

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

MAY 15, 2025

2024-25 Leadership

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick
 District 6960 Governor Kelsey Sola
 Club President Lang Woody



THIS WEEK

Our members and guests will get updates about several club projects during the quarterly club assembly on Thursday. President **Lang Woody** will be away for the day, so President-Elect **Ryan Brems** will be at the podium to conduct the meeting. See what Lang says about how the assembly grants us an opportunity to learn more about the club; read his column on Page 3.



Ryan Brems

PROGRAMS

MAY 15

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
CLUB ASSEMBLY

MAY 22

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
TBD

MAY 29

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**ROB ANDERSON, CEO,
 LAKEWOOD RANCH
 MEDICAL CENTER**

JUNE 5

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**RICK PICCOLO, CEO,
 SARASOTA-BRADENTON
 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

JUNE 12

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**DR. BETH BRADY,
 SAVE THE MANATEES**

JUNE 19

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
**DR. MAX MCCLLOUD,
 REVERSING AGING**

CHECK OUT LWR ROTARY!



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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

LAST WEEK



Doug Smoot

Doug Smoot, who is our club's chair for The Rotary Foundation, gave valuable information and updates to members about our club's giving. For Rotary International, the sixth president, Arch Klumph, started the the foundation with \$26.50 in 1917. Today, the foundation has given \$4 billion to sustainable projects throughout the world.



On May 8, Joan Frey's ticket was selected, but she did not draw the queen of hearts. There are 33 cards in the deck and the pot is \$582. Good luck!

CALENDAR

May 13: Tuesday Evening Social from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Deep Lagoon, 1540 Lakefront Drive, Waterside, Lakewood Ranch.

May 17: Road cleanup; meet at 7:45 a.m. at Harvest United Methodist Church parking lot, 14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch.

May 26: Save the date: Join area Rotarians at 9:15 a.m. to walk in the Memorial Day parade setting off at 40 N. Osprey Ave., Sarasota; see details on Page 7.

May 28: Club board meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Law Offices of Najmy-Thompson, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch; meetings are usually the last Wednesday of each month. Attend via Zoom by [clicking here](#). Info: President **Lang Woody** at lang66@comcast.net.

June 6-7: District 6960 Conference at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village, 5951 Silver King Blvd., Cape Coral. Registration is open on DACdb. See the agenda by [clicking here](#).

June 10: Tuesday Evening Social from 4 to 6 p.m. at Jiggs Landing, 6106 63rd St. E., Bradenton. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome.

June 26: Save the date for our evening dinner to celebrate the club's leadership transition.

July 3: Save the date for for Rotary Night at Bradenton Marauders at 6:30 p.m. at LECOM Park, 1611 Ninth St. W., Bradenton, followed by fireworks. See details on Page 4.

Join our road cleanup crew on Saturday

Our Rotary Road Cleanup begins at 8 a.m. Saturday. Meet at 7:45 a.m. at Harvest United Methodist Church parking lot, 14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch. We will pick up litter along Lorraine Road from University Parkway to State Road 70. Trash bags and pickers will be provided. Thank you in advance!



Bringing Lakewood Ranch to the District

On Saturday, five club members – from front to back, **Ryan Brems, Susan Courter, Eck Kuesters, Barb Spangler** and **Christi Womack Villalobos** – showed up up at the District 6960 Assembly in style with a caravan full of energy, ready to learn, connect and grow. From inspiring sessions to great fellowship with Rotarians across the district, we brought home new ideas and renewed passion to serve our community. To top it all off, Saturday marked the one-week anniversary of our newlyweds, Barb and Eck!



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Borda 5/3
Angelo Tramontelli 5/11
Ted Lindenberg 5/17
Barb Spangler 5/20
Ryan Brems 5/22
Laura Adcock 5/26
Frank Harris 5/27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John and Jennifer Freeman 5/3
Frank and Lisa Harris 5/13
Ron and Glenda Myers 5/13
Steve and Carrie Shaw 5/15
JoAnn Shakon and Jim Wingert 5/19
Dana and Michael Maassen 5/22
Mike and Ruth Harshman 5/25
Deborah and Garrett Gregory 5/29
Dave and Carol Sluzevich 5/29

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Guy Perry 5/4/23
Paul Hoenle 5/7/03
Darren Brunner 5/9/24
Jennifer Fritch 5/9/24
Doug Smoot 5/9/24
Helen Spence 5/9/24
Steve Kelle 5/15/18
Ronniqwe Hawkins 5/16/24
Dan Rosen 5/16/24
Angie Faron 5/16/24
Jennifer Fretz 5/16/18
4 previous years in Rotary
Anthony Baldo 5/19/22
Marie Thompson 5/19/22
Susan Courter 5/29/14
8 previous years in Rotary

WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

MAY 15

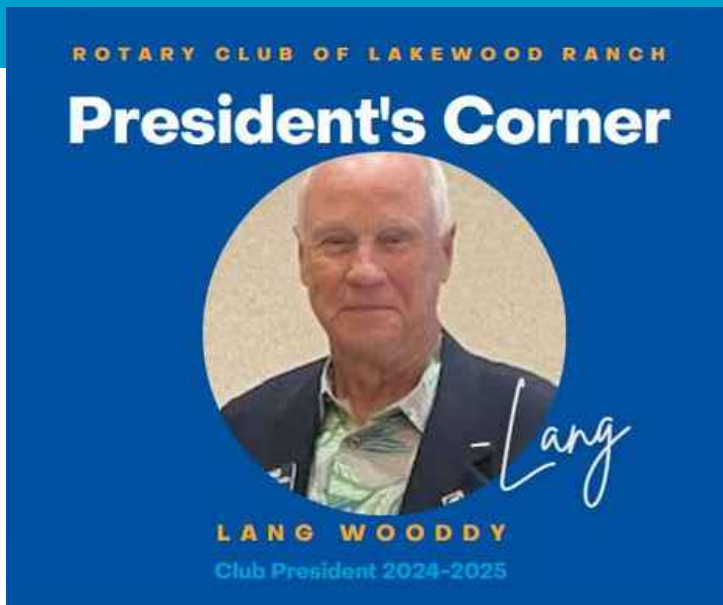
Front Desk – Marie Thompson and Ellin Sidell
Queen of Hearts – Govind Singh
Greeters – Bob Wyatt and Jim Russell

MAY 22

Front Desk – JoAnn Shakon and Doug Smoot
Queen of Hearts – Eck Kuesters
Greeters – Scott Jablon and Govind Singh

MAY 29

Front Desk – Marie Thompson and Lee Scher
Queen of Hearts – John Bodenburg
Greeters – Steve Gottlieb and Jim Wingert



Greetings!

As was highlighted at our Thursday meeting, Sunday was Mother's Day, which, in my opinion, ranks right up there with Independence Day and the December holidays in importance among national holidays.

I hope all of you were as blessed as I was to have a mother who was very serious about her job – to be sure her children were equipped intellectually to meet the challenges they would face in life, to respect others, particularly their elders who could provide guidance for lifetime success and to realize, while we were special, so were others we would encounter during life. Whether Mama met those lofty goals with me is up to your interpretation, but she certainly tried! We lost Lillian in 2007 at the tender age of 83 and few days pass where she is not remembered and missed.

Your Cornhole team, the Cornivores, finally hit stride Wednesday, the last match of the regular season, winning all three of our matches. The playoffs are Wednesday and

final standings will be available Thursday. Hopefully, there will be exciting news to share!



Thursday's meeting will be our quarterly Club Assembly. We have several topics scheduled to update club members on opportunities for new club projects and needed support for existing programs. We will all learn from the presentations, but newer members will really benefit by seeing ways you can quickly begin to make your Rotary involvement more active and meaningful.

Very unfortunately, Marianne and I have had a dear friend pass away and because Kathy's funeral is Thursday in Georgia, I will not be at the meeting.

Please welcome President-Elect **Ryan Brems** to the podium. Don't worry, I'll give Ryan a really good joke! See you next week at the Ranch!

Let's Go!
Lang

Rotary pitches in to build beds

Lakewood Ranch Rotarians **Laura Adcock** and **Susan Hubbell** were among volunteers who helped the Beds for Kids organization build beds for children on May 8. The East County Observer ran this [article](#). You'll see both of them in a photo!



Learn more about The Rotary Foundation

Tune in for the "Foundation Matters" monthly webinar at 6 p.m. May 15. This month's webinar focuses on finishing the year strong and achieving the Club Excellence Award. The "Foundation Matters" webinar series was developed especially for you, club presidents and club Foundation chairs. These monthly webinars provide "bite-sized chunks" of valuable insights and actionable strategies that work to increase club engagement in The Rotary Foundation. Register today by [clicking here](#).



Baseball and fireworks on tap for July 3

Save July 3 for **Rotary Night at Bradenton Marauders** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at LECOM Park, 1611 Ninth St. W., Bradenton. Other Manatee County Rotary clubs in Area 9 in addition to those from throughout District 6960 will celebrate with us. The \$41 ticket includes your entry, dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and a hat. A private, accessible boardwalk area is reserved for us. We will have a Rotary promotional booth at the entry to share information with other ballpark visitors, children will be allowed on the field prior to the game, and incoming club presidents will throw out first pitches. We will receive wristbands to go on the field for the fireworks show after the game. Sign up now on DACdb; share [this link](#) with friends and family members. Find out more from the club's 2025-26 Social Committee Chair **Linda Avery** at (941) 376-1375 or linda.avery60@gmail.com.

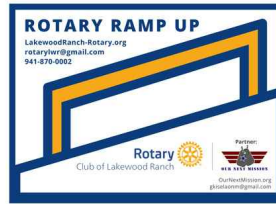
Free Shred Day and Meals on Wheels PLUS food drive

Join Lakewood Ranch Inter-District Authority (IDA), Stewardship District (SD), Community Activities (LWRCA), and The Food Bank of Manatee, a PLUS program of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, on Saturday, May 17, for a free Community Shred Day and Food Drive. As many as 9 million Americans have their identity stolen every year, and shredding documents helps prevent thieves from accessing personal information. Take advantage of this free shredding service to dispose of documents typically used by identity thieves to commit fraud – old bills and receipts, junk mail, account statements, and unused pre-approved offers of credit.

Lakewood Ranch IDA, SD, and LWRCA are supporting The Food Bank of Manatee and asking attendees to bring a non-perishable (non-glass) food item to help feed our neighbors in need (cash donations are also accepted). As the only food bank based in Manatee County, The Food Bank of Manatee needs your food and monetary donations!

Please Note Personal documents only. No commercial/business documents will be accepted for shredding. **Please limit shredding to two boxes maximum**, no larger than 24" x 12" x 12".

WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 2025
9 am – noon (or until the shred truck is filled)
WHERE: Lakewood Ranch Town Hall
8175 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202



Supporting veterans with Our Next Mission

Our Next Mission with the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch's support is rebuilding the carports and utility rooms on several of our mobile homes that were damaged during the fall storms. Photos on this page show the work being done by our volunteers at Pescara Lake in Bradenton on one of our mobile homes that suffered significant damage. We are using a new design with a wooden framework on the carport/utility room. This new framing is significantly stronger, withstanding up to a CAT 2 storm, than the standard aluminum used in the past. This design was developed by one of our great volunteers and will hopefully minimize future repairs! We are also beginning to shift our efforts back to renovations of units donated to us which we "gift" to veterans in need.

If you would like to join in on these efforts let me know at terry.byce@verizon.net or 703-627-7765. Our work hours are normally 7:30 to 11:30 am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Any time that you donate is appreciated. Shout-outs for Lakewood Ranch Rotarians **Russ Sexton**, **Bob Bidwell** (visiting from the Denver Rotary Club), and **Ethan Wolfson** for their significant efforts on these projects! They have made a tremendous impact in helping veterans in need in a time of crisis in our local community.

The heavy lifting of the hurricane repairs was accomplished this week on the remaining units. We replaced the aluminum pans on Unit 71's Florida room and front porch. Outside of replacing a sheet of paneling inside the home, this unit is back to where it was before the storms. In addition, we repaired the utility room on Unit 149 to make it watertight. Both of these projects required removing old, damaged pans, which is a real pain to do. I appreciate everyone's help in making this happen. So, what is next? We need to replace approximately 20 aluminum pans on the Florida rooms and carports on Units 149 and 169 in Pescara Lake, and Unit B-7 in Swan Lake. I emphasize replacing, as this does not require removing old pans. Mother Nature already did this for us. Once this work is completed this week, the hurricane repairs will, for the most part, be done.

If you can spare a hand, your help will be very much appreciated. We start work at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Unit 71, where the tool trailer is located, in Pescara Lake, 570 57th Ave. W., Bradenton.

— Submitted by **Terry Byce**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Veterans Issues Committee chair



Help place flags for Memorial Day

On Saturday, May 24, we will be laying flags on the monuments at Sarasota National Cemetery for Memorial Day.

We will place flags from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., but please try to be there at 7:15, if possible. Park near POW/MIA Flagpole Circle. Our section of responsibility is Section 12 as in past years and we also help on Section 13 if time allows. The flags will be removed the morning of Saturday, May 31, if you would like to volunteer then as well.

You will be at the cemetery for an hour or less in most cases for either date. A follow-up email with additional instructions on items to bring will be sent out later.

If you, your family and friends would like to join in on one or both days, let me know how many in total (and the date) by emailing terry.byce@verizon.net or calling/texting 703-627-7765.

This is always a great way to start out the Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to make a donation to purchase replacement flags, go to [this website](#).

Last year, we had 30+ volunteers from the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and Our Next Mission who participated.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our club's Veterans Committee events!

Yours in Rotary Service,

-- **Terry Byce**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Veterans Committee chair



SARASOTA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 26TH

9:30AM

BE AT 40 NORTH OSPREY AND MAIN ST.

WEAR REDS, WHITES AND BLUES

**ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF ROTARY IN DISTRICT 6960
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Sign up on DACdb

CONTACT TERESA TAFT WITH QUESTIONS.

TERESATAFT711@GMAIL.COM

CELL 941-586-0707

OPTIONAL: SOCIAL LUNCH AT MARINA JACK AFTER THE PARADE



Tutorial for approaching festival restaurants

1) Preparation:

- Restaurant acquisition is a year-round enterprise. Visit new restaurants, meet the managers, tell them about the Food & Wine Fest, get their card, and let them know you will be in touch soon.
- Select those restaurants with which you already have a relationship before contacting others.
- Prepare a script and practice it well (memorize, if possible) to sound spontaneous and informative.

2) Phone Call:

- Make sure that you are directed to the individual who makes decisions for the restaurant. Give the prospect every reason to believe that the Fest will benefit their restaurant. Answer questions to the best of your ability. Get a firm date and time to meet. Try to make it a time of low business volume to ensure their undivided attention. If the restaurant cannot participate, ask for gift cards.

3) Possible Obstructions:

- When asked for an email describing the event, try to determine if it is for real or a stall to get you off the phone. Sidestep the request and continue to get a face-to-face meeting.
- If you believe the request is valid, prepare a glowing description of the event followed by a phone call to determine interest.
- Watch for managerial changes. The new manager might be disinclined to participate, and it may necessitate a new effort.

4) Meeting:

- Be on time, upbeat, and friendly. Get the client to talk about themselves. Once the ice is broken, open the pamphlet with it facing the client. Show them the satisfied past participants and the many charities that benefit. Describe how over 2,000 attendees enjoy the signature dish and how participating restaurants get exposure that may increase clientele. If you cannot answer all questions, tell them that you will get back with the answers. If you detect sufficient interest, now is the time to ask them to fill out the form. Review the completed form to ensure it is correct before you leave. Follow up with phone calls before the event to ensure that they remain on board. Let them know that you appreciate his participation. Be prepared for last-minute questions.

Club member **Mark Golub** is especially skilled at soliciting restaurants. Reach out to him with any questions at (978) 273-6152 or maldengolub44@gmail.com.

– **Joan Frey**, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch restaurant committee chair



Meet this year's Wine Fest committee leaders

Do you want to join a festival committee? Here are the leaders to talk to about joining their teams:

Chair – **Steve Kelle**
 Operations – **Steve Shaw** and **Carlton Bennett**
 Sponsorships – **Barbara Jones**, **Rob Thomas** and **John Freeman**
 Tickets – **Barb Spangler** and **Sybil Porter**

Restaurants – **Joan Frey**
 Wine – **Carmen Spagnola**
 Cooking – **Trista Slowik** and **Renee Shopoff**
 Parking – **Ethan Wolfson**
 HR – **Donna Layriss**
 Supplies – **Mark Frey**
 VIP – **Susan Courter**
 Public Relations – **Amy Fehr**
 Ambassadors – **Ted Lindenberg**
 Treasurer – **JoAnn Shakon**

Cleft lip and Palate Repair and The RI Foundation Endowment SHARE Program: An Opportunity to Support Meaningful Projects Forever – by Al Taricco



Put simply, no child and family should suffer the health consequences, indignities, and social stigma associated with cleft lip and palate when corrective surgery can make such a difference in their lives. There have been many focused trips by dedicated medical professionals to perform surgical repair on children in places like Peru, India, Venezuela, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and many other locations. These trips have changed the lives of thousands of children and their families.

Knowing this, how else can we help? What can we do as Rotarians to bring some focus to the global cleft lip and palate problem and expand the great work already done in this area?

We have many options! Global grants, surgical missions, direct contributions to specific projects and many other ways to have an impact on this important issue.

How else can we help?

Did you know that it is also possible to create an Endowment-SHARE fund at the Rotary Foundation? Endowment-SHARE funds can't be designated for a particular purpose like cleft lip and palate repair, but they do have some appealing advantages that continue to yield results into perpetuity.

With an SHARE Endowment Fund, the initial investment and all subsequent contributions generate annual earnings available to our District every year – forever.

These proceeds are in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF) that the District manages and may be applied to global grants that support the endowment donor's preferred area of focus.

Here's an example:

My wife **Maureen** and I established a Rotary Foundation Endowment-SHARE Fund with the hope that proceeds from the fund will be applied by our District to any approved district cleft lip and palate global grant actively seeking funds. This year, there are four global grants where the endowment earnings may be applied by the District.

For any given year, the earnings available for global grants is a function of the size of the endowment. If you'd like to learn more about cleft lip and palate, contact me and if you'd like to contribute to the Endowment-SHARE fund and build the base of the endowment that will generate funds in perpetuity, please contact Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club Foundation Chair **Doug Smoot** for more information.

How to Donate

1. If you have an RMD, use it to qualify for a Charitable Donation. It is tax-deductible and avoids using your checking account needed for daily expenses.
2. Any donation using the Rotary Foundation Contribution Form (found on MyRotary.org) has spaces for specific numbers. The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch club number is 55320. Use this as it credits the club as a leader in cleft donations.
3. The second number is to identify the Fund. The ID number is E 20732.
4. Keep in mind that donations are tax-deductible, whether you use your RMD, checkbook or credit card.



Drive Away Hunger Golf Classic

Friday, May 16th, 2025

8:30am Shotgun Start

Rosedale Golf & Country Club

5100 87th St E | Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211



We proudly invite you to join us for the 2nd Annual "Drive Away Hunger" Golf Classic benefiting Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee. Tee it up and show support for the critical work of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee! Your support will help children, families, and seniors in need, right here in our community. Please help us #FEEDMANATEE!

The "Drive Away Hunger" Golf Classic will be held the morning of Friday, May 16, 2025, at Rosedale Golf & Country Club in Lakewood Ranch.

This scramble tournament will include green fees, cart, driving range, as well as food and beverages. In addition, there are chances to win prizes including winning team, hole-in-one, and other great contests. Join us and grip it and rip it for a great cause.

SPONSORSHIPS

Title Sponsor \$5,000

(\$2,500 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$2,500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Prominent recognition on event communications & media promotion
- Set up tent/promotional table in prominent location at event
- Putting Green Sponsorship
- Three (3) foursomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Eagle Sponsor \$3,000

(\$1,500 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$1,500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Prominent recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Exclusive hole sponsorship
- Two (2) foursomes
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Swag Bag Sponsor \$2,000

(\$1,000 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$1,000)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Logo imprint on Swag Bag provided to all golfers
- Prominent recognition on event communications and media promotion
- One (1) twosome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Cart Sponsor \$1,800

(\$900 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$900)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on each cart
- One (1) foursome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Hole-In-One Sponsor \$1,500

(\$750 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$750)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage at the Hole-In-One Hole
- Exclusive set-up at hole-in-one hole
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Ball Drop Sponsor \$1,250

(\$750 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$500)

- Exclusive Opportunity
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage at the ball drop
- One (1) twosome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Birdie Sponsor \$700

(\$700 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on a designated golf hole
- One (1) foursome
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Par Sponsor \$500

(\$250 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$250)

- Limited Opportunity (3)
- Exclusive hole sponsorship with ability to set up a tent/table and create a one-of-a-kind experience
- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Hole Sponsor \$250

(\$125 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$125)

- Recognition on event communications and media promotion
- Signage on a designated golf hole
- Opportunity to include promotional materials in Swag Bag

Individuals & Foursomes

Foursome \$600

(\$600 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Green fees for four players
- Includes cart, driving range, food and beverages

One Player \$150

(\$150 Goods and Services; Tax-deductible value \$0)

- Green fee for one player
- Includes cart, driving range, food and beverages

▶ I will provide promotional items for (150) Swag Bags: Yes No

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name, Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone, Fax: _____

Thank you for your commitment to the above sponsorship. Please make checks payable to **Meals on Wheels PLUS** or you may use one of the following methods of payment:

Visa Mastercard American Express

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Account Number: _____

Exp: _____ CVC: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

For sponsorships & player registration, please contact Kelly Pinskey at (941) 747-4655 ext. 1250 or kpinskey@mealsonwheelsplus.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee 811 23rd Ave E., Bradenton, FL 34208 | Phone: 941-747-4655 | www.mealsonwheelsplus.org

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Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 24th, 2025

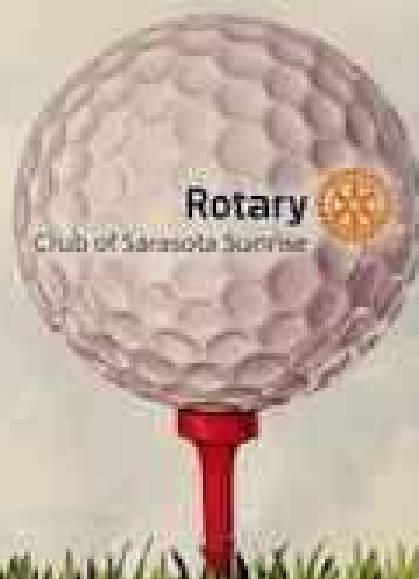
Peridia Golf & Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL 34203

8:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$120

per Player
Includes golf and
buffet lunch

Buffet Menu: Burgers, Fried
Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans, Salad Bar,
Apple Pie & Ice Cream



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Register or sponsor today!

We will be awarding great prizes for first, second, and third places, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive, and best team score.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000

Includes 2 complimentary foursomes, exclusive signature (at Teal!) logo on event materials, recognition during opening and closing, social media promotion, and branded giveaway opportunity.

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

Includes 1 complimentary foursome, table display opportunity at any Tee, logo on event materials, recognition during closing, social media promotion and branded giveaway opportunity.

Silver Sponsor - \$1,500

Includes 2 complimentary teams, table display opportunity at any Tee, logo on event materials, recognition during closing, social media promotion, and branded giveaway opportunity.

Individual Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Business signage displayed at the sponsored hole.

Text (407) 580-6673 or email john@alliabstoday.com



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!**

