

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 10, 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

Missy Parmenter is a pastor and president of Harbor58, a transitional housing program that assists children aging out of foster care. As a kinship foster mom, then adoptive mom and Guardian ad Litem, she has experienced the foster care system from multiple angles. Missy also works as a caregiver support specialist for Safe Children Coalition in Sarasota. For more information about how Harbor58 helps youths, please [click here](#).



Missy Parmenter

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK

We met the Rotary Youth Exchange students sponsored by our club. Incoming students are **Simon Sisila** of Slovakia and **Nicolai (Nico) Wysmulski** of Poland. Outgoing students are **Maya Leichter**, daughter of club member **Carey Leichter**, going to Japan, and **Alexandra (Alex) Layrisse**, daughter of **Donna Layrisse**, going to Brazil.



Clockwise, from top left: RYE students Alex, Nico, Simon and Maya.

PROGRAMS

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, TURNING TAXES
INTO FAMILY WEALTH
AND PHILANTHROPY

AUG. 31

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

CLUB ASSEMBLY

SEPT. 7

AT TARA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

OGDEN CLARK, MANATEE
COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

CHECK US OUT!



CALENDAR

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.

Aug. 30: 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.

Sept. 7: 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 Sept. 5 with **Lang Woody** at lang66@comcast.net.

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 5-7.

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 District 6960 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."

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

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

Rotary Myth Buster

ROTARY IS FOR MEN
WRONG! Rotary has welcomed women for over 30 years.

IT'S FOR RETIRED PEOPLE
WRONG! We are open to ages 18+. Age is just a number, it's attitude that is more important.

IT'S FOR PROFESSIONALS
WRONG! Diversity is our strong asset and there's always a place for you in Rotary.

YOU MUST ATTEND EACH WEEK
WRONG! We focus on what you can contribute. Get involved with fundraising activities, community projects and activities.

IT'S A RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION / SECRET SOCIETY
WRONG! Rotary is non-religious and non-political.

YOU HAVE TO BE FORMALLY DRESSED FOR MEETINGS
WRONG! We are interested in what you can offer, not how you dress.

IT'S A LUNCH AND DINNER CLUB
WRONG! We do have meals at most meetings, however we principally meet to plan projects, have guest speakers, socials and run activities.

MEMBERSHIP BY INVITE ONLY
WRONG! Anyone with the right mindset can visit and join. We accept members from all walks of life.

INTERESTED IN BIG INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS ONLY
WRONG! We are involved in these huge projects, however the majority of our work is within local communities supporting local causes.

Rotary - People of Action Google us to find out more

FLORIDA



12345

ROTARY

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.

Two prospective members have been approved by the board: Steve Shaw and Amy Fehr. Steve's classification is Sales and Marketing Maven and his sponsor is Bill Porter. Amy's classification is Multi-Media Marketing and she is sponsored by her husband, Chris.

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Al Taricco 8/3
Steve Bordes 8/4
Dave Sluzevich 8/14
Anne Ross 8/20
Judy Berlow 8/23

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Marjorie Long 8/1
Joyce and John Borda 8/6
Mark and Lee Ann Brink 8/6
Barry and Carol Sukoneck 8/18
Jennifer Fretz-Smith and Ty Smith 8/27

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Jones 8/7/03
Gary Houseworth 8/8/19
Lang Woody 8/8/19
34 previous years in Rotary
Judi Bjork 8/11/22
Eck Kuesters 8/16/17
Donna Layrisse 8/27/20



Fellow Rotarians:

I hope you were all as impressed as I was with our four RYE students: Simon, Nico, Maya and Alex. They are wonderful young people, very well spoken and intelligent. I will also add, courageous, for embarking on this year-log journey to another country away from family and friends. Kudos to them, their families, and to our host families. I can't wait to hear about all their adventures this year.

If you are reading this, thank you. A lot of time and effort goes into producing this bulletin for the benefit of our members. Here is where you learn all the news pertinent to our club. Please encourage others to read our bulletin. WE SEE YOU! With our new format, we can tell who opens it up, and the majority are not. We may have to cut back on the content, (down to one page) which would not be a good idea. Please let all our members know that you enjoy our weekly news. If you have any ideas for different content that would be of interest, please let Christi or Susan Courter know.



There is still time to register for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) coming up on August 26. The venue has been changed from ODA to Northport. So far, Susan Hubbel, Susan Courter and I are attending. If you want a ride, I have room in my car. You WILL be reimbursed for the registration fee.

The Wine Fest Committee reports that many cases of wine glasses from last year are cleaned and ready to go, Thanks to Steve Kelle and his team, David Jack, Paul Oaks, Russ Sexton and Connor Wolfe. Sixty East Italian Cucina & Martini Bar donated their dishwasher to get this done, saving us having to purchase as many glasses this year as in the past. So, please check out this great place and tell them you are from Lakewood Ranch Rotary and thank them for their support. Sixty East is located by the Ellenton Outlets, in the same plaza as Peaches.

Once again, Thirsty Thursday was a success. If you haven't attended, mark your calendars for the next one on September 7 th and join us for some good fun and fellowship.

See you this Thursday at Lakewood Ranch Country Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sybil".



Paintings for Cleft Palate Project

Rotarian George Lewis is offering 6X8 inch floral tabletop paintings for only \$100. The proceeds will go towards a Rotary Cleft Palate Global Grant project and the buyer, if a Rotarian, receives Paul Harris Fellow credit. In addition, I will personally match the \$100 so the buyer gets \$200 credit.

Email waterman6960@yahoo.com if you can support this very worthy cause.

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 painted Unit B-7's ceilings and bedroom walls last week. 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

ournextmission.org

Terry Byce

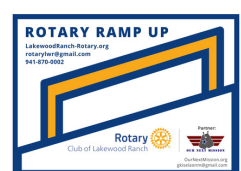
Rotay Club of Lakewood Ranch

Veterans Committee

Home: 941-351-0092

Cell: 703-627-7765

Email: terry.byce@verizon.net





Phase 1 of Microfoest Complete

The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch has established its first microforest as part of its new focus on the environment. High performance microforests are powerful agents to improve the quality of our coastal waters and combat climate change. A microforest is a very dense planting of native species on an area as small as 2/10 of an acre or more. The site preparation and planting strategy draw from recent scientific knowledge on how to promote the fastest possible plant growth by creating competition and ensuring that trees are deep-rooted, healthy, and wind resistant.

With substantial support from the Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay, Manatee Master Gardeners and Suncoast Urban Reforesters (SURF), who have established a number of local microforests, our club received community approval for a 0.33-acre plot of land located in Heron's Nest, which is part of Lakewood Ranch's Community Development District (CDD) 1 and is open to the public.

The project team coordinated donations of recycled cardboard and mulch, which creates the substrate for the forest, arranged for the mulch to be spread, identified the list of plants to be planted, coordinated volunteer labor and worked with a consultant to purchase the plants and provide some of the labor for tasks like drilling holes for plants.

On August 3, phase 1 of the microforest was completed. Approximately 70 volunteers from Rotary, Master Gardeners and the community came together to plant around 800 plants of 60 different species.

Phase 2 will involve planting on the bank of the adjacent lake and into the littoral zone of the lake itself. Phase two will require around 10 volunteers who are willing to get wet. It is the team's expectation that phase 2 will be completed in the next 4-6 weeks.

For the first time, the irrigation system established for this microforest utilizes a solar powered submersible pump, which will be used through the first dry season at which time the microforest will be self-sustainable.





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'Lites 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)
Selva Grill
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

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.





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

