

# ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

JULY 27, 2023

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

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH | 8374 MARKET STREET #449 | LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202

## THIS WEEK

Prospective club member **Nancy Janus**, Ed.D., a recently retired Eckerd College professor of human development, will talk to us about the recent trip she took to Cambodia with four students. The trip marked her ninth visit to the country as part of her work to shine a light on the horrors of child sex trafficking, which she has been teaching at the college for years. Her husband, prospective club member **Brian Berry**, and her service dog Fajita also made the trip. Read an article about Nancy and the trip by [clicking here](#).



Nancy Janus

## PROGRAMS

### JULY 27

AT TARA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
**CLUB ASSEMBLY AND NANCY JANUS' CAMBODIA TRIP**

### 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**

### AUG. 24

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**CHRIS FEHR, INCOME TAX PLANNING**

### AUG. 31

AT PALM-AIRE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

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

**Meeting ID: 289 101 885**

**Password: 907278**

## LAST WEEK



Evan Barniski

**Evan Barniski**, associate vice president of Mote Aquarium, presented "An Update on the Mote Aquarium Construction" talk and illustrations so we could see what is in store. Classrooms, a 400,000 tank that reflects the Gulf ecosystem and what animals will live there. The Mote Science Education Aquarium SEA is set to open in winter 2024 at Nathan Benderson Park. Read more about the project and its progress by [clicking here](#).

CHECK US OUT!



# CALENDAR

**July 26:** Club board meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Law Offices of Najmy-Thompson, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch; meetings are the last Wednesday of each month. Attend via Zoom by [clicking here](#).

Info: President **Sybil Porter** at [sporter@porterco.com](mailto:sporter@porterco.com).

**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 Woody** at [lang66@comcast.net](mailto: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 5 to 7.

**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.

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

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

**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 at the Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers.

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!

The teens will attend our club meeting Aug. 3.



**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 Bodenbunrg 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  
Al Taricco 8/3

### 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  
Jerry and Marjorie Long 8/1

### 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*

## Help plant our microforest on Aug. 3








Join the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, allies and the Lakewood Ranch Community Development District 1 to create a high-performance microforest at Greenbrook Adventure Park.

The planting day will be from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 3, at Greenbrook Park. (Yes, that is the morning of our weekly meeting, but if you can go and leave early to make it to our regular meeting, that would be great.) The microforest will include more than 50 native species of trees, shrubs and ground covers. The planting bed will be fully prepared -- even with the holes dug -- so volunteers only need to install the plants.

From the parking lot, follow signs to the site. Bring work gloves and a small trowel or garden's claw if you have them. Beverages will be provided. For details, send a text to 703-342-6185 or email [charles.c.reith@gmail.com](mailto:charles.c.reith@gmail.com).

### Update on Small Group Meals program

At the July 20 meeting, **Dorothy Bodenburg** gave an update about the success of the Small Group Meals program. Fourteen people volunteered to host meals, and 11 dinners were completed with 60 guests attending. A total of \$2,725 was collected to benefit our club's discretionary fund. The program will resume in September. Consider signing up to be a host or a guest.

| ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| MONTH                 | DESIGNATION   |
| JULY                  |  Maternal and Child Health             |
| AUGUST                | Membership & New Club Development   |
| SEPTEMBER             |  Basic Education and Literacy          |
| OCTOBER               |  Community Economic Development        |
| NOVEMBER              | Rotary Foundation   |
| DECEMBER              |  Disease Prevention and Treatment      |
| JANUARY               | Vocational Service  |
| FEBRUARY              |  Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention |
| MARCH                 |  Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene        |
| APRIL                 |  Environment                           |
| MAY                   | Youth Service   |
| JUNE                  | Rotary Fellowships  |



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

July is flying by! This is the end of my first month as President! I haven't killed anything (or anyone) yet, so that's a good start. I hope you are enjoying our meetings.

Last week's presentation by **Evan Barniski** from Mote Marine was wonderful. Can't wait for the new aquarium to be finished. It sounds amazing. Kudos to the Program Committee. We were honored last week to have not one, not two, not three but FOUR District 6960 Governors (Governor **Alfred Current** and PDGs **Andy Lyman**, **Ladd Waldo** and **Steve Schlueter**) at our meeting. We are so proud they have been so supportive of this club.

The Suncoast Food & Wine Fest Committee is gearing up and getting serious about the details for our Nov. 11 event. So far, we have 41 restaurants signed up (great job **Joan Frey**). And special recognition goes to **Mark Golub**, who has received commitments from 11 restaurants, so far. (He's shooting for 15!) We are still in need of sponsors, so if you or someone you know is interested, see **Barbara Jones**.

Look for an article in SRQ Magazine in September about our Wine Fest. **Steve Kelle** and I were interviewed Monday.

This past Saturday, a group of us went to lunch and saw the "Sound of Silence" film. What an inspiring true story. I highly recommend it.

This week will be a club assembly, but we are also inducting two new Rotarians. We have several more in the pipeline. Remember, this week and next, we will be at Tara Country Club.



# MORE PROJECTS FOR OUR NEXT MISSION

We just started a new project at Swan Lake Village on July 17 with more than 3,000 pounds of trash removed from Unit B-7. This two-bedroom unit was given to us by the Swan Lake Management to renovate for a needy veteran. Rotarian **Terry Byce** participated in this endeavor.

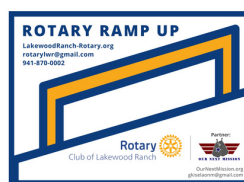
We plan to paint Unit B-7's ceilings and bedroom walls on July 24 and 25, starting at 7:30 a.m. We ordered the metal for the carport and to repair to the roof. The material is expected to be delivered around Labor Day. We decided to complete repairs to the inside while we wait for the metal to be delivered. Most of this work consists of painting, a little paneling replacement and installation of the vinyl flooring along with replacing the lower portion of the kitchen cabinets. All interior components are within our capabilities and can be performed in air-conditioned space to offset the summer heat! See the photos of this unit on this page. The exterior looks great.

We have an 80-year-old disabled veteran candidate who lives in a mobile home that needs extensive repairs that cannot be accomplished with anyone living there. If he qualifies, Unit B-7, would be perfect for his needs. Veterans like him are why we do what we do!

To volunteer to help over the next couple of months, access Unit B7 in Swan Lake Village, 620 57th Ave. W., Bradenton, by going to the front office parking lot, then walk about a half-block to the first street on your left. Normal working hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact Greg Kisella or Terry Byce to be added to the volunteer list.

**Greg Kisela**, president/CEO of Our Next Mission  
Cell: 850-585-1698  
Email: [gkiselaonm@gmail.com](mailto:gkiselaonm@gmail.com)  
[ournextmission.org](http://ournextmission.org)

**Terry Byce**  
Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch  
Veterans Committee  
Home: 941-351-0092  
Cell: 703-627-7765  
Email: [terry.byce@verizon.net](mailto:terry.byce@verizon.net)





## Help needed to find restaurants and sponsors for our signature fundraiser

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 7. Restaurants interested in participating can [click here](#) (or see the form on the next page of this newsletter).

**Anna Maria Oyster Bar**  
**Apollonia**  
**Beach Bistro**  
**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**  
**The Rosemary and Thyme**  
**Sage SRQ**  
**Seasons 52 Fresh Grill (VIP)**  
**Sofia's Mediterranean Restaurant**  
**Starbucks**  
**The Breakfast Company**  
**The Capital Grille**  
**Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits**  
**Urban Taco**  
**Yard House**  
 \*taking four spots

## Festival tickets now being sold at early bird prices

==**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**  
 Ambassadors - **Ted Lindenberg**





**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...

**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)**

