

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

SEPT. 12, 2024

2024-25 Leadership

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

District 6960 Governor Kelsey Mitchell

Club President Lang Woody

THIS WEEK

Our speakers for today are **Karen and Jerry Sellers** of CrimeStoppers of Sarasota County. Karen is the current secretary, and Jerry is the treasurer. After college, Jerry spent 32 years in federal law enforcement, serving in Washinton, D.C., Ohio, New Jersey and San Juan, Puerto Rico, before finally landing in Sarasota in 1976. While he chased bad guys, Karen raised their seven children. She then accepted a job with the U.S. Census Bureau in Sarasota and Manatee counties. By 2018, both were retired and became bored, so they joined the board of CrimeStoppers.



Karen and Jerry Sellers

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Yvonne LeFebre

Yvonne LeFebre is the awareness coordinator for Selah Freedom. She is devoted to spreading awareness on the reality and existence of sex trafficking, and helping turn lives around. Yvonne received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Berkeley Business School in New York. When she moved to Florida, Yvonne focused on network marketing for various med spas. After attending her first fundraiser for Selah Freedom, "Light The Path," she found her purpose.

PROGRAMS

SEPT. 12

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
KAREN AND JERRY SELLERS, CRIMESTOPPERS

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

OCT. 10

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
DR. AL TARICCO, ROTARY LIP AND CLEFT PALATE PROJECTS

OCT. 17

AT TARA COUNTRY CLUB
STEVE KELLE, WINEFEST PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

CHECK US OUT!



On Sept. 5, Eck Kuesters' ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot is now \$355. There are 43 cards in the deck.

CALENDAR

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 4.

Sept. 25: 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: 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 11 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 5 to 8.

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.

Porsche Raffle Results

The Clarence Porsche raffle was held on Sept. 8. Tickets were selected, but there were no winners from the LWR Rotary Club. Thank you all for your support.

Judy Berlow

Join our club on a haunted tour

Our club's Social Committee is coordinating an 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**.



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Trista Slowik 9/2
Melissa Ferlazzo 9/3
Bob Grepling 9/7
Bob Gordon 9/8
Govind Singh 9/8
Sybil Porter 9/9
Bill Porter 9/9
Joey Scheerle 9/9
Christi Womack Villalobos 9/9
Jennifer Fretz 9/13
Marie Thompson 9/14
Daniel Rosen 9/15
Karin McLoughlin 9/18
Randy Price 9/18
Steve Schlueter 9/20
Steve Shaw 9/22
Jeff Bell 9/24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Therese Schendel 9/1
Trista and Chris Slowik 9/10
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

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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Sally Waldo 9/1/11 (honorary)
9 previous years in Rotary
Sybil Porter 9/8/16
Adam Lewis 9/10/23
Maria Gaffar 9/12/19
Mike Harshman 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
Jim Russell 9/28/23
32 previous years in Rotary

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

SEPT. 12

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

SEPT. 19

Front Desk – TBD
Queen of Hearts – Steve Gottlieb
Greeter – Ro Hawkins

SEPT. 26

Front Desk – Marie Thompson
Queen of Hearts – Barb Spangler
Greeter – Bob Wyatt

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH

President's Corner



LANG WOODY

Club President 2024-2025

Greetings!

Did you know that the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch is a member of the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance? And because our Club is a member, each Club member is a LWRBA member by association. Each year, the Alliance recognizes members who have exhibited exemplary leadership in one of eight categories. These awards are called 'The Sandies' and will be presented on November 15.

If you believe one of your Club-mates is deserving of recognition for their positive impact on our community, please take a moment and nominate them for their good works. My thinking is every working member of this Club is a candidate! Following is the email from Brittany Lamont brittanylamont@lwrba.org with more information and the nomination form:



"It's my favorite time of year, Sandies! The time when we honor individuals who strive toward the highest level of personal and professional accomplishment, who are making a difference and forging paths of leadership for others to follow. Every year members are recognized for their remarkable talents, character and commitment to the Alliance and community. We are excited to announce that nominations are now live!

This year the Sandies Awards luncheon, Presented by Bank of America will be taking place on Friday, November 15th from 11:30am-1:15pm in the Grove Ballroom. To nominate a deserving fellow Alliance member for one of eight categories, click [here](#). You can find more information on sponsorships and register for the awards luncheon [here](#)."

Hope you are having a great week! See you Thursday at the Ranch!

Let's Go!
Lang

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS LWR ROTARY 2024-25

DOROTHY BODENBURG

The LWR Small Group Meals is now called the Small Group Gatherings. This new name broadens the concept from a sit-down meal to a more flexible and hostess-friendly venue. A gathering is a two-hour social event for dinner, lunch, picnic, brunch, ice cream social, dessert time, cocktail party, cookie exchange, beer, wine, chili, or any other tasting. The host organizes the event and may ask guests to contribute to the venue in a small way.

The purpose and benefits of Small Groups Gatherings are:

- Support new members in meeting established members
- Offer established members an opportunity to deepen relationships with members whom they briefly speak with at meetings
- Strengthen a sense of belonging in the club
- Share time with like-minded people
- Allow time and the ideal setting to exchange ideas and interests that can lead to new activities or service projects supporting the goals of the LWR Rotary Club
- Fundraising for the LWR Rotary Club Discretionary Fund

Host guidelines:

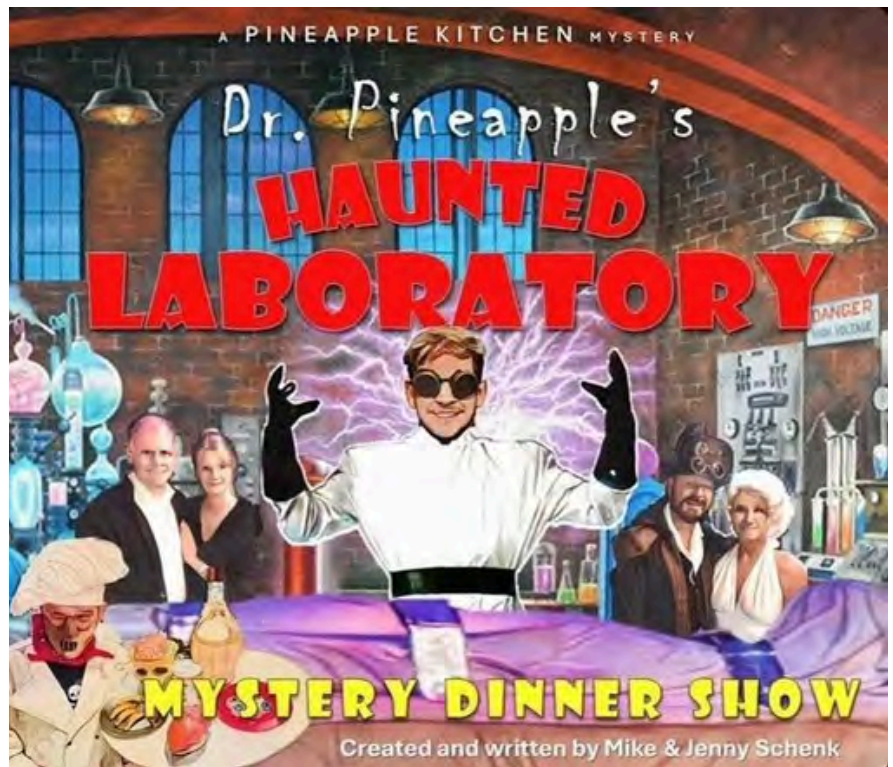
- Arrange the time, date, and type of the gathering
- Provide the main part of the menu
- Provide alcohol/nonalcohol drinks
- Collect \$25 per guest in cash or a check made out to LWR Rotary Club and give to Jim Wingert

This year, we will start the program's first round in September and conclude by December 31st. To ensure the completion of all dinners by December 31st, the host needs to arrange the date and confirm the names of their guests within a month after being assigned guests. If a host cannot set a date with their guests during that time frame, it is essential to inform me. I can assign the host another guest, or if the host chooses, they may invite guests of their choice. The guest who cannot make the host's schedule will be on the guest list and assigned to another host. This limited time to make arrangements will ensure the involvement of all guests in Small Group Gatherings. When the host has their date and guests set, please email me the information at Dorothy@Bodenburg.com. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two Rotary meetings.

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. Thanks to the following Rotarians who have confirmed 2+ restaurants: Amy Fehr (2), Mark Golub (14), Ted Lindenburg (4), Dan McCallister (3), and Barry Sukoneck (3 plus 2 pending). Event proceeds are given as grants to deserving nonprofit causes. We awarded \$130,000 last year.

The below restaurants have committed to participate. 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](#).

CONFIRMED

Apollonia	Glory Days Grill	Pascone's Ristorante
Arts and Central	The Greyson	Pier 22
Atria Cafe	The Grove	Pincher's Crab Shack
Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee	Jpan Sushi & Grill	Post Kitchen & Bar
County Culinary Program	Kelly's Roast Beef	Riverhouse Waterfront
Breakfast Company	Kore Steakhouse	Seasons 52
Capital Grille	La Mucca Ballerina	Starbuck's
Casa Patron Mexican Kitchen	Linger Lodge Restaurant	Takos Cantina
C'est La Vie French Cuisine	Mademoiselle Paris	Tandoor Fine Indian Cuisine
Chicken Salad Chick	Manatee Technical College	Triple Tail Seafood & Spirits
Deep Lagoon Seafood & Oyster House	Mission BBQ	Urban Taco
Drunken Poet Cafe	Nothing Bundt Cakes	Vernona Gourmet
Frosted Pink	Original Wolfies	Yard House
Gecko's Grill & Pub	Osteria 500	

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. 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.

PROSPECTS

Agave Bandido	Grillsmith - Sieta Key Gateway	Pacific Rim
Bangkok Thai	Ichiban Restaurant	Paramo Café and Restaurant
Beach Bistro	Longhorn Steakhouse	Sage Biscit Café
Brine Seafood and Raw Bar	(The) Lucky Frog Restaurant	Selva
Café L'Europe	Lucky Pelican Bistro	Shore Sr. Armands
Café Gabbiano	Mattison's Riverwalk Grill	Speaks Clam Bar
Chateau 13	Modern Chop Steakhouse	Tiramisu Ristorante Italiano
Columbia Cuban Restaurant	O'Bricks Irish Pub and Martini Bar	Turtle Beach Grill
Evie's on the Bay	O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill	Wheat & Water Restaurant
Fuego Comida & Tequila Loung	Ortygia Restaurant	Wicked Cantinna
Georgie's	Pacific Counter	

Spread the word: Tickets are available to purchase 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 wines. Guests will 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: _____

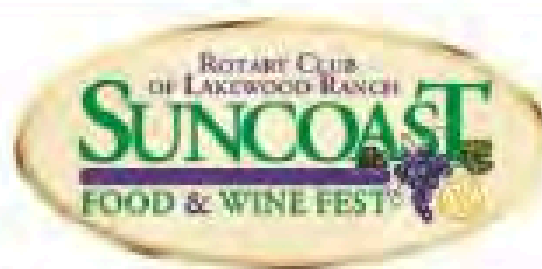
Please make checks payable to: **Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch**
Mail to: **8374 Market Street #449 Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202-5137**

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!

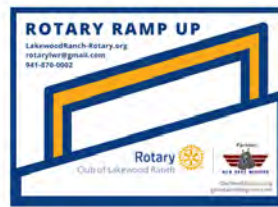
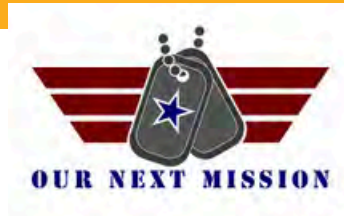
For more information, please call..

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.

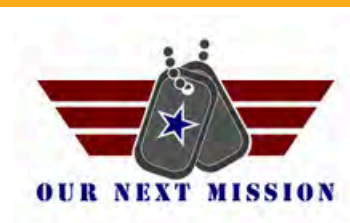
Unit 71 is very close to being finished. The veteran (Noell Danaher) would like to move in on Saturday, September 14th. The outside work is completed, appliances delivered and installed, vinyl floor is laid except for a small portion of the Florida room. The interior painting is almost complete except for some final minor touch-up. All in all, this past week was very productive! This coming week, our focus will be to finish painting the interior and installing the remaining snap-in place vinyl floor. We also need to install the baseboards and reattach the interior doors to their frame as well as numerous punch list items. All of this activity will be in air-conditioned space so the heat will not be a distraction. The cleaning company is scheduled for Friday morning (13 Sept) to put the final touches on the home before the Veteran (Noell) moves into the unit on Saturday. If you can spare a day or two to help us meet this critical deadline it would be greatly appreciated. A Dedication Ceremony will be scheduled before the end of September 2024. 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.



Mission Statement

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



What are people saying about RLI courses?

- "I found the day very informative and fun."
- "The program was very well planned and presentations (leaders) were excellent."
- "A very effective seminar."
- "Enjoyed the focus on the chosen issues—great interaction."
- "I have learned quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary."
- "I definitely learned a lot from today's leadership training that will be beneficial to my club—instructors were all great."
- "I loved swapping ideas with Rotarians from other clubs"

Go to the calendar in DACdb to register for our next event

RLI is a recommended program, but not an official program, of Rotary International.



The Rotary Leadership Institute

INTERNATIONAL RLI

Established Spring 1992

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Why we need The Rotary Leadership Institute

The success or failure of a Rotary Club depends on the quality of club leadership. Often, poor club leadership is the primary cause of membership losses. Because of the annual turnover of club officers, Rotary needs a constant influx of knowledgeable Rotarians who have the leadership skills necessary to move a club forward. It is difficult to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Furthermore, leadership skills in a voluntary organization are often different from business leadership skills. RLI provides an opportunity for quality Rotary education that is usually not otherwise available.

What is the philosophy of RLI?

RLI believes that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be.

What is the "recommended curriculum"?

The curriculum is divided into three parts, generally taken on 3 separate days. RLI also recommends a program of graduate seminars for those who have completed the three basic Parts. Since the founding of RLI, the curriculum has been continually reviewed, updated and revised as the result of experience and the evaluations of the attendees.

What are the teaching methods?

The Institute believes in course sessions with as much discussion/participation as possible. Course methods include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops and creating projects. Everyone participates during one of the Institute's sessions. Course materials including session outlines, the daily program, faculty listings and resource materials are provided to all participants.

Who are the faculty?

Faculty members are carefully selected for their teaching abilities. Many are present and past district governors, presidents and those with experience in special areas. Each new faculty member must attend a full day training program and various periodic reorientation programs. The results of course evaluations help to improve the course content and instruction.

Who should attend RLI courses?

Although any Rotarian may attend RLI courses, RLI recommends that Rotary Clubs encourage Rotarians who have the potential for future club leadership, not necessarily as club presidents, to attend. The ideal candidate is early in their Rotary career, has a strong interest, and is prepared to be exposed to the larger world of Rotary outside of the club. Clubs typically pay the fees for their members attending the courses.

What are the costs?

Each course is currently charged at \$100, and includes tea or coffee, lunch, tuition and all course materials.

What is an RLI division?

For administrative purposes, RLI creates "divisions" that may consist of one or more Rotary districts, countries, zones, etc. Each division works with RLI to arrange course schedules, set policies, and handle finances. Each division pays modest dues to RLI. Divisions are formed by written agreements signed by district governors and RLI officers. RLI has divisions/districts in every Continent of the world except Antarctica.

Should our club participate?

This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will also be exposed to new ideas while creating relationships with members of other clubs. The exchange of ideas alone makes the courses worthwhile, and membership retention is improved.

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

Why attend RLI?

1. Gain **knowledge** about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.
2. Learn practices that have helped other clubs **succeed** (and those that haven't).
3. Become a better leader and a **better Rotarian**.
4. **Make friends** with Rotarians from around the district.
5. Have **FUN!**





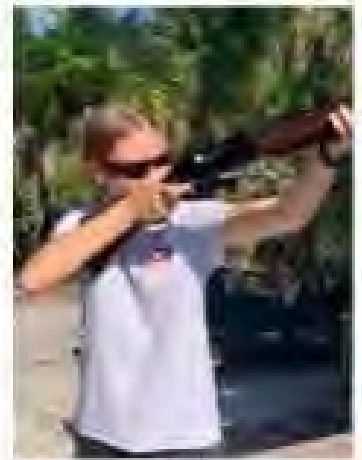
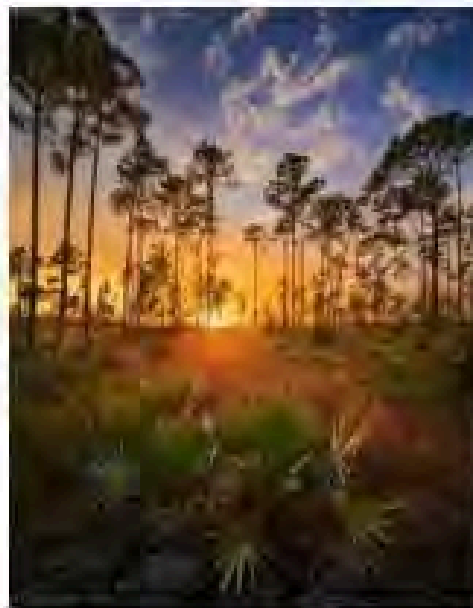
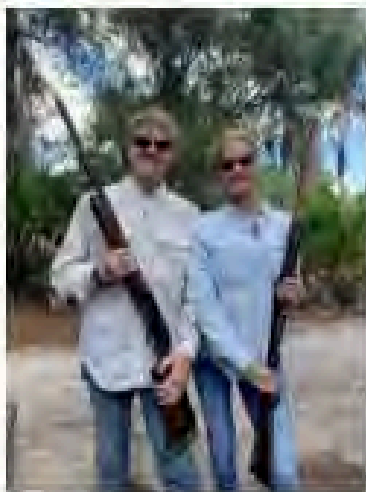
Manatee River Rotary Club

2024 Charity Tournament

Saturday October 5, 2024

Knights Trail Park

3445 Rustic Road Nokomis FL 34275



Please join us on October 5 at 8:30am for a fun day of shooting sporting clays, socializing, prizes and lunch at the exclusive Sarasota Trap Skeet & Clays at Knights Trail Park
Enjoy Mayan Gold Beer exclusively from 3 Keys Brewery

A great family and friends' event – Beginner's welcome – Lunch and raffle
Team of Four - \$400. Singles - \$125.
50 clays, golf cart, and lunch included

For tickets and info: <https://shoot2024.eventbrite.com> or multiedd@verizon.net

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