

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 31, 2023

2023-24 Leadership
RI President Gordon McInally
District 6960 Governor Alfred Current
Club President Sybil Porter

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH | 8374 MARKET STREET #449 | LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202

THIS WEEK

Club President **Sybil Porter** will lead our monthly assembly this week. Those attending will learn about what we have accomplished and what is planned for the future. Club committees will share progress on their projects.



Sybil Porter

PROGRAMS

AUG. 31

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
CLUB ASSEMBLY

SEPT. 7

AT TARA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
**OGDEN CLARK, MANATEE
COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

SEPT. 14

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**NANCY JANUS,
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND LABOR ISSUES**

SEPT. 21

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**CLERK OF COURT ANGEL
COLONNESCO & BOARD
RECORDS SUPERVISOR VICKI
TESSMER, MANATEE COUNTY
PROPERTY TAXES**

SEPT. 28

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
CLUB ASSEMBLY

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Chris Fehr

Club member **Chris Fehr**, a financial educator, author, speaker, tax reduction specialist and wealth planner, talked about "Turning Taxes into Family Wealth and Philanthropy." He is the co-author of "Retire Abundantly." Since 1994, Chris has helped business owners, executives and professionals preserve, protect and pass on more wealth. He's committed to helping people turn the money they would have otherwise paid in taxes into lasting family wealth and philanthropy.

CHECK US OUT!



Last week, Bill Porter's ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot was \$172. There are now 39 cards in the deck. Good luck!

CALENDAR

Aug. 30: CANCELED BECAUSE OF IDALIA 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@porterccs.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 Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

Sept. 27: 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@porterccs.com.

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. 24: World Polio Day observances.

Dec. 15: RYLA delegate applications due.

Feb. 17: Save the date for the District 6960 Foundation Ball with past RI President and incoming The Rotary Foundation Chair, **Mark Maloney**.

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

May 25-29: Save the date for the Rotary International Convention, "Sharing Hope in the World," in Singapore.

July 12-13: Save the dates for the District 6960 District Conference, "Yacht Rock," with District Governor **Alfred Current** and District Governor-Elect **Kelsey Mitchell**.

Rotary
Club Boca Raton Sunrise



“ IF YOU FIND SOMEONE
SMARTER THAN YOU, WORK
WITH THEM, DON'T COMPETE.
COMPETITION IS
WEAKNESS. ”

@mindset therapy

Facebook post by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise; see their page by [clicking here](#).



ORDER A LICENSE PLATE; YOU'LL
SUPPORT ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS!

Pre-order your Florida Rotary license plate at FloridaRotaryTag.com or by [clicking here](#). For each order, \$25 goes toward Rotary youth programs.

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Grepling 9/7
Bob Gordon 9/8
Jennifer Fretz-Smith 9/13
Karin McLoughlin 9/18
Govind Singh 9/8
Sybil Porter 9/9
Bill Porter 9/9
Christi Womack Villalobos 9/9
Marie Thompson 9/14
Randy Price 9/18
Steve Schlueter 9/20
Carrie Leitzman 9/22
Steve Shaw 9/22
Judi Bjork 9/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Therese Schendel 9/1
Donna and Alberto Layrisse 9/16
Jeff Bell and Nora White 9/20
Paul Hoenle and Ursula Heitmann 9/20
Dan and Aline McAllister 9/23

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Sally Waldo 9/1/11
9 previous years in Rotary
Sybil Porter 9/8/16
Maria Gaffar 9/12/19
Mike Harshman 9/13/12
Duane Saunders 9/13/12
Rick Schendel 9/15/22
3 previous years in Rotary
Jeff Bell 9/16/21
JoAnn Shakon 9/21/18
David Jack 9/23/21
Ron Myers 9/26/02

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

SEPT. 7

Front Desk – Anne Ross
Queen of Hearts – Preston Olinger
Greeter – Ron Meyers

SEPT. 14

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – JoAnn Shakon
Greeter – Randy Price

SEPT. 21

Front Desk – Dorothy Bodenbunrg
Queen of Hearts – John Bodenbunrg
Greeter – Chuck Glazer

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH

President's Corner



SYBIL PORTER
Club President 2023-2024

Dear Rotarians,

We have been keeping close watch on Idalia. I have decided to cancel the board of directors meeting schedule for this Wednesday. However, we checked with the Lakewood Ranch Country Club and they expect to be open on Thursday. Therefore, we will go ahead with our normal lunch meeting. If this changes for any reason, I will let you know.

Until then, I hope you all have taken the necessary precautions, and our Disaster Team has reached out to all of you to see if you are planning to stay here. Please be safe. We will see each other on Thursday at Lakewood Ranch Country Club.



Welcome
ALEXIS
NEW MEMBER!

Rotary
Club of Lakewood Ranch

Welcome to our newest member!

At the Aug. 24 meeting, President **Sybil Porter**, at right in top photo, inducted **Alexis Fretz**, center, daughter of Lakewood Ranch Rotarian **Jennifer Fretz-Smith**, left. Her mom is her sponsor. Alexis has always wanted to officially become a Rotarian. She attended RYLA and S4TL in high school and also served as an Interact vice president and president. She said her "why" in joining Rotary is to help young people learn how to channel their enthusiasm for activism into a realistic and productive avenue.

OUR UPDATES & ACTIVITIES



You're Invited!!!!

RI president Gordon invites you to #CelebrateCommunity, an annual joint initiative from the service organizations Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, #OptimistInternational and Rotary International. It will take place the week of Sept. 11-17, 2023.

We encourage clubs and youth programs around the world to work together on projects during September 11-17.

Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1169405710390122>

#Rotary #RotaryInternational
#RotaryClubofRoatan #LionsInternational
#optimists #Kiwanis Rotary International

Rotary
Zones 33/34



#RotaryShares #RotaryZones3334 #ElevateRotary

MORE PROJECTS FOR OUR NEXT MISSION

We 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. Rotarians **Terry Byce** and **Russ Sexton** are participating in this endeavor.

We are making steady progress on the renovations in B-7. The bedrooms and master bath have been painted and the floors replaced with snap-in-place vinyl. The damaged paneling in the living room and kitchen has been removed. We also are replacing the paneling and painting the ceiling and walls in the kitchen and dining room in anticipation of installing new vinyl flooring. The subfloor in the kitchen has been repaired and we will soon install new kitchen cabinet bases and countertops. It is starting to look like a home. Remember the work on this project is primarily indoors (air-conditioned) to off-set the summer heat.

We are also picking up a new Rotary Ramp the week of Sept. 18 and plan to install it the following week for a veteran's spouse, Debra, in Swan Lake Village. If you would like to participate in this installation, let me know. It normally takes three to four hours for installation. No experience needed! As we get closer, I will let everyone know the exact date for the install.

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 B-7 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
Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch
Veterans Committee
Home: 941-351-0092
Cell: 703-627-7765
Email: terry.byce@verizon.net





Help needed!
***Get restaurants**
****Find sponsors**
*****Sell tickets**



Help our club's Suncoast Food & Wine Festival Committee by recruiting restaurants and sponsors for the Nov. 11 fundraiser. Event proceeds are given as grants to deserving nonprofit and Rotary causes.

We'll update this information regularly in the newsletter so Rotarians don't duplicate recruiting 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
McGraths Irish Ale House
Mean Deans
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Pacific Counter
Paramo Cafe & Restaurant
Pascone's Ristorante
PF Chang China Bistro
Post Kitchen & Bar
Remy's on Main
Riverhouse Grill
Rosemary and Thyme
Ruth's Chris Steak House
Sage SRQ
Seasons 52 Fresh Grill (VIP)
Selva Grill

Sofia's Mediterranean Restaurant
Starbucks
Tandoor Indian Restaurant
The Breakfast Company
The Capital Grille
Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits
Urban Taco
Yard House
***taking four spots**

Help sell tickets to our annual festival

GENERAL ADMISSION: Early bird cost is \$85 (save \$10!) and includes all food and beverages and free parking.

Regular ticket prices go into effect Sept. 1, so general admission will increase to \$95.

VIP admission is **SOLD OUT**.

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 Wooddy**
 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

