

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

SEPT. 14, 2023

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

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

THIS WEEK

Club member **Nancy Janus**, Ed.D., a recently retired Eckerd College professor of human development, will talk to us about the recent trip she took to Cambodia with four students. The trip marked her ninth visit to the country as part of her work to shine a light on the horrors of child sex trafficking, which she has been teaching at the college for years. Her husband, club member **Brian Berry**, and her service dog Fajita also made the trip. Read an article about Nancy and the trip by [clicking here](#).



Nancy Janus

PROGRAMS

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

OCT. 5

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
TED LINDENBERG,
BOOKS FOR KIDS

OCT. 12

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
PDG TIFFANY ERVIN,
CART (COINS FOR
ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH)

CHECK US OUT!



[Click here](#) to join Zoom meetings at noon Thursdays.
Meeting ID: 289 101 885
Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Ogden Clark

Ogden Clark talked about future road expansions in the county and our community. Ogden works with Manatee County's Public Works Department and uses the ArcGIS Hub platform daily to provide public information to constituents. As the department's strategic affairs manager, he is the liaison between county government staff and communities. There are currently 490 projects in progress. See a map of the projects by [clicking here](#); click on the green dots for information about each one.



Last week, Barry Sukoneck's ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot was \$204. There are now 37 cards in the deck. Good luck!

CALENDAR

Sept. 13: Phase 2 microforest planting the bank and into the water, 8 a.m. at Heron's Nest Nature Park, Lakewood Ranch. To volunteer to help, contact **Randy Price** at Randolphsprice@gmail.com.

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@porterco.com.

Oct. 5: 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 Oct. 3 with **Lang Woodydy** at lang66@comcast.net.

Oct. 24: World Polio Day.

Oct. 28: Gift of Life Celebration, 5:30 to 9 p.m. at The Forest Country Club, Fort Myers. Member **Barbara Jones** has seats available at a table she bought; email her at bajones@comcast.net; see Page 9 for details.

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 6-8.

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

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**.

Greetings from Canada: Tony and Sylvia Sheard

Some of your members may remember us and we still enjoy hearing about all the great things you do for your community from your excellent newsletter.

It is unlikely we will visit your club again as our daughter sold the condo in Bradenton. Your meetings were always informative and we felt very welcomed. We have been to Portugal the last two winters and are going back again in January. We also attend an English-speaking Rotary Club's meetings there.

Are any Rotarians going to Singapore? We have signed up and who knows maybe will see you there.

Wishing you all the best for your future endeavours.

Tony and Sylvia Sheard

Southampton Rotary Club, Ontario, Canada
District 6330
sylvia.sheard@gmail.com



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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 Gordeon 9/8
Govind Singh 9/8
Sybil Porter 9/9
Bill Porter 9/9
Christi Womack Villalobos 9/9
Jennifer Fretz-Smith 9/13
Marie Thompson 9/14
Karin McLoughlin 9/18
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. 14

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

SEPT. 21

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

SEPT. 28

Front Desk – Bob Grepling
Queen of Hearts – Russ Sexton
Greeter – Dorothy Bodenburg

President's Corner



SYBIL PORTER

Club President 2023-2024

Good day Lakewood Ranch Rotarians:

Last week was a difficult week for our club. But our club is strong and this certainly made us all aware that we are a family. We pull together and support one another when we run into difficulties. I want to thank **Mark Golub** for the lovely prayer he offered. Thank you all for your compassion and support.

Was anyone surprised by the information given by our speaker **Ogden Clark** from Manatee Public Works Department? Their projection of population made in 2010 for the year 2045, was already reached in 2020! We can tell that as we drive



around our community by the number of cars on the road! I appreciated this presentation as it was very informative.

This week, our own member **Nancy Janus** will be presenting on human trafficking, as it pertains to labor trafficking.

The results from the exercise we did a couple of weeks ago are very valuable. One idea that kept surfacing is that you want more info on our club's committees, and also to have members share their backgrounds more often. I am working toward setting aside more time for that to happen. I will be discussing with our board other suggestions so that we keep our members informed and engaged.

Have a great week. Make the most of every day.

Sybil



Past District Governor **Andy Lyman**, above left, visited our club on Sept. 7 to present a special award. **Don Haake** and his wife, **Patti Phillips**, achieved Major Donor Level 2 status. Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation! Don has also agreed to assume the secretary duties for our club this year.



We have a new member! **Adam Lewis**, a private wealth management advisor, was inducted Sept. 7. Shown in the top photo, from left: sponsor **Bill Porter**, President **Sybil Porter**, **Marci Lewis**, **Adam Lewis** and mentor **Mark Midyett**. Welcome, Adam! We're happy to have you in our club.



In memoriam, our friend Paul Oakes

The family of our club's secretary, Paul Oakes, posted the obituary below last week on Paul's Facebook page. Paul joined our club in October 2018 and was a Paul Harris Fellow +1. He was the leading force to raise money to buy new uniforms for the athletes on the Lakewood Ranch High School Girls Softball team. Paul served as our secretary from 2019-21 and resumed the role this Rotary year. We will miss Paul.

Paul Robert Oakes was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Paul passed away on the evening of September 5, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. Paul lived in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, and spent most of his life in Merriam, Kansas; Alpharetta, Georgia; and Memphis, Tennessee.

Paul is survived by his children, who loved him dearly, Joshua and Daniel Oakes; and his bonus children William Morris, Melissa Arnoldi and Laurianne Jackson. He was also a beloved grandfather to nine beautiful grandchildren: Brayden and Evelyn Oakes; Trey, Mitchell and Levi Morris; Alexis and Sophia Arnoldi; Wyatt and Alexandra Jackson; all who lovingly called him Papa. His brother, David Oakes, and sisters Rebecca Oakes and Lydia Oakes miss him dearly.

Paul had many wonderful experiences both professionally and personally. He loved to travel, including some of his favorite trips to London, Greece and the Virgin Islands. Paul lived a blessed life and was loved by all fortunate enough to call him a friend.

Paul cherished time spent with family and the many fun memories made with his grandchildren. Paul had a heart bigger than most and will be remembered for his kind and gentle spirit. He is already missed beyond measure.

Paul leaves behind his beloved dog, Belle, who will be well taken care of by a wonderful family friend. Paul is resting peacefully in heaven with his soulmate, and wife of 28 years Cheryl, whom he loved throughout her life and her battle with cancer. We will forever be grateful for Paul's love and caring spirit and we will carry Paul in our hearts every day.

As you can imagine, the family is taking time to grieve and accept this tremendous loss for his family and his community. Paul's family will schedule a memorial service in the coming weeks to provide his community of friends and loved ones the opportunity to celebrate his exceptional life.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and well wishes.

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.

The BIG PUSH last week resulted in the interior of the unit to be substantially complete. The interior is freshly painted, with baseboards, kitchen sink and countertops installed. The vinyl floor is snapped in place and looks great. Thanks to everyone who made this happen!

As reported last week, an 83-year-old Air Force Veteran has been approved for occupancy. He (along with two caretakers) will move in Oct. 1. We will not work the week of Sept. 11. Enjoy the break as it has been a long hot summer.

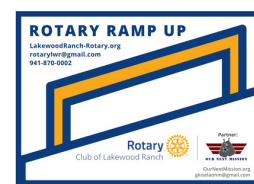
We will repair the roof the week of Sept. 18 and install the new carport the week of Sept. 25, just in time for our veteran to move in. The Unit will be cleaned Sept. 29 one of our partners. The dedication ceremony for the home will probably be the week of Oct. 1 if all goes as planned. More details will be coming. If you have not attended a dedication, it is well worth your time.

We are also moving a Rotary Ramp from an existing unit in Pescara Lake to a veteran's spouse's home nearby in Swan Lake Village in early- to mid-October. If you would like to participate in this installation, let me know. It normally takes about four hours for a ramp installation. No experience is needed! As we get closer, we will let everyone know the exact date and time.

To volunteer to help over the next few weeks, 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

Regular ticket prices went into effect Sept. 1, so general admission is now \$95. The price includes all food and beverages and free parking.

Guests can purchase tickets online [at this link](#). Our club members are asked to sell tickets; obtain hard copy tickets from member **Fred Lopez**. No tickets are sold at the gate.

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



Heal Little Hearts This Halloween

Celebration

October 28, 2023

5:30-9:00 PM

The Forest Country Club
5990 Forest Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33908

\$125 Per Ticket

*Dinner & Live Entertainment
Mask/Costume Optional*

gift  *f life*
OF FLORIDA

Healing Little Hearts Around the World

Rotary



Rotary Gift of Life of Florida

provides lifesaving
heart surgeries to
children with congenital
heart defects in
developing countries.



Scan to buy tickets.



Sue Haviland, a member of the Rotary Club of Marco Island and CEO and President of the nonprofit Step Smart, is offering fall prevention presentations during Falls Prevention Awareness Week. All are welcome, but registration is required. See below for details.



JOINING THE **ncoa** national council on aging IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL **FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK** September 17 - 23, 2023

Join us for an **informative and empowering talk** on Fall Prevention for Seniors and Caregivers! Are you or a loved one concerned about the risk of falling? We have you covered. Discover simple methods and techniques to reduce the risk of falls and improve safety in everyday life.

Following the talk, don't miss our Health Fair, where we offer free screenings for balance, vision, hearing, and more. Take the first step towards a safer future - **reserve your spot now!**

To RSVP or further information, scan or click the QR CODE for each location below:

MONDAY

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SEP
18

COLLIER COUNTY

Baker Senior Center Naples
6200 Autumn Oaks Ln, Naples, FL 34119
RSVP: (239) 325-4444 or (239) 351-5550



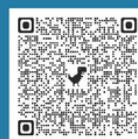
TUESDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SEP
19

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Harold Avenue Regional Park Rec Center
23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33980
RSVP: 941-624-7200 x 7326 or (239) 351-5550



FRIDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SEP
22

LEE COUNTY

Shell Point - The Woodlands
14441 Woodsong Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33908
RSVP: (239) 351-5550



MORE INFORMATION

(239) 351-5550
www.StepSmart.org
info@stepsmart.org

ABOUT US

Step Smart is a non-profit committed to empowering all older adults in SWFL to age well and reduce falls, through education seminars and health fairs focused on fall prevention.

Thank you to the co-sponsors and supporting partners of this event!!

