

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

SEPT. 7, 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

Ogden Clark, who is with the Manatee County traffic engineering department, will speak about "Future Road Expansion in Lakewood Ranch." Ogden attended the University of North Florida, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in political science and public administration in 2006. After graduation, Ogden worked on electoral campaigns as a political strategist in and around Washington, D.C. Ogden now 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 impacted by critically important infrastructure projects.



Ogden Clark

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Sybil Porter

Club President **Sybil Porter** presided over our monthly assembly. The main portion of the program was a presentation by member **Barbara Jones** about Gift of Life. Barbara is a longtime board member and treasurer of the Rotary-affiliated program with a motto of "healing little hearts around the world," providing life-saving surgeries to the 1.3 children born each year with heart defects. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

PROGRAMS

SEPT. 7

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH 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

OCT. 5

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
TED LINDENBERG, BOOKS FOR KIDS

CHECK US OUT!



Last week, Ron Myers' ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. The pot is \$190. There are now 38 cards in the deck. Good luck!

CALENDAR

Sept. 5: Rescheduled to this date because of Hurricane 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. 9: Help label about 4,000 books for Books For Kids, 10 a.m. to noon at the Annex behind the Palmetto City Hall, 600 Eighth Ave. W., Palmetto, FL 34221. RSVP to **JoAnn Shakon** at jc.shakon@gmail.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**.



Club member **Ron Myers** shared information about water grant projects our club has supported in Ghana in West Africa. **Walter Hughes** shared these videos showing how the grants have made a difference: [Keeping Promises 2023](#): Two-minute overview video. [Rotary Grant 23-38088](#): Drilling new wells, building microflush toilets and providing microcredit loans. [Rotary Grant 21-18484](#): Work in the Upper East Region of Ghana. [Rotary Grant 20-98372](#): Village Savings & Loan Association training and repairing 328 hand pumps and small-town water systems.



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 Bodenburg
Queen of Hearts – John Bodenburg
Greeter – Chuck Glazer

President's Corner



Sybil

SYBIL PORTER

Club President 2023-2024

Good day Lakewood Ranch Rotarians:

I have been informed that our fellow Rotarian, **Paul Oakes**, was admitted to Manatee Memorial Hospital early Friday morning. We have been in touch with his brother David, who is here with Paul's two sons. We will keep you informed of his progress. As of now, no visitors are allowed. I know that we all will keep Paul and his family in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

I am sure we were all relieved that we came through Hurricane Idalia with minimal consequences in our area. September does bring storms to us, but the weather will soon cool off to bring us to another beautiful fall season. September always feels like new beginnings to me. I guess it's a feeling left over from school days, having the kids go back to school and starting a new year.

Alexis Fretz, Russ Sexton, Dorothy Bodenburg, Susan Courter and I had a productive meeting with ODA administrators on Friday. We are entering into a partnership with ODA, which goes farther than the traditional Interact club. Both Alexis and Russ will be the contacts and liaisons' to the school and will keep us informed of the exciting programs being planned.

Last week, we did an exercise to assess how you as Rotarians feel about what your club is doing. Thank you to those who gave us their



input. We will be assessing this and let you know what we come up with based on your suggestions. This is just a step toward taking care of you and ensuring that our club continues down a healthy path.

Finally, September is Education and Literacy month. This Saturday, Sept. 9, happens to be a Books For Kids labeling session. This is a great week to volunteer your time for a couple hours to label books. Please see **JoAnn Shakon** to volunteer.

See you Thursday at Lakewood Ranch Country Club.

Sybil



Club member **Mark Golub** recently visited his former club in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He brought back a flag from the club to present to President **Sybil Porter**.

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.

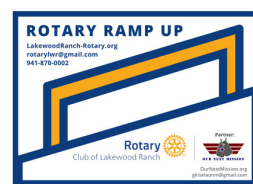
We are also picking up a new Rotary Ramp the week of Sept. 18 and plan to install it the following week for a veteran's spouse, Debra, in Swan Lake Village. If you would like to participate in this installation, let me know. It normally takes three to four hours for installation. No experience needed!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

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  *of life*
OF FLORIDA

Healing Little Hearts Around the World



Rotary Gift of Life of Florida

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



Scan to buy tickets.



Make a donation to Gift of Life of Florida this Halloween.

For more information contact Louis Auricchio at 941-587-7741.