

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

JULY 6, 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



Sybil Porter

THIS WEEK

Welcome our new club President **Sybil Porter** as she leads her first meeting of the 2023-24 Rotary year. Her inaugural address is titled "Hopes and Dreams." A retired social worker, Sybil now works for Samaritan Counseling Service of the Gulf Coast. She joined Rotary in September 2016. Her husband is Rotarian **Bill Porter**.

[Click here](#) to join Zoom meetings at noon Thursdays.
Meeting ID: 289 101 885
Password: 907278

LAST WEEK

See highlights on Pages 3 to 5 from our club's Presidential Celebration dinner on June 30. Club members were honored, and new board members were installed.



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'S OFFICIAL VISIT

CHECK US OUT!



CALENDAR

July 6: 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 July 5 with **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

July 8: District 6960 Cast Off Party, Yacht Rock and Pig Pickin', 1 to 4 p.m. at The Stage Restaurant, 9144 Bonita Beach Road S.E., Bonita Springs; \$25 per person (kids eat free). Registration is open on DACdb. See details on Page 9.

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. 12: Save the date for our district's Rotary University Foundation, Membership and Public Image event from 9 a.m. to noon at place TBA. Registration will be on DACdb.

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. 11: Our club hosts its signature event, the Suncoast Food & Wine Festival, at Premier Sports Campus in Lakewood Ranch. See details on Pages 7 and 8.

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

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

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

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 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 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

Celebration Dinner Highlights



The 2022-23 Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch President **Carmen Spagnola**, left, with 2023-24 President **Sybil Porter**.

Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch *Installation Dinner*

Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club

- I. **Celebrate Rotary Social Fellowship**
- II. **Call to Order** *Carmen Spagnola*
 - Pledge of Allegiance *Sybil Porter*
 - The Four-Way Test *Lang Woody*
 - Invocation *Mark Golub*
 - Announcements *Carmen Spagnola*
- III. **Dinner**
- IV. **2022-2023 Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch**
Imagine Rotary
 - Club Accomplishments
Presented by Carmen Spagnola
 - Paul Harris Fellow Awards
Presented by John Bodenburg
 - Club Recognitions
Presented by Carmen Spagnola
 - Norma Garber Award
Presented by John Bodenburg
 - Stephen Garber Award
Presented by John Bodenburg
- V. **Installation of 2023-24 Leadership**
Carmen Spagnola
- VI. **Incoming President's Address** *Sybil Porter*

Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch 2023-2024 Board of Directors

CLUB OFFICERS

President— Sybil Porter
President-Elect—Lang Woody
Vice President—Ryan Brems
Immediate Past President—Carmen Spagnola
Secretary—Paul Oakes
Treasurer—Jim Wingert

DIRECTORS

John Bodenburg - Year 1
Bob Grepling - Year 2
Eck Kuesters - Year 1
Donna Layrisse - Year 3
Anne Ross - Year 3
JoAnn Shakon - Year 2

Celebration Dinner Highlights



President **Carmen Spagnola**, left, with club board members, from left, **Sybil Porter**, **Lang Woody**, **Ryan Brems**, **Jim Wingert**, **Eck Kuesters**, **JoAnn Shakon** and **Bob Grepling**.



Club Foundation Chair John Bodenburt presents Paul Harris Fellow awards to, from left: **Chris Fehr**, PHF; **Govind Singh**, PHF+3; **Jennifer Fretz-Smith**, PHF+6; **Eck Kuesters**, Major Donor Level 1; and **Joan Frey**, PHF+7.



President **Carmen Spagnola** recognized his two "secret weapons," **Susan Courter**, left, and **Christi Womack Villalobos**.

President **Carmen Spagnola** recognized **Joyce Borda**, who completed her third year as a board member.



Steve Kelle with his permanent gift that recognizes the Stephen Garber Award he received last year.

Celebration Dinner Highlights



Immediate Past President **Mark Midyett** accepts the Stephen Garber Award from President **Carmen Spagnola**.



Ron Myers, a past president, accepts the Norma Garber Award from President **Carmen Spagnola** and Foundation Chair **John Bodenburg**.



From left, **Cecilia Abruscato**, Pres **Olinger**, **Jeff Bell** and **Paul Oakes**.



Robin Spagnola, who was the "Vanna White" of the evening passing out awards, with husband President **Carmen Spagnola**.



From left, **Bob Grepling**, **Maureen Burke**, **Susan Hubbell** and **Paolo Tricase**.



Retiring Program Chair **Mark Golub** with new President **Sybil Porter**.

OUR NEXT MISSION HOMES DEDICATED

We turned over Colony Cove unit (shown above) 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.

Pescara Lake approved an 85-year-old Korean War veteran, **Anthony Lesick**, for the vacant unit. He has been living in a motel for a few months because he was displaced due to Hurricane Ia. St. Vincent's has been caring for him. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. July 7 at Pescara Lake.

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.

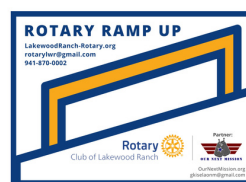
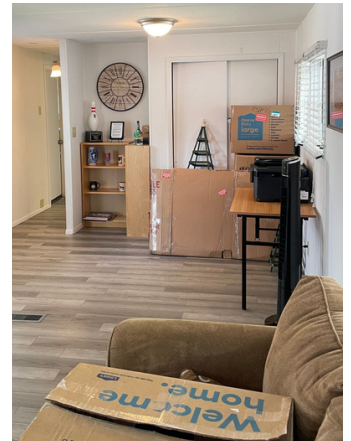
We are doing a couple of bathroom renovations for at-risk veterans. We also are exploring relocating a donated classroom from the Manatee County School District to a 5-acre parcel in Duette. We will place this unit on a residentially zoned parcel vs. a mobile home park. Manatee County's Developmental 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.

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Veterans Committee
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Over 35 neighbors, volunteers and partners attended the Colony Cove home dedication. 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.





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 31 restaurants (see the current list below; two are taking four spots each) that have committed to participate, and we are expecting at least five 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](#). Restaurants interested in participating can [click here](#) (or see the form on the next page of this newsletter).

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

Miguel's Restaurant
 Nothing Bundt Cakes
 Pacific Counter
 Pascone's Ristorante
 PF Chang China Bistro
 Remy's on Main
 Riverhouse Grill
 Sage
 Seasons 52 Fresh Grill (VIP)
 Sofia's Mediterranean Restaurant
 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

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

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





Rotary
District 6960



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JULY 8 | 1-4 PM

THE STAGE RESTAURANT

9144 BONITA BEACH RD SE, BONITA SPRINGS

\$25 PER PERSON

CHILDREN 17 AND UNDER FREE

REGISTER ON DACDB

Yacht Rock



Come celebrate the start of the 2023-24 Rotary Year with a Pig Roast.
Our own "Muskrat" Josh the Otter will be there for fun activities for the kids.
Bring Friends and Family and Potential New Members for a Rockin' Good Time!

