

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WESTON FORTNIGHTLY EDITION

Sunday, January 12, 2025

THURSDAY MORNING MEETING

Come join us this **Thursday 1/16/2025** at our regularly scheduled **7:30 AM** meeting at **The Club at Weston Hills**, located at **2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL 33332**.

Certificate Of

BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AT
WEEKLY MEETING

TOPIC
NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION

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THURSDAY
January 16, 2025

START AT
07:30AM - 8:30AM

WESTON
2600 COUNTRY CLUB WAY

MERCY BESADA-VELAZQUEZ
Membership Chair

Join us for the Induction of new members.

Virtual Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 309 720 656
Passcode: 6990

Mid-Year Celebration of Service



As the Rotary year reaches its midpoint, it is a fitting time to reflect on the extraordinary accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Weston. Through dedication, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to "Service Above Self," our members have achieved remarkable milestones, making a profound difference in our community and beyond.

Two of our signature events, the Food & Wine Festival and the Run for Tomorrow, set the stage for a successful year. The Food & Wine Festival not only brought together our community for an evening of connection and celebration but also raised essential funds to support our club's charitable initiatives. Similarly, the Run for Tomorrow energized Weston by promoting health, wellness, and unity while generating the resources needed to sustain our impactful service projects.

Service lies at the heart of Rotary, and our members have embraced this ethos wholeheartedly. Over the past six months, we have collectively contributed hundreds of hours to projects that address critical needs:

Environmental Stewardship: Beach cleanups have been a cornerstone of our efforts to protect and preserve Florida's coastline. By removing debris and raising awareness, our members have helped safeguard the natural beauty and biodiversity of our shores.

Hunger Relief: Partnerships with organizations like Feeding South Florida and Rise Against Hunger have enabled us

Club Meeting

Weston
Meets at The Club at Weston Hills
2600 Country Club Way
Weston, FL 33332
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

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Clothes Drive: Sorting and Packaging

January 29th
The Rotary Club of Weston SEC - Evening Fortnightly Meeting

January 30th
The Rotary Club of Weston -Weekly Meeting

February 5th
Ponce, PR RotaKids Remote Book

Forthnightly quote



services to her clients.

Rita's commitment to excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, and dedication to her community make her a perfect fit for the Rotary Club of Weston. We are excited to see how her skills and passion will contribute to our mission of "Service Above Self."

Henry Gillman



Henry brings a wealth of experience, a strong commitment to service, and a deep connection to the South Florida community.

December 12th 2024

Ana Patricia Canon



Ana Patricia brings a wealth of experience from her dynamic career spanning over two decades. For more than 19 years, she was an integral part of the Colpatría Group in Colombia, where she held the prestigious position of Commercial Vice President. Her strategic leadership and dedication to excellence left a lasting impact on the organization.

Following her time at Colpatría, Ana Patricia served for more than six years at Findeter, a development bank in Colombia. In this role, she led a variety of impactful projects, focusing on improving communities through water resource management and engineering initiatives. Her ability to combine technical expertise with a vision for community betterment has been a hallmark of her career.

In recent years, Ana Patricia has turned her attention to entrepreneurship. For the past seven years, she has been at the helm of her family-owned IT company, where she is spearheading the development of an ERP system designed specifically for small and medium-sized businesses in Latin America. Her work continues to empower businesses with innovative technology solutions.

Ana Patricia's extensive experience in leadership, community development, and technological innovation makes her an invaluable addition to our Rotary family. Ana Patricia Canon's impressive professional background and commitment to community development embody the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."

Rehab Balagamwala



Rehan Balagamwala is the Founder and CEO of Navis Investment Group, which is a hedge fund that specializes in Volatility Arbitrage and algorithmic trading using Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.

Rehan spent over a decade at Citadel Investment Group as a Quantitative Trader, where he developed and implemented some of Citadel's core quantitative trading algorithms.

Prior to Citadel, Rehan worked as an Exotics Derivatives trader at Morgan Stanley in New York City. More recently, he served as a Co-Head of High Frequency Options Trading at IMC Financial Markets in Chicago.

Rehan lives in Weston, FL with his wife and 3 children. He holds a B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, and an M.S. in Computer Science from The University of Chicago.

Please make sure to introduce yourselves to our newest member! We are honored to have him be a part of our club.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING

All members are invited to attend the upcoming RCW Monthly Board of Directors meeting **Tuesday, Jan 14th, 6:00 PM.**

The meeting will be in person at **Rick Case Volkswagen, 3520**



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Birthdays

Vern Cameron
January 13th
Jane Cruickshanks
January 14th
Deserrie F Perez
January 20th
Patrick Motta
January 23rd
Mohsin Jaffer
January 25th
Deborah Richman (O'Connor)
February 7th

Years of Service

Thomas Kallman
02-01-1999
26 Years
Adam Goldberg
01-23-2014
11 Years
Laura Dobrzanski
01-22-2015
10 Years
Patrick Motta
01-25-2018
7 Years
Clark M. Kilgard
01-24-2019
6 Years
Karen Hollis
01-24-2019
6 Years
Aldy Castor
01-24-2019
6 Years
Vern Cameron
01-24-2019
6 Years
Julianne Dinda
01-29-2020
5 Years
Mellesia Nelson
01-29-2022
3 Years
Dan Fitzgerald
02-02-2023
2 Years
Tal Raizer
01-19-2024
1 Year
Enrique Story
01-19-2024
1 Year

Club Leaders



Jacqueline Gillman
President



Weston Road, Weston, FL 33331, on the 2nd floor. If you plan on attending, kindly RSVP to Laura Dobrzanski laura.dobrzanski@gmail.com as space is limited.

The new board is eager to start their term with renewed energy to our club's initiatives. Their leadership will guide us as we strive to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

THURSDAY MORNING MEETING

Come join us this **Thursday 1/23/2025** at our regularly scheduled **7:30 AM** meeting at **The Club at Weston Hills**, located at **2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL 33332**.

Join us for a special Rotary meeting as we celebrate our Students of the Month! This event is dedicated to recognizing the hard work, dedication, and achievements of exceptional students in our community. Let's come together to uplift and encourage the next generation!

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Rotary Club of Weston Drawdown



Get ready to don your green and join us for an unforgettable St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Rotary Club of Weston Drawdown Scholarship Fundraiser! This lively evening combines the thrill of a reverse raffle with festive fun – all while supporting scholarships for local high school seniors.

Buy a ticket here <https://www.westonrotarydrawdown.com>

All proceeds from this festive fundraiser support the Rotary Club of Weston Scholarship Fund, which has awarded over \$2,000,000 in scholarships to deserving students from Western High School, Cypress

Bay High School, Sagemont Preparatory School, HANDY, and Children's Harbor.

By joining us, you're helping the next generation of leaders pursue their dreams – all while enjoying the best St. Patrick's Day celebration in Weston!



Laura Dobrzanski
Secretary



Gordon Thompson
Club Committee Co - Chair
Vice President
President-Nominee



Maria Mercedes Alvarez Arancedo
Community Service Chair
Service Projects Chair
Webmaster



Harold Calle
Chair - Impact Club



Julianne Dinda
Youth Services Chair



Margarita Lartitegui
Club Committee Chair - Environmental



Ramon Ortega
Treasurer



Deborah Richman (O'Connor)
Public Relations Chair



Robert Sirota
Chair - Satellite Club
4th of July Chair



Mercy Velazquez
Membership Chair



Alfredo Aguirre
Club Programs Chair



Joseph E. Altschul
Rotary Foundation Chair



Frank Dreier
Run Programs Chair



Julian Gazzano Jr.
Club Director



Eugenio Moreno
Service Projects Chair



Evangelina Theobald
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ana Mary Ramirez de Moreno
Club Committee Co - Chair



Edwina Auguste
Past President



Cristiano Nicolucci
iPast President

Bringing the Rotary Club of Weston Community Together!



- **First Week of the Month** (Wed at 6 pm): Regular Evening meeting.
- **Second Week of the Month** (Thu at 6 pm): Regular Impact meeting.
- **Third Week of the Month** (Wed at 6 pm): Rotary Means Business hosted by Evening group, a unique opportunity to network and socialize with fellow Rotarians. This meeting will combine elements of socializing, business discussions, and collaboration. Don't forget to bring your business cards and be prepared to work with other Rotarians to make a difference.
- **Fourth Week of the Month**: Social hosted by Impact group. This meeting is dedicated to fostering connections and camaraderie among RCW members, with a special focus on the impact of our collective efforts.

We encourage everyone in the Rotary Club of Weston to pop in to meetings of the RCW Morning Group, Evening Group, and Impact Group. It's a great chance to get to know each other better, share ideas and insights, and have a good time!

THURSDAY MORNING MEETING

Come join us this **Thursday 1/30/2025** at our regularly scheduled **7:30 AM** meeting at **The Club at Weston Hills**, located at **2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL 33332**.

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WEEKLY MEETING

TOPIC

Bonsai Bliss: A Journey into the Art of Miniature Trees

ROBERT SIROTA

THURSDAY
January 30, 2025

START AT
07:30AM - 8:30AM

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Join us for an enlightening Rotary meeting. During this session, we will explore the rich history and intricate techniques behind the ancient art of bonsai cultivation. Our guest speaker and RCW member, Robert Sirota, an experienced bonsai artist, will share insights on the care, styling, and philosophy that makes this craft so captivating. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your appreciation for this timeless art form!

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DISTRICT 6990

Cristiano Nicolucci designated District Governor for 2027-2028



A huge congratulations to our Rotary Club of Weston member, Cristiano Nicolucci, on being designated as District Governor for the 2027-2028 year!

Alongside Pete Pecci, who will serve as District Governor for the 2025-2026 year, this achievement highlights the dedication and leadership of our club. We are incredibly proud to see our members stepping into such significant roles and making a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Let's rally together to support Cristiano and Pete in their upcoming journeys!

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Come join us this **Thursday 2/6/2025** at our regularly scheduled **7:30 AM** meeting at **The Club at Weston Hills**, located at **2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL 33332**.

A promotional poster for the Rotary Club of Weston. The top half features a background of many colorful Rotary club emblems. In the center, a circular inset shows a group of people running in a race, with a banner that says 'START' and 'ROTARY RUN TOMORROW'. Below this, the text 'BE PART OF OUR DISCUSSION AT' is followed by 'WEEKLY MEETING' in large, bold, blue letters. To the right, a blue banner reads 'FRANK DREIER & GORDON THOMPSON'. Below the main text, it says 'TOPIC' and 'RUN FOR TOMORROW SPONSOR BREAKFAST'. The date 'THURSDAY February 6, 2025' is shown with a calendar icon. The start time 'START AT 07:30AM - 8:30AM' is shown with a clock icon. The location 'WESTON 2600 COUNTRY CLUB WAY' is shown with a location pin icon. At the bottom, the Rotary Club of Weston logo and 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY' logo are displayed.

Join us for a special Rotary meeting dedicated to expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors of the "Run for Tomorrow." We will highlight the impact of their contributions on our initiatives and share the successes achieved through their sponsorship. Let's come together to show our appreciation, enjoy some refreshments, and discuss future endeavors that continue to make a difference in our community!

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END POLIO DAY



Rotary Club of Weston is pleased to invite you to its 38th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, April 7, 2025 at The Club at Weston Hills. Golf Tournament proceeds support the Rotary Club of Weston Scholarship Fund. This fund has awarded over \$2,500,000 in scholarships to students graduating from Cypress Bay, Western, McFatter, and Sagemont. We partner locally with the University of Miami, HANDY, and Children's Harbor. Nationally, we are proud supporters of the Posse Foundation, which provides free college to almost 1000 students annually. Join us for a great day of golf at The Club at Weston Hills where you will have the opportunity to develop and strengthen your business relationships with your clients, prospects, community businesses and civic leaders. In addition, you will help the leaders of tomorrow achieve their dreams.

THURSDAY MORNING MEETING

Come join us this **Thursday 2/13/2025** at our regularly scheduled **7:30 AM** meeting at **The Club at Weston Hills**, located at **2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL 33332**.

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WEEKLY MEETING

TOPIC

HEART HEALTH PANEL

Heart Matters: A Panel Discussion on Cardiovascular Health

THURSDAY
February 13, 2025

START AT
07:30AM - 8:30AM

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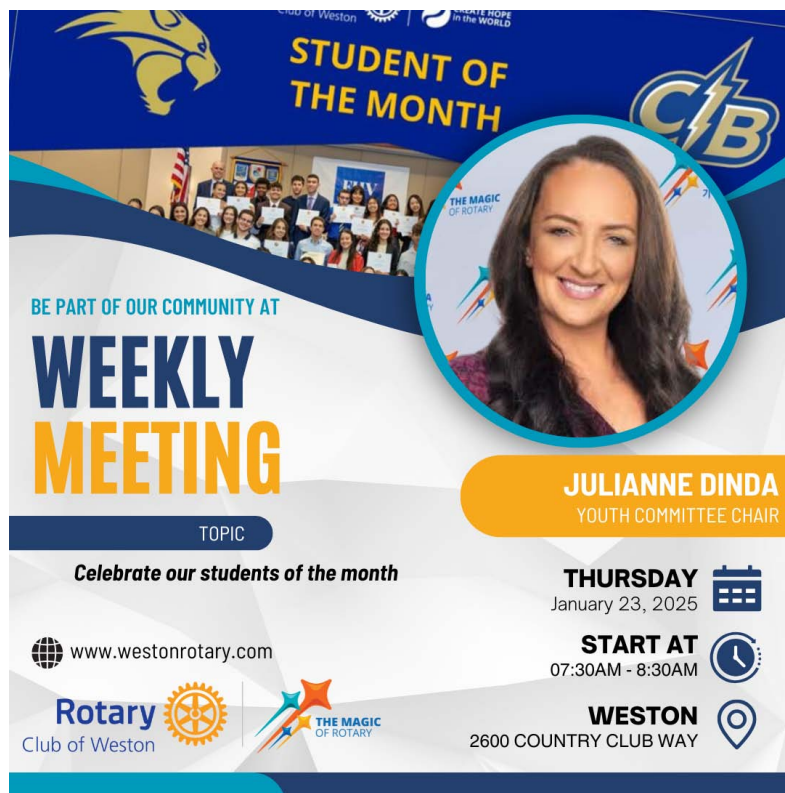
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This event will feature a panel of healthcare professionals and experts in cardiology who will share valuable insights into heart health, prevention strategies, and the latest advancements in treatment. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a lively discussion, ask questions, and learn how to promote healthier lifestyles for themselves and their communities. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and contribute to heart health advocacy!

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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WEEKLY MEETING

TOPIC

Celebrate our students of the month

JULIANNE DINDA
YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIR

THURSDAY
January 23, 2025

START AT
07:30AM - 8:30AM

WESTON
2600 COUNTRY CLUB WAY

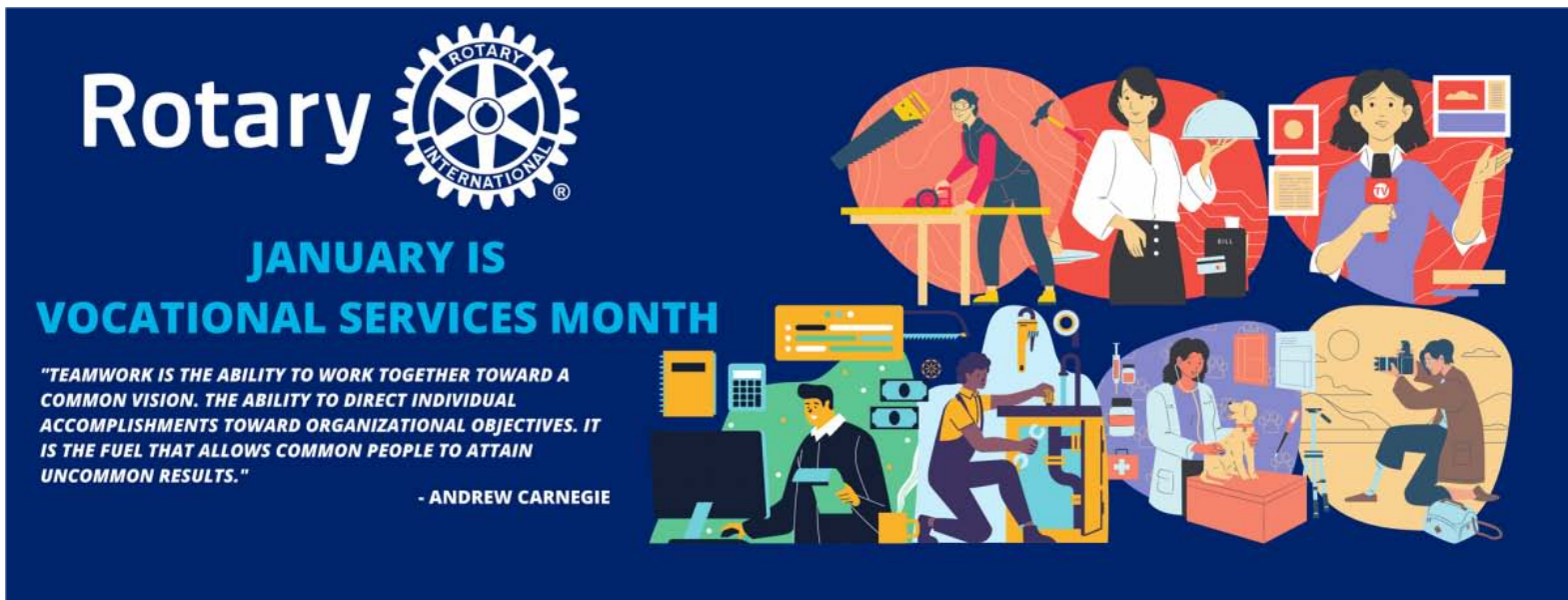
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We'll honor the exceptional achievements of students excelling in academics, leadership, and community service. Enjoy inspiring presentations as they share their journeys. Let's come together to uplift our youth and recognize their hard work. Bring your family and friends to support this special event, and light refreshments will be served.

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

"TEAMWORK IS THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON VISION. THE ABILITY TO DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. IT IS THE FUEL THAT ALLOWS COMMON PEOPLE TO ATTAIN UNCOMMON RESULTS."

- ANDREW CARNEGIE



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