

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 15, 2024

2024-25 Leadership

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

District 6960 Governor Kelsey Mitchell

Club President Lang Woody

THIS WEEK

Club President **Lang Woody** will lead a club assembly. His important agenda includes recent club successes, what's planned and ways you can become involved. See Page 3.



Part of this week's program will be a baby shower for club member **Greg Jack** and his wife, **Jennifer**, who are expecting a boy.

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Jennifer Fritch



Dan Rosen

Club members now feel like they now two of our newer members a little better. **Jennifer Fritch** and **Dan Rosen** gave their Classification Speeches last week. Jennifer was inducted into our club on May 9, and Dan joined us May 16. We'll hear from other members talk about their lives and vocations throughout the year.

PROGRAMS

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**

SEPT. 12

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**KAREN AND JERRY SELLERS,
CRIME STOPPERS**

SEPT. 19

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**ANDREA STEPHNS, PINES OF
SARASOTA FOUNDATION**

CHECK US OUT!



On Aug. 8, Helen Spence's ticket was selected, but she did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot is now \$245. There are 47 cards in the deck. Helen gave her winnings back to the club!



CALENDAR

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. (See Page 11 for reasons you should go.)

Aug. 28: 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.

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.



The Rotary Clubs of Lakewood Ranch and Bonita Beach Sunset hosted a hot dog and hamburger open house at Fort Myers Beach Elementary School. Immediate Past President **Sybil Porter**, second from right, represented our club. Event proceeds will benefit the school. Also shown, from left, **George Nash**, immediate past president of Bonita Beach Sunset; **Judy Hammond**, chief of staff for District Governor **Kelsey Mitchell**; and **Wayne Hemstead**, district Youth Services chair.

**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

Al Taricco 8/3
Steve Bordes 8/4
Dave Sluzevich 8/14
Ronnique Hawkins 8/15
Anne Ross 8/20
Judy Berlow 8/23
Helen Spence 8/26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Marjorie Long 8/1
Ted and Susan Lindenberg 8/7
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. 15

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

AUG. 22

Front Desk – TBD
Queen of Hearts – Govind Singh
Greeter – Sybil Porter

AUG. 29

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Ron Myers
Greeter – Mark Golub

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH

President's Corner



LANG WOODY

Club President 2024-2025

Greetings!

I hope you enjoyed last week's meeting as much as I did. Getting to better know fellow Rotarians is always a good thing and often serves up a surprise (Jennifer Fritch is a scuba diver and Dan Rosen is a soccer player ... who'd have ever thunk?!). Thank you, Jennifer and Dan, for sharing with us!

Did you know our club has 33 committees and sub-committees? Here are a few that have been active recently. The Clean Water and Sanitation Committee, chaired by PDG **Barb Spangler**, is focused on completing a current project in Peru and beginning planning for our next location. The new Peace Pole Committee, chaired by Past President **Mark Midyett** is hard at it, doing the groundwork (literally!) for a pole design and installation in the Waterside area. The new Public Events Committee, chaired by Immediate Past President **Sybil Porter**, has begun creating a mobile display so we can have a presence at various events in the area (think Farmers Market, Music on Main, etc.). And, of course, what would life be like without our Social Committee, also chaired by Sybil?! A recent planning meeting suggested several new socialization opportunities for the club that will be offered during the year along with our favorites, Wine Down Wednesday, the Beach Party and the Marina Jack dinner cruise.

Our meeting this week is a Club Assembly and you will have an opportunity to hear the latest on several of these committees and how your fellow Rotarians are focused on directing our club's energies to make our club the rock-star it is. And, who knows, you may



discover a passion you didn't know you had!

This week's assembly is an opportunity for the club to come together and get caught up on what we have been up to! With a Club this active, it is easy not to stay current on all the goings-on. Hopefully, the messages will be informative and you will see how you can become even more involved in this great club.

Want to know more about how the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest is going? **Steve Kelle** will give an update on the event, planned improvements, where there is still work to be done, and how you can help right now!

Past President and Assistant District Governor **Mark Midyett** (does that make Mark a PPADG? I guess so!) will bring us up to speed on a new group, the Peace Pole Committee. Peacebuilding is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus and this committee is working to create a permanent marker in Lakewood Ranch that tells that story for all to see. As a member of the District Disaster Committee, Mark will also speak about the aftermath of Hurricane Debby and how our club and District 6960 are responding. Finally, as Assistant District Governor, Mark will outline the district's goals for 2024-25.

It is a full agenda with lots of important information – don't miss it!

Have a great week. See you Thursday!

Let's Go!
Lang

Volunteers needed to help victims of Hurricane Debby

District 6960 Governor **Kelsey Mitchell** sent updates this week about the work Rotarians are doing to help people whose homes flooded in northern Sarasota due to Hurricane Debby. She thanked Rotarians for our efforts to make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster.

“While this storm didn't impact our whole district, I'm proud to share that a large number of Rotarians in our district have stepped up to provide whatever support they can to Sarasota,” she wrote. “We truly have incredible Rotarians! With that said, the job is not yet complete and we still need a lot of support. We have ongoing relief efforts in the two neighborhoods of Pine Craft and Laurel Meadows.”

Volunteers are needed. Work groups are meeting at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. (See details below.) The district is coordinating with nonprofits and government officials.

You can help by sharing the information on your social media channels.

[Here is the link to all the events on our page.](#)
[Here is the link to the shareable post.](#)



VOLUNTEER TODAY!

URGENT -DEBBY STORM DAMAGE
Community Clean Up!

VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY AT 2 LOCATIONS!

9 AM or 1 PM
Der Dutchman Restaurant
West side parking lot. 3713
Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL
34232

9 AM or 1 PM
Bayside Community Church,
8200 Bee Ridge Rd,
Sarasota, FL 34241

What we need help with:

- Debris Removal
- Food & Supply Distribution
- Donations

Rotary
District 6960

Contact Joe Pokorney
at 941-544-7272 to get
more information

CONTACT US

 **RotaryFL.org**



From left, **Donna, Nick, Alex** and **Berto Layrisse** this spring in Brazil. where Alex was a Rotary Youth Exchange student.

Dear President **Lang Woody** and President-Elect **Ryan Brems**,

Please let the club know how blessed our family is to have a Rotary family like the Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club. We have received so much support from the club during this ordeal with our house flooding. From the support to evacuate husband **Berto** and son **Nick** and then driving us back to the house the next day (thank you **Ryan!**), lending us their truck, water pump, and fans (**Steve Kelle**), making us a meal (**Susan Hubbell**), helping with our pool (**Adam Courter**), to so many others bringing boxes, suitcases, bins, and totes; the support has been tremendous. And many others have offered to help in any way they can to try to make this process easier for us. We are forever grateful to all of the members who have reached out.

We had a couple inches of water throughout our house, but we feel our hours-long efforts to push the water out through our lanai as well as removing water with our wet vac and buckets helped us by not accumulating more water. As of today, our wood floors and the bottom 2 feet of drywall are removed. We officially lost one car and are awaiting the diagnostics for the other cars. FEMA assistance is now approved, so we'll be applying for that today. It is a bump in our road, but we will manage and will be fine.

I pray for all the other community members who were flooded and who have lost so much more.

Thank you again Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch. I'll be back at the club meetings as soon as I can.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Donna Layrisse
Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch
(770) 330-1380
dlayrisse@hotmail.com



Club member **Susan Courter**, right, invited **David van de Velde** to our club's Aug. 8 meeting. The Florida Rotarian has an impressive background – he founded Kettel One vodka and has been involved in aerospace ventures. He's now the driving force to get Rotary's message of Peace on Earth spread around the world and even to the moon. Find out more 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](#).

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



Unit 71 before Our Next Mission started work..

Work continues to renovate homes for veterans

Good news for the new Rotary year!

Pescara Lake in Bradenton has given Our Next Mission a home (pictured above) to renovate. We went through Unit 71 recently, and it is actually in fairly good shape for a 50-year-old mobile home. 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 the floor is pretty solid. The kitchen cabinets are old but serviceable. The bathroom looks good, but looks can be deceiving.

We will use the Suncoast Food & Wine Fest grant award from the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch to support this project. This week, beginning Aug. 5, we are ready to install the carport and porch on Unit 71. The metal was delivered onsite late last week. Simultaneously, we will have a team assisting the Venice High School JROTC on Aug. 6 to put the finishing touches on an Obstacle Course they have been building for the past couple of years.

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.

This past week we finally installed the carport as you can see from the attached picture considering the recent weather conditions. We need to extend the roof over the front steps and begin floor and wall repairs in the interior. Simultaneously this week, we assisted the Venice High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC group to complete their obstacle course, which has been underway for several years. See the attached picture of Rotarians **Terry Byce** and **Russ Sexton** helping.

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





Unit 71 after the carport was installed.

Qualifications needed by veterans to receive a renovated home

Our Next Mission (ONM), a 501c3 nonprofit organization in Manatee County, provides housing to at-risk veterans who need safe and accessible housing. ONM currently has a two-bedroom mobile home, fully furnished, in Pescara Lake Mobile Home Park in Bradenton that will be ready for occupancy in early October.

ONM refurbishes mobile homes and gifts them to eligible veterans at no cost to them. The following criteria is required to be considered for this home:

- A veteran who was honorably discharged from military service (please submit DD214)
- A veteran who can demonstrate they are either living in unsafe/substandard housing or homeless
- Pescara Lake Mobile Home Park is age restricted to 55 years or older
- Successfully pass a background check (credit and criminal) to be a tenant in Pescara Lake (conducted by Pescara Lake upon submittal of application)
- Have sufficient income to pay the monthly lot rental fee of approximately \$1,000 a month along with other living expenses

If interested, please email **Greg Kisela**, at gkiselaonm@gmail.com/telephone at 850-585-1698 or **Terry Byce** at terry.byce@verizon.net/telephone 703-627-7765 to be considered.

Pescara Lake Mobile Home Park is at 570 57th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 35207; telephone 941-201-3517.



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 28 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 9 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 10 and 11 to find the forms. Or, download forms on our club's website at lakewoodranch-rotary.com by clicking [here](#).

Apollonia
Arts and Central
Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee County Culinary Program
Breakfast Company
Capital Grille
C'est La Vie French Cuisine
Deep Lagoon Seafood & Oyster House
Drunken Poet Cafe
Gecko's Grill & Pub
Glory Days Grill
Jpan Sushi & Grill
Kelly's Roast Beef
Kore Steakhouse
La Mucca Ballerina

Linger Lodge Restaurant
Mademoiselle Paris
Mission BBQ
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Original Wolfies
Osteria 500
Pascone's Ristorante
Pincher's Crab Shack
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 to members who are recruiting restaurants!

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

They are: **Laura Adcock, Linda Avery, Susan Courter, Amy Fehr, Mark Golub, Ted Lindenburg, Gena Martin, Dan McAllister, Barry Sukoneck, Rob Thomas, Nora White and Jim Wingert.**

-- 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.



For more information about this fundraising golf tournament,
please click [here](#) or talk to club member Dr. Connor Wolfe.



2ND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Supporting:



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 21**

**AT THE RITZ CARLTON
MEMBER'S CLUB**

**Check-in: 7:00am
Shotgun starts 8:30am**

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\$175 - Per Player
\$700 - 4 Players
.....

Sponsorship Levels:
Double Anejo- \$5000
Anejo- \$2500
Reposado- \$500
Blanco- \$250
.....

Sponsored by:



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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**WIN A 2024 PORSCHE 718 BOXSTER,
MACAN, OR \$50,000 CASH!**

Donation of: \$50 for one ticket, \$100 for a 3-pack or...
WOLFE PACK - \$300 for 9 tickets!

**15 ADDITIONAL \$500 PRIZES
PLUS - ONE "WOLFE PACK" WINNER OF \$2,500
ONLY 4,500 TICKETS SOLD!**

**Live Drawing September 8, 2024 · 7:00 pm
Northtown Porsche · 8135 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TICKETS:
CLARENCEROTARYRAFFLE.COM**

With the help of Northtown Porsche of Buffalo, a 2024 Porsche 718 Boxster* or 2024 Porsche Macan is being made available to the winner of the Raffle. The Porsche 718 Boxster* and Porsche Macan shown on this ticket are for advertising only and may not be the color or equipment delivered. Must be 18 or older to purchase and win this raffle * Porsche 718 Boxster, depending on availability.
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.

	<i>It broadened my definition of Rotary and what it means.</i>	
<i>It enhanced my experience as a Rotarian and introduced me to new friends!</i>		<i>The collaborative environment allows you to meet people from other places and hear about what they are doing.</i>
	<i>It helped me become a better leader and a better Rotarian.</i>	

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!**

