

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 29, 2024

2024-25 Leadership

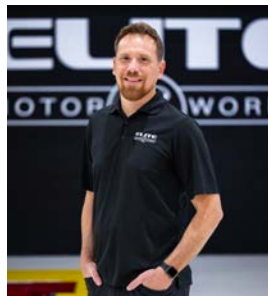
RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

District 6960 Governor Kelsey Mitchell

Club President Lang Woody

THIS WEEK

Jamie Caldwell, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, graduated at the top of his class at Lincoln Technical College with an associate's degree in applied science. He worked for BMW as a technician and moved to Florida in 2004 to work at the local BMW dealership. Jamie then worked for Mercedes-Benz for several years as a technician. Jamie started Elite Motor Works in 2013 with no knowledge of running a business, but wanting to make a positive mark in the automotive industry by operating on the values of honest and clear communication while providing the highest quality of workmanship. He said mistakes were made, blood was shed, long hours endured and 11 years later he has four locations and a staff of 44 built on those founding principles. He married his hometown sweetheart and they have a 12-year-old daughter.



Jamie Caldwell

PROGRAMS

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 STEPEHNS, PINES OF SARASOTA FOUNDATION

SEPT. 26

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

BOOKS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

OCT. 3

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB

ALEX LAYRISSE, ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Linda Avery

When a speaker cancels at the last minute, no worries in our club: Our members can fill in at a moment's notice. Member **Ro Hawkins** talked about her passion, the Learn My History nonprofit, and **Linda Avery** told us about a global grant her former club in Panama started and completed to address maternal and child health by training midwives to help indigenous pregnant women.



Ro Hawkins

CHECK US OUT!



On Aug. 22, Barb Spangler's ticket was selected, but she did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot is now \$299. There are 45 cards in the deck.



CALENDAR

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.

Sept. 11: 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.

Sept. 21: Mystery dinner social event at Pineapple Kitchen; see details about registration on Page 5.

Oct. 19: Haunted Sarasota Tour ; see details about registration on this page.

Oct. 19: Save the date for Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2, 3 and graduate courses at Woodland Middle School, 700 Panacea Blvd., North Port; registration details to come soon on DACdb. Upon completion, our club reimburses the \$100 fee to you. (See Page 13 for reasons you should go.)

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.

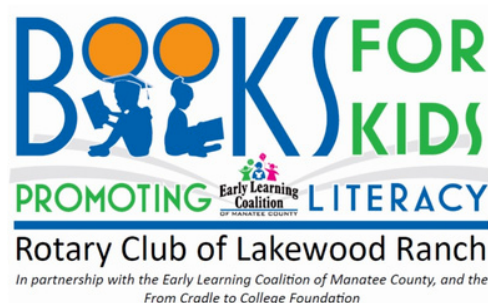
Dec. 12: Save the date for our club's annual holiday party and dinner.

Join our club on a haunted tour

Our club's Social Committee is coordinating a club outing with the Haunted Sarasota Tour.

The trolley tour operators are holding 30 seats open for our club members and guests, but if they don't hear from us soon, they'll open it up to the public. The fun event is scheduled for 8 p.m. Oct. 19. All guests must be older than 18; beer and wine will be served.

For event details, and to sign up, click [here](#). Use the promo code TEN to get a 10% discount off the ticket price of \$53.99+tax and handling fee. Direct questions to club member **Amy Fehr**.



Books For Kids makes the newspaper

Sarasota Herald-Tribune columnist **Vin Mannix** led his column on Aug. 25 with a piece about our Books For Kids needing volunteers this school. Read it [here](#).

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Al Taricco 8/3
Steve Bordes 8/4
Dave Sluzevich 8/14
Ronniqwe Hawkins 8/15
Anne Ross 8/20
Judy Berlow 8/23
Helen Spence 8/26
Trista Slowik 9/2
Melissa Ferlazzo 9/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and and Marjorie Long 8/1
Ted and Susan Lindenberg 8/7
Barry and Carol Sukoneck 8/18
Rick and Therese Schendel 9/1

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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
Sally Waldo 9/1/11 (honorary)
9 previous years in Rotary

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

AUG. 29

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Ron Myers
Greeter – Jim Wingert

SEPT. 5

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Steve Gottlieb
Greeters – Jim Russell

SEPT. 12

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Preston Olinger
Greeter – Rob Thomas

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH

President's Corner



LANG WOODY

Club President 2024-2025

Greetings!

Another fantastic, energy-packed Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch meeting! I wish everyone could see the meeting from my viewpoint. It is inspiring! I will hasten to apologize for my continuing time-management issues. We simply have so many moving parts, each of which is vital to the club's success, it is difficult to say "No" to anyone with a message to share. And when the guy in charge is long-winded, 60 minutes is not enough.

To begin to tame this tiger, we will try a few gentle modifications. We will ask the country club to have lunch ready for service at 11:50 rather than noon.

If you have an announcement to share, please let me know by Tuesday, prior to the meeting, so I can better manage the agenda. Queen of Hearts ticket purchases will end at 12:05 so everyone can be seated by meeting start. I will ring the bell at 12:10, rather than 12:15, to gain a little program time. We have a great lineup of speakers on the docket and we want them to completely share their message, with time for questions afterward. We will get it figured out!

A special shout out to **Linda Avery** for stepping forward when our scheduled speaker canceled. To have cut her time sharing the amazing Rotary work she presented is unacceptable. We will make whatever adjustments are necessary to be better hosts to our speakers.

We have another GREAT problem! Because of our continued growth, we have outgrown the country club on dates when they can only offer us one ballroom section. (We were in two sections last week.) We

Rotary 
Club of Lakewood Ranch



Club President **Lang Woody**, left, presents a Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch banner to **Ravi Srivastava**, at the Aug. 22 meeting. Ravi was a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of A-Solitaire who was in our area for his business.

have three meeting dates in the remainder of 2024 where we will be off-campus.

One meeting will be held at Tara Country Club. The other two are unscheduled at the moment. **Terry Speer** of the Admin Committee is heading the meeting location efforts. If you have any ideas for an alternate site (must be able to accommodate 80+ attendees), please share with Terry.

Hope your week is going swimmingly! See you Thursday!

Let's Go!
Lang



Eck Kuesters' donation to The Rotary Foundation will go to lip and cleft palate projects.



Govind Singh receives his PHF+4 pin from PDG **Andy Lyman**, who praised Govind's spark.

Past District Governor bestows PHF awards

Doug Smoot, our club's new club Foundation Chair, called upon District 6960 Past District Governor **Andy Lyman** to present Paul Harris Awards to three of our club members.

Eck Kuesters received his Major Donor +2 pin. Eck said the money he donated will benefit the lip and cleft palate fund started by fellow member Dr. **Al Tarricco**. (See Page 5.)

Immediate Past President **Sybil Porter** received a PHF in recognition of serving as our club's president last year. **Govind Singh** received his PHF+4.



Immediate Past President **Sybil Porter**, PDG **Andy Lyman** and current club President **Lang Woody**.

Congratuatuons to all!



This large image of Rotary's vision statement at the Rotary International Convention in Singapore earlier this summer served as an inspiring message to those passing by. See this post and others like it on the Rotary Club Members: Public Image, Graphic & Ideas Hub Facebook page found by clicking [here](#).

Social committee plans a mysterious and fun event

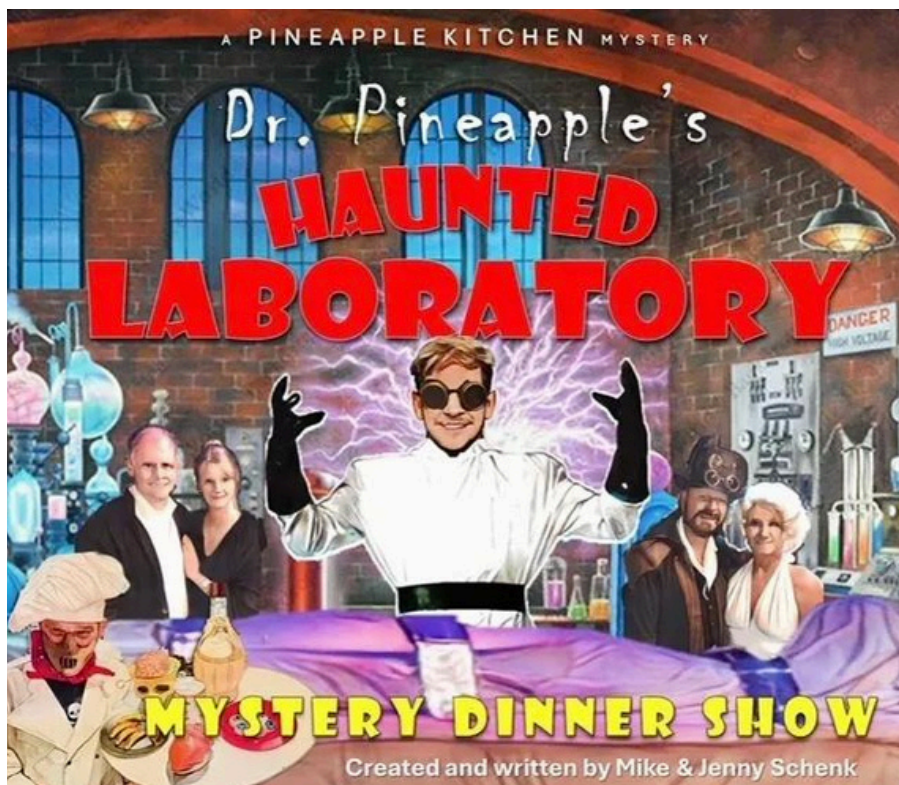
The Pineapple Kitchen hospitality team is thrilled to host the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch for an interactive mystery dinner and comedy show.

The event for ages 21 and older will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in the culinary theater at Pineapple Kitchen, 4914 Lena Road, Unit 104, Bradenton.

All guests will be assigned a character and sent a menu of choices a week prior to the dinner event. The experience will include a chef-inspired four-course meal, complimentary sparkling wine, coffee and tea. An upgraded adult beverage menu will be available for additional purchase.

Each guest will be assigned a character a week in advance of the event and encouraged to come in costume to make the experience more fun.

The cost is \$99 per person plus tax and gratuity. A maximum of 22 seats are available. To register and pay for the event, visit this [link](#). To save \$10 per person, use this code at checkout: pkmystery10.



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



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 32 restaurants that 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, 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
Chicken Salad Chick
Deep Lagoon Seafood & Oyster House
Drunken Poet Cafe
Frosted Pink
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 Waterfront
Seasons 52
Takos Cantina
Tandoor Fine Indian Cuisine
Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits
Urban Taco
Yard House

Rotarians can help recruit more restaurants: Here are suggestions of restaurants for club members to approach to request their participation in the festival. Please text a note to **Joan Frey** at 502-548-4001 with your name and the restaurant you will visit. (Restaurants are asked to bring 1,500 samples to serve to festival patrons.)

Big Top Brewing Co & Restaurant, 3045 Fruitville Commons Blvd., Sarasota; **Cafe Gabbiano**, 5104 Ocean Blvd., Sarasota; **Chateau 13**, 535 13th St. W., Bradenton; **Columbia Restaurant**, 411 St. Armands Circle, Sarasota; **Grillsmith – Siesta Key Gateway**, 6240 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota; **Lucky Frog Restaurant**, 4625 Cortez Road, Bradenton; **Mattison's Riverwalk**, 101 Riverfront Blvd., Bradenton; **O'Bricks Irish Pub & Martini Bar**, 427 12th St. W., Bradenton; **O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill**, 5 Bayfront Drive, Sarasota; **Pier 22**, 1200 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton; **Sage Biscuit Café**, 1401 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton; **The Spot Tacos and More**, 2303 First St., Bradenton; **3 Keys Brewing**, 2505 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton; **Tiramisu Ristorante Italiano**, 5215 14th St. W., Bradenton; **Turtle Beach Grill**, 8865 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota; **Vernona Gourmet**, 711 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton; **Wicked Cantina**, 1603 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

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.

Spread the word: Event tickets are available 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 VIP pavilion. [Click this link](#) for event updates and [this link](#) to buy tickets. No tickets will be sold at the gate.



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.





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.

Unit 71 is really starting to look like a home (we have two veteran candidates under review currently). The ceilings have been painted and all of the interior walls have either been primed or had their surfaces painted with the final coat. The metal to finish the front porch gutters came in on Wednesday, and we started installing them (with Lakewood Ranch Rotarian support) last Thursday until Mother Nature came calling and suggested, with very loud thunder, that it was time to stop. This week, our focus will be to finish painting the interior and begin installing the snap-in-place vinyl floor. All of this activity will be in air-conditioned space so the heat will not be a distraction.

The photo at the lower right was the work we (**Terry Byce** and **Russ Sexton**) did several weeks ago assisting the Venice High School Marine Junior ROTC unit to complete their new obstacle course.

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.

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



YOUR MOM WANTS PORSCHE RAFFLE 2024 TICKETS



**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!**

