

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 1, 2024

2024-25 Leadership

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

District 6960 Governor Kelsey Mitchell

Club President Lang Woody

THIS WEEK

Maya Leichter will tell the club about her Rotary Youth Exchange experience in Japan. Our club sponsored Maya's year of study. She is the daughter of club member **Carey Leichter** and granddaughter of member **Joyce Borda**. See a report that she wrote for us last fall by [clicking here](#). Welcome home, Maya!



Maya in Fukuoka City, Japan

PROGRAMS

AUG. 1

AT TARA COUNTRY CLUB

MAYA LEICHTER, ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

AUG. 8

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

CLASSIFICATION SPEECHES BY CLUB MEMBERS

AUG. 15

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

CLUB ASSEMBLY LED BY PRESIDENT LANG WOODY

AUG. 22

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

JUDITH WAFE, FOUNDER AND CEO OF WELL MOM AI

AUG. 29

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

JAMIE CALDWELL, ELITE MOTOR WORKS AUTO

SEPT. 5

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

SELAH FREEDOM, CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Sybil Porter



Barb Spangler

Club members **Sybil Porter** and **Barb Spangler** told us about the global grant they spearheaded to get relief and educational supplies to Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, which was hit hard by Hurricane Ian. They teamed up with a Barbados club to make the grant happen. See more details in the President's Corner on on Page 3.

CHECK US OUT!



On July 25, Jeff Pick's ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot is now \$179, and there are 49 cards in the deck. Good luck!



CALENDAR

July 31: 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 **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

Aug. 14: Wine Down Wednesday socials are 5:30 to 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Ed's Tavern on Lakewood Ranch Main Street. RSVP with **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

Aug. 17: 8:15 a.m. for Rotary Leadership Institute parts 1, 2 and 3 plus master classes (no prerequisites needed) in CPR/AED/first aid and public speaking at Woodland Middle School, 2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port. Registration is open on DACdb. Upon completion, our club reimburses the fee to you.

Oct. 19: Save the date for RLI Parts 1, 2, 3 and graduate courses at Woodland Middle School, North Port; details to come on DACdb.

Nov. 2: Save the date for our club's annual Suncoast Food & Wine Fest at Premier Sports Campus; restaurants and sponsors are needed. See details on Pages 6 to 9.

Nov. 10: Save the date for the District 6960 luau; details to come soon on DACdb.

Dec. 12: Save the date for our club's annual holiday party and dinner.

OUR FOUNDATION

Polio Cases as of 7-23-24
Afghanistan - Most recent WPV case 6-18-24
Pakistan - Most recent WPV case 6-28-24

	As of 7/23/24	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2024 (2023)	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV (Wild Poliovirus)	18 (6)	12	30	6	140
WPV - Afghanistan	9	6	2	4	56
WPV - Pakistan	9	6	20	1	84
WPV - Malawi	0	0	0	1	0
WPV - Mozambique	0	0	8	0	0
cVDPV (circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus)	118 (170)	526	724	698	1,115

Rotary  #RotaryShares #RotaryZones3334 #ElevateRotary
Zones 33/34

Here's an update about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio in the world. See this post and others like it on the Zones 33/34 Facebook page [here](#).

**ORDER A LICENSE
PLATE TO 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

Ronique Hawkins 8/1
Al Taricco 8/3
Steve Bordes 8/4
Dave Sluzevich 8/14
Anne Ross 8/20
Judy Berlow 8/23
Helen Spence 8/26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Marjorie Long 8/1
Barry and Carol Sukoneck 8/18

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Jones 8/7/03
Lang Woodydy 8/8/19
34 previous years in Rotary
Gary Houseworth 8/8/19
Eck Kuesters 8/16/17
Steve Shaw 8/16/23
Amy Fehr 8/21/23
Alexis Fretz 8/25/23
Donna Layrisse 8/27/20

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

AUG. 1

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Preston Olinger
Greeters – Carlton Bennett and
Jennifer Fritch

AUG. 8

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Dan McAllister
Greeter – Jeff Pick

AUG. 15

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Anne Ross
Greeters – Jim Isherwood

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH

President's Corner



LANG WOODY

Club President 2024-2025

Greetings!

I hope your week has started smoothly. Marianne and I are pooped! My only surviving senior relative, Aunt Claire, celebrated her 87th birthday this weekend. All the nieces and nephews were attending, so we couldn't miss it. The only problem: The party was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, just outside Nashville! So, we road-tripped it up on Thursday and back on Sunday. Lots of driving, fast food and short nights, but you know what? It was worth it, by a long shot. This was FAMILY, one thing we have absolutely no say over, but it can be our greatest asset. In our case, that is true, and I hope it is true for each of you.

Speaking of family, I hope you were able to attend last week's meeting. Our program was the poster child for what good the Rotary family can do when we create a common goal and focus our energies on achieving that goal. Immediate Past President **Sybil Porter** and club member and Past District 5130 Governor **Barb Spangler** took us on the saga of the destruction and then resurrection of the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School courtesy of Hurricane Ian.

Because of Sybil's passion and Barb's extensive grant knowledge, we were able to create a rare U.S.-focused Global Grant to help rebuild the school and furnish STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) learning tools and teacher training. The funds for this project came from multiple sources: District 6960 and Barbados Rotary clubs, Rotary International, and a substantial contribution from a major donor that came through club member and PDG **Steve Schlueter**.



Club of Lakewood Ranch

FAMILY! Now these local kids can resume the specialized educational emphasis offered at this school that will prepare them to be successful in life and equip them to be community leaders. I continue to be amazed at the wonders this club creates!

Hope to see you Thursday at Tara. We will hear from **Maya Leichter** about her Rotary Youth Exchange adventure!

Let's Go!

Lang



From left, **Barb Spangler**, club President **Lang Woody** and **Sybil Porter** at the podium during last week's meeting. Photo by **Linda Avery**.

Consider donating to cleft lip and palate projects

Maureen and I established a Rotary Foundation Endowed Fund for the benefit of helping children with cleft issues. I received several comments and questions from people requesting the Fund ID #, which is E 20732, so that donations can be made.

People can donate whatever amount they wish, using a credit card, check, their RMD as I did or put it into their will. The important thing is that the interest earned can be used by our club or any other club in District 6960 for the benefit of funding a cleft lip or palate project and is tax-deductible.



Rotary International provided me with information about the best ways to contribute. [Click here](#) to access individual and multiple donor contribution forms and learn how to send check contributions. Please mark "Other" fund in the designation/purpose section and mention the ID E20732 in the blank space so the contribution is applied to our cause. Also required on the form is the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch club number, which is 55320. Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation. Send the check and contribution form to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693.

Any questions? Email me at atft2000@sbcglobal.net or call 860-559-2914.

Endowed Fund by

Alfred Taricco, M.D

Maureen E. Burke, R.N.

Established Feb. 1, 2023



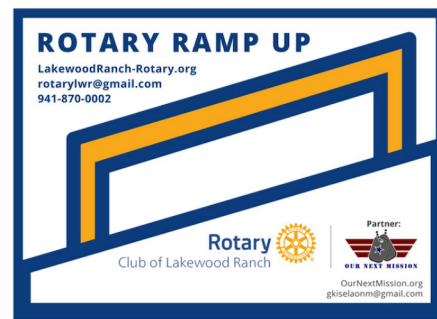
After Beryl, Rotary responds to help

Under the direction of **Patrick Eakes**, the 2024-25 RI director for Zones 33 and 34, a coordination site was established for disaster response following Hurricane Beryl.

Those who would like to donate to the cause can do so by [clicking here](#).



Consider attending the Rotary Club of Sarasota's fundraiser on Aug. 17. For tickets and details, scan the QR code above or visit the website by [clicking here](#).



Back to work to help renovate homes for veterans

Good news for the new Rotary year!

Pescara Lake in Bradenton has given Our Next Mission a home to renovate. We went through Lot 71 recently, and it is actually in fairly good shape for a 50-year-old mobile home. The carport and front porch need to be repaired or replaced; we ordered the material and it should be delivered in two to three weeks. One of our volunteers, Tom S., committed to taking the lead on this activity since he has previously replaced three other carports.

The air-conditioning unit was installed in 2018 and works well, making it easier to do our work inside. We need to replace a couple of windows. After we pull up the carpet, we hope to find that the floor is pretty solid. The kitchen cabinets are old but serviceable. The bathroom looks good, but as we know looks can be deceiving.

Anyway, overall, it's a good project to start after a nice break. I will let you know when work commences. We will be using the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest grant award from the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch to support this project.

Please let me know via text/email (or in person at club meetings) if you can help out any workdays on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 11 a.m. (beat the heat!) beginning July 29. No experience needed, just a desire to help someone in need. Any time you contribute is appreciated. This unit will take approximately two to three months to complete. I will provide you with directions.

Also, see the above photo of the ramp installation that was done a few weeks ago for our mobile home unit at Colony Cove in Ellenton. We moved a veteran and his wife into this unit over Memorial Day weekend. The ramp had to be hand-fabricated due to the unique conditions that we had. Rotarian **Russ Sexton** was the official photographer.

If you're new to what the nonprofit Our Next Mission does to help veterans, please visit the website by [clicking here](#).

--Submitted by **Terry Byce**

Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Veterans Committee
email terry.byce@verizon.net or text 703-627-7765





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. 2 fundraiser. Event proceeds are given as grants to deserving nonprofit causes. We awarded \$130,000 last year.

We have 24 restaurants that have committed to participate; see the current list below. We need 48-50 for a successful event. We'll update this information regularly in the newsletter so Rotarians don't duplicate efforts. (See a tutorial on Page 7 written by **Mark Golub** about approaching restaurants.) When you are a patron in a participating restaurant, please thank them for their support. Share registration forms with your friends and associates. Turn to Pages 8 and 9 to find the forms. Or, have prospects download forms on our club's website at lakewoodranch-rotary.com by clicking [here](#).

Apollonia
Arts and Central
Breakfast Company
Capital Grille
C'est La Vie French Cuisine
Drunken Poet Cafe
Gecko's Grill & Pub
Glory Days Grill
Jpan Sushi & Grill
Kelly's Roast Beef
Kore Steakhouse
La Mucca Ballerina

Mademoiselle Paris
Mission BBQ
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Original Wolfies
Osteria 500
Pascone's Ristorante
Post Kitchen & Bar
Riverhouse Grill
Seasons 52
Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits
Urban Taco
Yard House

Possible leads include restaurants that participated in 2023, but have not committed for 2024. They are: Beach Bistro, Bijou Garden Café, Boys and Girls Club of Manatee County Culinary Program, Café L'Europe, Connors Steak and Seafood, Fleming's Steakhouse, Grove. Libby's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Madfish Grill, Manatee Technical College, Mean Deans, Oyster Rocks Hospitality aka Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Paramo Café & Restaurant, Rosemary and Thyme, Sage SRQ, Selva Grill, Sprig of Thyme, Starbuck's and Tandoor Indian Restaurant.

Other suggested restaurants to approach include: Bar Italia, Fish Hole, Lobster Pound, Lucky Pelican, Owens Fish Camp, Rocco's Tacos. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Speaks Clam Bar.

What others do you enjoy? Get them on board! But, before approaching a restaurant, please [click here](#) to consult our spreadsheet to find out if a fellow club member has already approached it for participation.

Festival tickets now being sold online

Buy tickets now for the 22nd annual Suncoast Food & Wine Fest from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at Premier Sports Campus, 5895 Post Blvd., Lakewood Ranch. The event features cuisine from dozens of the area's top restaurants and samples of about 300 fine wines. Guests will also enjoy a beer garden, chef demonstrations and live music.

The club has used festival proceeds to give about \$2.5 million to charitable causes. General admission tickets are \$95. VIP tickets are \$185 and give guests access to the event an hour early; they can also sip champagne and taste food prepared by Seasons 52 in the exclusive VIP pavilion.

[Click this link](#) for event updates and [this link](#) to buy tickets. No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Thank you, members!

Many thanks to the following dedicated and enthusiastic Rotary members who have assisted to confirm the initial list of 2024's restaurants:

Laura Adcock
Susan Courter
Mark Golub
Ted Lindenburg
Gena Martin
Dan McAllister
Barry Sukoneck
Rob Thomas
Nora White

-- Joan Frey

TUTORIAL: HOW TO APPROACH RESTAURANTS FOR WINE FEST

By Mark Golub

1) Preparation:

- a) First, select restaurants with which you already have a relationship before contacting others.
- b) Prepare a script and practice it well to sound spontaneous and informative.

2) Phone Call:

- a) Ask for the individual who makes decisions for the restaurant. Give the prospect reasons to believe that the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest will benefit their restaurant. Answer questions to the best of your ability. Get a firm date and time to meet.
- b) If the restaurant cannot participate, request a donation of gift cards.

3) Possible Obstructions:

When asked for an email describing the event, try to determine if it is for real or a stall. Continue to try to get a face-to-face meeting. If you believe the request to be valid, prepare a glowing description of the event followed by a phone call to determine interest.

- b) Watch for managerial changes. The new manager might not be inclined to participate, necessitating a new effort.

4) Meeting:

- a) Be on time, upbeat and warm. Ask individuals to talk about themselves. Once the ice is broken, open the Wine Fest pamphlet with it facing the manager. Show them the satisfied past participants and the many charities to which we donate. Describe how attendees enjoy the signature dish and how participating restaurants get exposure that may increase their clientele. If you cannot address questions, tell the client that you will get back to them. If you detect sufficient interest, now is the time to ask them to fill out the registration form. Review the completed form with the client before you leave.

5) Follow-Up:

- a) Call the manager a few times before the event to remind them of their decision. Let them know we appreciate their participation. Be prepared for questions.



Yes!

...we want to support the charities and projects of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, and we will be a sponsor for the 2024 Suncoast Food & Wine Fest at the sponsorship level indicated below (check one):

☐ **\$20,000 Presenting Sponsor**

☐ **\$15,000 Co-Host Sponsor**

☐ **\$10,000 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, 2024.

(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





Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch • 22nd Annual Suncoast Food & Wine Fest
Saturday, November 2, 2024 • 12:00-4:00 PM

Restaurant Registration Form ~ Please Return ASAP / Deadline Oct 1, 2024

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 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.



Lakewood Ranch club member **Judy Berlow** spends the summer in Buffalo and attends the Rotary Club of Clarence. She wanted to share the club's fundraiser with us. She says you can't win a Porsche if you don't buy a ticket.



Clarence Rotary
Club Foundation



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ONLY 4,500 TICKETS SOLD!**

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Northtown Porsche · 8135 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

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NY Registration # GC-5 14-207-535-08934



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!**

