28

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Gena and Patrick Martin 7/2  
Jim and Marion Frederick 7/5  
Bob and Zita Grepling 7/11  
Don and Jane Stanton 7/18  
Ken and Rhonda Kaplan 7/19

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck Glazer 7/1/19  
*26 previous years in Rotary*  
Denise Hearn 7/1/16  
Jerry Hearn 7/1/16  
Ethan Wolfson 7/1/21  
Joyce Borda 7/11/19  
*6 previous years in Rotary*  
Glynis Grawburg 7/14/22  
Terry Byce 7/23/20  
Bob Wyatt 7/8/21  
*3 previous years in Rotary*



During a recent trip to Trieste, Italy, club member **Susan Hubbell** found a perfect place to pose for a photo.

## Send well wishes to Griff

**William "Griff" Griffiths**, a member of our club, moved to live with his daughter near Orlando. I've tried to visit him a couple of times, but his health problems have prevented me from seeing him.

I'm sure he would appreciate some cards from members who know him well. It would be a wonderful Rotary gesture.

Here is his address:  
William "Griff" Griffiths  
1222 Sonehaven Court  
Lake Mary FL 32746

— **Barry Sukoneck**

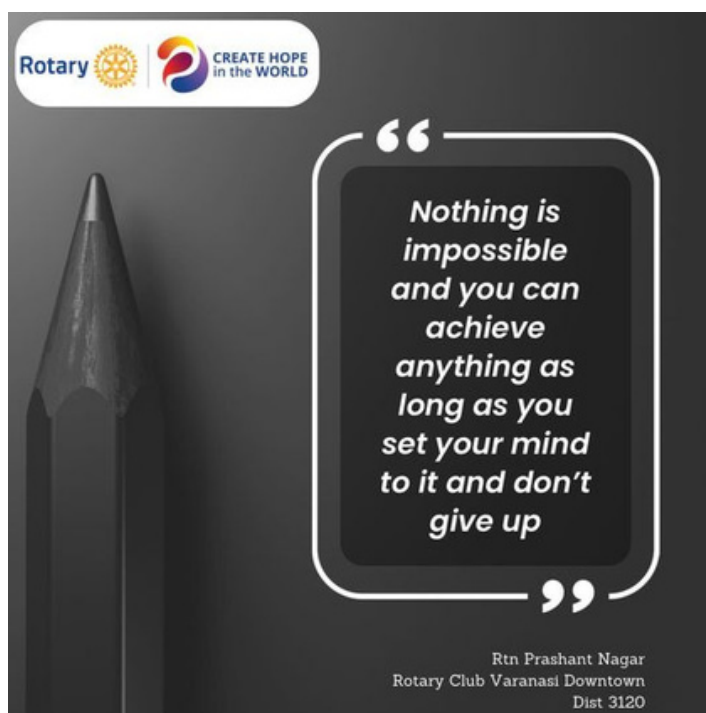
## President's Corner

I want to offer my sincere thanks to all of you for your support as I begin my Presidential journey. I am excited to discover all the ways we will help our communities and our district. There are some good things happening!

We will have at least one Club Assembly each month to keep membership informed about what each of us is doing. We will have Classification Talks, committee reports and other informational programs. If you have any ideas for an interesting club assembly, let me know.

Also, if you want to make an announcement at our weekly meeting, let me know prior by Wednesday morning at the latest by emailing me at [sporter@porterccs.com](mailto:sporter@porterccs.com).) I am determined to keep our meetings running smoothly and on time!

Together we will have a great year! — **Sybil Porter**,  
2023-24 Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch president



This inspirational message was shared on the Being Rotarian Facebook page. To visit the page, click the [link here](#).





Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch members attended the District 6960 Cast Off Party, Yacht Rock and Pig Pickin' on July 8 in Bonita Springs. They are, from left, **Don Haake**, President **Sybil Porter**, PDG **Ladd Waldo**, **Sally Waldo**, **Govind Singh** and **Bill Porter**. — Photos courtesy of Don Haake



**Govind Singh**, above left, in line to be served roast pork. At right and below, **Ladd Waldo** dresses as the "Where's Waldo" character. He even posed with Josh the Otter swimming safety mascots.





# OUR NEXT MISSION HOMES DEDICATED

We turned over Colony Cove unit (shown at right) to **Daniel Malvestuto**, a disabled Navy/Marine Corps veteran who was referred by the Bradenton VFW (Palma Sola). The title was transferred via the Manatee County Tax Collector's Office. The dedication ceremony was June 30.

On July 7, we held a dedication ceremony at Pescara Lake for **Thomas Forrester**, a disabled veteran referred to us by Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast. The 30-plus attendees for the ceremony included Rotarians **Terry Byce**, **Russ Sexton**, **Susan Hubbell** and **Guy Perry**. The club is a valuable partner to Our Next Mission and was mentioned during the ceremony.

Please review this [video link](#) from a recent Bay News 9 interview featuring some of the veteran recipients of the homes renovated and donated by Our Next Mission with support from the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch.

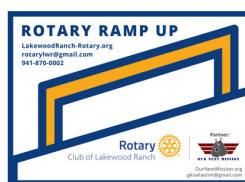
We are doing a couple of bathroom renovations for at-risk veterans. We also are exploring relocating a donated classroom from the Manatee County School District to a 5-acre parcel in Duette. We will place this unit on a residentially zoned parcel vs. a mobile home park. Manatee County's Developmental Services has been very supportive of this initiative. The School Board believes they will have a unit available over the next three to six months. The recipient of this unit is a Navy veteran who tragically lost his disabled wife when their mobile home burned several months ago. The veteran understands the timeframe and is willing to wait.

**Greg Kisela**, president/CEO of Our Next Mission  
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Email: [gkiselaonm@gmail.com](mailto:gkiselaonm@gmail.com)  
[ournextmission.org](http://ournextmission.org)

**Terry Byce**  
Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch  
Veterans Committee  
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Email: [terry.byce@verizon.net](mailto:terry.byce@verizon.net)



Over 35 neighbors, volunteers and partners attended the Colony Cove home dedication, shown above, on June 30. Tampa TV Channel 13 filmed the event. Daniel, the new homeowner, is shown in the light blue Hawaiian shirt and shorts. Rotarians **Terry Byce** and **Russ Sexton** attended. Below, the Pescara Lake dedication on July 7 was also well-attended.





## Help needed to find restaurants and sponsors for our annual event

You can help our club's Suncoast Food & Wine Fest Committee by recruiting restaurants and sponsors for the Nov. 11 fundraiser. Event proceeds are given as grants to deserving nonprofit causes.

We now have 37 restaurants (see the current list below; two are taking four spots each) that have committed to participate, and we are expecting more, making it over 40. We'll update this information regularly in the newsletter so Rotarians don't duplicate efforts. When you are a patron in a participating restaurant, please thank them for their support.

Share registration forms with your friends and associates. Suncoast Food & Wine Fest Sponsorship information can be found [here](#) and on Page 8. Restaurants interested in participating can [click here](#) (or see the form on the next page of this newsletter).

**Anna Maria Oyster Bar**  
**Apollonia**  
**Bijou Cafe**  
**\*Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County Culinary Program**  
**Café L'Europe**  
**Connors Steak & Seafood**  
**D'Lite's Shoppe**  
**Drunken Poet Café**  
**Fleming's Steakhouse**  
**Gecko's Grill & Pub**  
**Glory Days Grill**  
**Jpan Sushi & Grill**  
**Kore Steakhouse**  
**La Mucca Ballerina**  
**Longhorn Steakhouse**  
**Mademoiselle Paris**  
**Madfish Grille**  
**\*Manatee Technical College Culinary Program**  
**Mean Deans**

**Miguel's Restaurant**  
**Nothing Bundt Cakes**  
**Pacific Counter**  
**Paramo Cafe & Restaurant**  
**Pascone's Ristorante**  
**PF Chang China Bistro**  
**Post Kitchen & Bar**  
**Remy's on Main**  
**Riverhouse Grill**  
**Sage SRQ**  
**Seasons 52 Fresh Grill (VIP)**  
**Sofia's Mediterranean Restaurant**  
**Starbucks**  
**The Breakfast Company**  
**The Capital Grille**  
**The Rosemary and Thyme**  
**Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits**  
**Urban Taco**  
 \*taking four spots each

## Festival tickets now being sold

==**Early bird ticket sales** for the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest began July 1.

**GENERAL ADMISSION:** Save \$10! Early bird cost - \$85 - Includes all food and beverages and free parking.

**VIP ADMISSION:** Save \$25! Early bird cost - \$160 - VIP ticket includes one hour EARLY ENTRY to the event and access to the VIP Tent with special food and beverages.

==**Regular ticket prices** go into effect Sept. 1.

**GENERAL ADMISSION** - \$95 Includes all food and beverages and free parking.

**VIP ADMISSION** - \$185 VIP ticket includes one hour EARLY ENTRY to the event and access to the VIP Tent with special food and beverages.

## Committee Leaders

Overall Chair - **Steve Kelle**

Restaurants - **Joan Frey**

Sponsors - **Barbara Jones**

VIP - **Susan Courter**

Wine - **Carmen Spagnola**

Cooking Tent - **Laura Adcock**  
and **Judy Berlow**

Tickets - **Fred Lopez** and

**Barbara Spangler**

Parking - **Ethan Wolfson**

Operations - **Lang Woodydy**





**Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch • 21st Annual Suncoast Food & Wine Fest**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2023 • 12:00-4:00 PM**

**Restaurant Registration Form ~ Please Return ASAP / Deadline Oct 1, 2023**

Restaurant: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

*You will receive a complimentary link to your website from the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest website.*

Type of Cuisine or Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us a brief description of your restaurant for event advertising (i.e. need for reservations, private rooms, catering, etc.) If you have participated before we can use the description from last year if you prefer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to donate gift certificates or gift baskets to be auctioned to raise additional funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Food item you will be serving: \_\_\_\_\_

*Our past experience suggests that you should be prepared to serve approximately 1500 serving portions.  
This is essential to ensure that we do not run short of tastings.*

**NEW RESTAURANTS ONLY:**

Please email a high resolution restaurant logo (144 dpi or greater) to ... [restaurants@suncoastfoodandwinefest.com](mailto:restaurants@suncoastfoodandwinefest.com)

Will you be bringing your own butane or propane burner: ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Please be aware that no grills may be operated under the cover of a tent.*

*Any restaurant cooking with a fryer or hot oil must furnish their own K type fire extinguisher. (Manatee County Fire Marshal)*

Will you need electricity: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes – How many 110v receptacles: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need supplies to serve to the public? ☐ Forks ☐ Spoons ☐ Knives ☐ Plates ☐ Bowls

Will you bring your own? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of staff helping: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARRIVAL TIME FOR SET-UP IS NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM**

**VIP Entry Starts At 12:00 Noon!**

For more information, please call...

**Julie Poulin, Restaurant Committee Co-Chair 813-523-2910**

**Joan L. Frey, Restaurant Committee Co-Chair 941-343-4607**

or email: [restaurants@suncoastfoodandwinefest.com](mailto:restaurants@suncoastfoodandwinefest.com)

Return the completed form to the above email address or contact us to pick it up.





# Yes!

...we want to support the charities and projects of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, and we will be a sponsor for the 2023 Suncoast Food & Wine Fest at the sponsorship level indicated below (check one):

☐ **\$20,000 Presenting Sponsor**

☐ **\$12,500 Co-Host Sponsor**

☐ **\$8,000 Platinum**

☐ **\$5,000 Gold**   ☐ **\$3,500 Titanium**

☐ **\$1,500 Silver**   ☐ **\$500 Bronze**

☐ **Our Check Is Enclosed With This Sponsorship Registration**   ☐ **Please Bill Us**   ☐ **In Kind**

*In order to be guaranteed that you are included in all promotional material for the Food & Wine Fest, Sponsors must commit with signed Sponsor Form by July 31st, 2023.*

*(Please Print Legibly As We Use This Information To Identify You In Our Materials.)*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signee: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch**  
Mail to: 8374 Market Street #449 Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202-5137

Or Return To Rotary Member:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Or Email To: [Sponsorships@SuncoastFoodAndWinefest.com](mailto:Sponsorships@SuncoastFoodAndWinefest.com)**

