

# ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWOOD RANCH NEWS

AUG. 24, 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

Fellow club member **Chris Fehr** is a financial educator, author, speaker, tax reduction specialist and wealth planner. You may have seen him on NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX. He is the co-author of "Retire Abundantly" and has spoken at U.S. institutions that include Harvard Business Club and NASDAQ. Since 1994, Chris has been helping successful business owners, executives and professionals preserve, protect and pass on more wealth. His commitment is to help people turn the money they would have otherwise paid in taxes into lasting family wealth and philanthropy. Chris enjoys supporting multiple charities in various leadership roles, as well as golf and scuba diving. He also enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, **Amy**, a new member of our club, and their new grandson.



Chris Fehr

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

Meeting ID: 289 101 885

Password: 907278

## LAST WEEK



Alfred Current

Last week, District Governor **Alfred Current** made his official visit to our club. He was introduced by Area 9 Assistant Governor **Judy Bennett**. Alfred spoke about what the Rotary family means, the importance of giving to The Rotary Foundation, which in turn supports our local and global projects, and some of the things happening in our district and the greater Rotary world.

## PROGRAMS

**AUG. 24**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**CHRIS FEHR, TURNING TAXES  
INTO FAMILY WEALTH  
AND PHILANTHROPY**

**AUG. 31**

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

**SEPT. 7**

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

**SEPT. 14**

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

**SEPT. 21**

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

CHECK US OUT!



Last week, Chris Fehr's ticket was selected, but he did not draw the queen of hearts. There are now 40 cards in the deck. Good luck!

# CALENDAR

**Aug. 26:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2 and 3 at the Out-of-Door Academy in Lakewood Ranch and at Keiser University in Naples. Registration required on DACdb.

**Aug. 27:** Rotary Day at Mote Marine Aquarium (details on Page 5).

**Aug. 30:** 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](mailto:sporter@porterco.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 Woody** at [lang66@comcast.net](mailto:lang66@comcast.net).

**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. 21:** Save the date for Rotary Leadership Institute Parts 1, 2 and 3 at north and south locations TBA.

**Oct. 24:** World Polio Day observances.

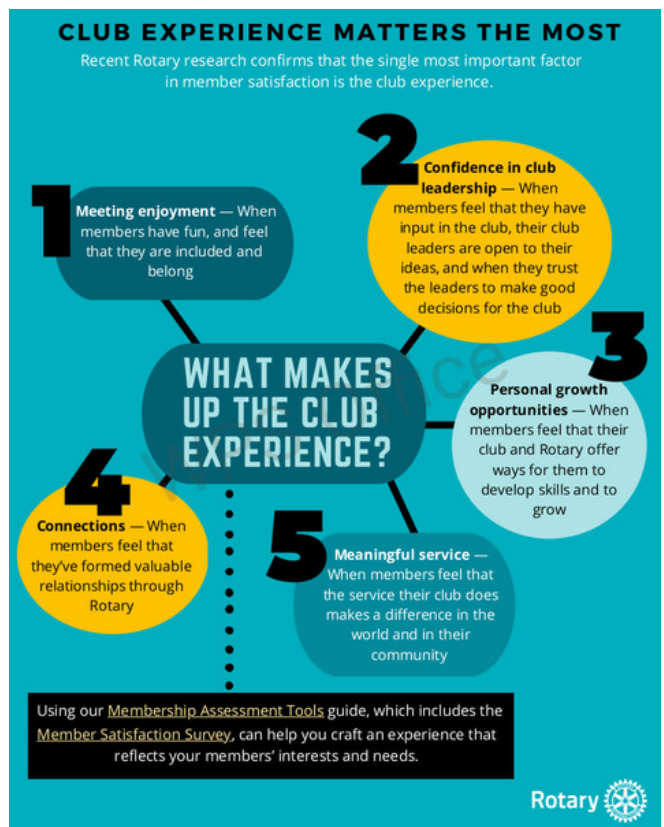
**Feb. 17:** Save the date for the District 6960 Foundation Ball with special guest past RI President **Mark Maloney**.

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

**July 12-13:** Save the dates for the District 6960 District Conference, "Yacht Rock."

**Jan. 6:** Save the date for RLI sessions at north and south district locations.

**May 25:** Save the date for the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.



[Facebook](#) post by Raymond Ewere Onwugbenu.



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

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

## MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Al Taricco 8/3  
Steve Bordes 8/4  
Dave Sluzevich 8/14  
Anne Ross 8/20  
Judy Berlow 8/23

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Marjorie Long 8/1  
Joyce and John Borda 8/6  
Mark and Lee Ann Brink 8/6  
Barry and Carol Sukoneck 8/18  
Jennifer Fretz-Smith and Ty Smith 8/27

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Jones 8/7/03  
Gary Houseworth 8/8/19  
Lang Woody 8/8/19  
34 previous years in Rotary  
Judi Bjork 8/11/22  
Eck Kuesters 8/16/17  
Donna Layrisse 8/27/20

## WEEKLY ADMIN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please let [Ryan Brems](#) know if you need to make any changes.

### AUG. 24

Front Desk – Preston Olinger  
Queen of Hearts – Jared Motzenbecker  
Greeter – Rick Schendel

### 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



Good day Lakewood Ranch Rotarians:

We inducted a new member, **Amy Fehr**, last week. We also welcomed **Steve Shaw**. They both will make great Rotarians. **Alexis Fretz** was approved by the board for membership and will be inducted this week.

We also honored **Paul Oakes** with a Paul Harris +1 pin. Paul has been a valued member of our club, not only for his monetary support of The Rotary Foundation, but because he always stands up to support our club and our community. His leadership in supporting Lakewood Ranch High School's Girls Championship softball team, and his willingness to step in (twice) as Board Secretary has made him an outstanding Rotarian. Thank you, Paul for your support.

We also heard from District Governor **Alfred Current**. He has always been very supportive of our

club and helps us out when we need assistance. And who didn't love his slide show? Where in the world was Waldo?

This past Saturday, **Bill** and I attended Sarasota's club's first TOAST LOCAL – A craft beer and cocktail tasting. It was held indoors at Robarts Arena and it was a lot of fun. The proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation that assists charities. We should watch for this next year and gather a group together to attend to support their club as they do ours.

See you all Thursday at Lakewood Ranch Country Club. Have a great week.



# 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.

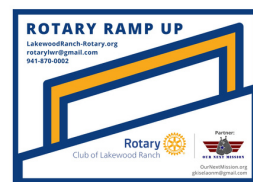
We are also picking up a new Rotary Ramp the week of Sept. 18 and plan to install it the following week for a veteran's spouse, Debra, in Swan Lake Village. If you would like to participate in this installation, let me know. It normally takes three to four hours for installation. No experience needed! 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](mailto:gkiselaonm@gmail.com)  
[ournextmission.org](http://ournextmission.org)

**Terry Byce**  
Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch  
Veterans Committee  
Home: 941-351-0092  
Cell: 703-627-7765  
Email: [terry.byce@verizon.net](mailto: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.

Anna Maria Oyster Bar  
 Apollonia  
 Beach Bistro  
 Bijou Cafe  
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee  
 County Culinary Program  
 Café L'Europe  
 Connors Steak & Seafood  
 D'Lite's 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  
 Truman's Tap & Grill  
 Urban Taco  
 Yard House  
 \*taking four spots

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**

**GENERAL ADMISSION:** Early bird cost - \$85 (SAVE \$10!) - Includes all food and beverages and free parking.  
**Regular ticket prices** go into effect Sept. 1, so GA goes up to \$85.  
**VIP ADMISSION: SOLD OUT**



Festival tickets now being sold at early bird prices

**Rotary Club of Bradenton**  
**Social Impact presents**

Committee Leaders

**ROTARY DAY AT THE MOTE MARINE LABORATORY AQUARIUM**



**Sunday August 27th from 9:30am to 5:00pm**

Bring the family and invite all your friends, our latest arrival time at 3:45pm.  
 We are celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> collaboration with an afternoon event for the whole family.

Meet us at the Rotary Club Booth in the Aquarium Courtyard!  
 Mention your Rotary club at the ticketing window for Rotary Day discount

MOTE SCIENCE EDUCATION AQUARIUM

**ADMISSION**

Adults (ages 13 & older): \$20 (regular price is \$26) Youth (ages 3-12): \$17 (regular price is \$19) Children (ages 0-2): free  
 If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rotary Club of Bradenton Social Impact president, 612-432-0057.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Sponsorships@SuncoastFoodAndWinefest.com)**

