

Monday, July 1, 2024

### Welcome Our New President: Jacqueline Gillman!

We are delighted to announce the installation of Jacqueline Smith as the new president of the Rotary Club of Weston. With her leadership, we are confident that the best is yet to come, and she will guide us toward even greater accomplishments.

In her inspiring speech below, Jacqueline reminded us of the immense power of helping each other. She emphasized the importance of community, collaboration, and the impact we can make when we unite our efforts. Jacqueline's vision for the future is one of continued growth, strengthened bonds, and unwavering commitment to service.



*Good evening.  
It is with immense pride and a deep sense of honor that I stand before you today as the newly installed President of the Rotary Club of Weston. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to lead this exceptional group of individuals, each of whom embodies the spirit of Rotary through their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to service.*

*First, I want to recognize some very special people here tonight. In addition to my wonderful Rotarian family, I am overjoyed to celebrate this moment with my dad, one of my biggest fans. If my mom was feeling better and here tonight, she'd be clapping the loudest since she is my biggest fan! My amazing husband, Henry, & our 3 incredible kids, Daniel, Michael, and Sarah, whose love and support light up my life. Thank you for always cheering me on and helping me make my dreams come true. Uncle Jeff & Aunt Jo, who were more excited than I was when I became a Rotarian. And of course, the Topsy Ten—our close-knit group of friends who are always up for an adventure, ready to travel the world, celebrate life's joys, and stand by my side no matter what. Each of you brings so much fun and magic into my life, and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support. I am so blessed!*

*On to Rotary—I know that everyone in here tonight isn't a Rotarian—YET—so I want to share a few fun facts.*

*Did you know that Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action—across the globe, in our communities, and within ourselves?*

*I had the opportunity to go to the Rotary International Convention last month in Singapore. Henry and I were so moved by the overwhelming feeling of being with over 14,000 Rotarians from around the world, each one of us a volunteer, working together towards a similar goal—making our community and the world a better place.*

*Did you know that our Rotary Club of Weston started in 1986, and is now recognized as one of the leading community service organizations in Southwest Broward County.*

*Did you also happen to know that women were not allowed to join Rotary until 1989? So, what is that? 35 years? I am proud to say that The Rotary Club of Weston has had 4 female Presidents, Deb and Edwina here tonight, and I am excited to be the 5th.*

*Our club has a legacy of excellence, and I am truly inspired by the remarkable achievements we have collectively realized. As we look back on our journey, both this past year, as Cristiano highlighted, and over the last 38 years, it is clear that our shared efforts have had a profound impact on our community and beyond. This tradition of service and excellence is not just a testament to our past but a beacon guiding us into the future.*

*The 2024-25 Rotary theme is "The Magic of Rotary". This magic is not an illusion but a tangible force that transforms communities, brings hope, and creates a lasting change. Each one of us has the power to create magic through our actions, and together, we can make the impossible possible.*

*As we move forward, I am truly filled with excitement and anticipation. I am eager to witness the incredible things our members, our club will continue to accomplish for our community and our world. We have a year ahead filled with opportunities to innovate, to expand our reach, and to deepen our impact. Whether through groundbreaking service projects, engaging community outreach initiatives, or fostering meaningful connections, I believe our collective efforts will propel us to new heights.*

*One of my primary missions this year is to focus on engaging our membership. While it is crucial to invite new individuals into our club, I believe it is just as important to nurture and support our current members. I am committed to understanding what our members need and want to focus on, ensuring that everyone is getting the most out of their Rotary experience. By listening to your feedback and addressing your needs, we can create an environment where all members feel welcome, valued and inspired.*

*I am particularly looking forward to the unique contributions each of you will bring to our journey. Your creativity, passion, and dedication are the lifeblood of our club, and I am confident that together, we can overcome any challenge and seize every opportunity that comes our way. Our diversity of thought and experience is our greatest strength, and it is through our collaboration that we will continue to thrive.*

*In the words of Rotary International's motto, "Service Above Self," let us continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Let us approach this year with enthusiasm, with a shared commitment to our values, respect for each other and with the belief that our collective efforts have the power to make a difference.*

*In taking on this role, I commit to embracing each hurdle as an opportunity to grow, for myself and for our Club. I believe that it is through facing challenges that we discover our true potential and learn the most valuable lessons. I am ready to lead with an open heart and a willingness to listen, to learn, and to adapt, knowing that every step forward is a step towards a brighter future.*

*As Rotarians, we follow the Rotary Four-Way Test in all our actions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? This year, we may add a fifth test: Will it be fun & magical? By infusing joy and enthusiasm into our efforts, we can enhance the magic of Rotary, ensuring that our journey together is not only impactful but also enjoyable.*

*Thank you for your dedication, your trust, and your unwavering support. Each and every member of this club has contributed to our success, and I am truly grateful for your time & hard work.*

*I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the support and encouragement I've received so far. A special thank you to Cristiano, whose guidance has been invaluable. Thank you for allowing me to be involved in as much or as little as I wanted to do this past year so that I could learn and experience everything first hand and for always being there to answer all my questions. We are all so fortunate to have a club full of involved past presidents & District Governors who have paved the way for us. I thank each and every one of you for taking all my calls and I thank you in advance for still taking my calls this year during the drama and disasters that may occur.*

### 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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### Events

July 3rd  
**The Rotary Club of Weston SEC - Evening Fortnightly Meeting**

July 4th  
**The Rotary Club of Weston -Weekly Meeting**

July 11th  
**The Rotary Club of Weston -Weekly Meeting**

July 11th  
**Rotary Club of Weston Impact Español Club**

July 17th  
**The Rotary Club of Weston SEC - Evening Fortnightly Meeting**

July 18th  
**The Rotary Club of Weston -Weekly Meeting**

July 25th  
**The Rotary Club of Weston -Weekly Meeting**

July 25th  
**Rotary Club of Weston Impact Español Club**

UMBRELLA WINNER

Sarah Parra

*It is an honor to serve as your President & be considered your friend. I am so excited for the incredible journey that lies ahead. Together, let us embrace the magic of Rotary and make the 2024-2025 year one of the most impactful and memorable in the history of the Rotary Club of Weston.*  
*Yours in service, fun & magicâ€*

As we embark on this new chapter, let us extend our warmest welcome to Jacqueline. Her dedication and passion for the Rotary mission will undoubtedly propel us forward. Together, we will strive to make a lasting difference in our community and beyond.

Join us in welcoming Jacqueline and supporting her as she leads our club into a bright and promising future. The best is truly yet to come!

## Bringing the Rotary Club of Weston Community Together!

Join us for an evening of community building and business development at the Rotary Club of Weston meetings. Let's work together to make a positive impact on our community.

Both our Evening and Impact groups are convening at the Bonaventure Golf Club, located at 200 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston, FL 33326.

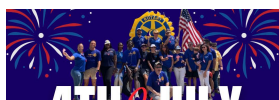
Here's what you need to know about our revamped meeting schedule at Bonaventure Golf Club:

- **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!

Breakfast will be available at a **discounted rate of \$15 for members of the RCW Evening Group and Impact Group**, so you can join us for our morning meetings without worrying about food.

## Celebrate the 4th of July with the Rotary Club of Weston!



Kick off the festivities by attending the 4th of July Parade! We will be lining up at 9:30 AM, so donâ€™t forget to wear your Rotary gear and show your pride. Itâ€™s a great opportunity to represent our club and enjoy the vibrant community spirit.



El Colombiano | Guaca Tacos

## Rotary Club of Weston

along with the Charitable Foundation, aims to be the driving force of positive change in our local and global communities.

SINCE ITS LAUNCH, Rotary Club of Weston Charitable Foundation

### 150 CHARITIES

local and global charities received funds and benefitted from the Rotary Club of Weston efforts and activities

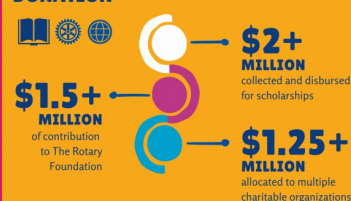
### 5 CONTINENTS

we have been making a tangible difference in communities across five continents.

### 1,500+ SCHOLARSHIPS

scholarships were awarded and given to kids with outstanding academic performance

### DONATION



### START TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Sign up and join us! Visit [www.westonrotary.com](http://www.westonrotary.com)

Forthnightly quote



After the parade, the celebration continues at Carolina Ale House at 2:00 PM. This will be a fantastic time to relax, enjoy delicious food, and share in the camaraderie that makes our club special.

**\*Event Details:\***

- \*Parade Line-Up Time:\* 9:30 AM
- \*Parade Location:\* Town Center
- \*Party Time:\* 2:00 PM
- \*Party Location:\* Carolina Ale House - 2618 Weston Rd, Weston, FL 33331



<https://www.lovehappeningmag.com/blog/2023/12/30/20-inspirational-quotes-for-the-new-year/>

Let's come together to celebrate our nation's

## Updates from Environmental committee.

### Join Us for a Beach Cleanup at Dania Beach!



We are excited to announce that the Rotary Club of Weston will be hosting a beach cleanup on Saturday, July 6, at Dania Beach. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and contribute to making our environment a bit cleaner and healthier.

Margarita and Eduardo will be leading the brigade, guiding our efforts to ensure the beach is left in pristine condition. Their dedication to environmental conservation is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for their leadership.

All members are warmly invited to participate in this important event. Your involvement will make a significant difference in our community and demonstrate our commitment to protecting the natural beauty of our local beaches.

**\*Event Details:\***

- \*Date:\* Saturday, July 6
- \*Time:\* 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- \*Location:\* Dania Beach Fishing Pier

Please bring gloves, reusable bags for trash collection, sunscreen, and plenty of water. Let's work together to make this cleanup a success and enjoy the

friendships!

## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING 7/9/2024



All members are invited to attend the upcoming RCW Monthly Board of Directors meeting **Tuesday, July 9th, 6:00 PM.**

The meeting will be in person at **Rick Case Volkswagen**, 3520 Weston Road, Weston, FL 33331, on the 2nd floor. If you plan on attending, kindly RSVP to Laura Dobrzanski [laura.dobrzanski@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Birthdays

David Pasternack  
July 1st

Maria Mercedes Alvarez Arancedo  
July 8th

Michael Freedland  
July 9th

Dronix Suarez  
July 11th

Eugenio A Moreno M  
July 16th

Gayle Stewart-Loudis  
July 22nd

Tim Werner  
July 26th

Sergio M Rodriguez  
July 28th

## Years of Service

Deborah Richman (O'Connor)  
07-12-2001  
23 Years

Peter Messina  
07-29-2010  
14 Years

Jesus A. Sanchez  
07-10-2014  
10 Years

Ana Mary Ramirez de Moreno  
07-01-2016  
8 Years

Eugenio A Moreno M  
07-04-2016  
8 Years

Corlette Deveaux  
07-19-2016  
8 Years

Margarita Lartitegui  
07-01-2021  
3 Years

Andres Saravia  
07-07-2022  
2 Years

Luz Tania Arteaga  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

Phanor Calle  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

Clara Davila  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

Estrella Diez-Velardiez  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

Hugo Espiritu  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

Cecilio Efrain Mujica  
07-01-2023  
1 Year

## Club Leaders

 **Jacqueline Gillman**  
President

## THURSDAY MORNING MEETING



Come join us this **Thursday 7/11/2024** 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 in a conversation with Milin to highlight Memorial Healthcare System's incredible impact on the community and their strong commitment to community relations. It's inspiring to see an organization not only deliver top-notch healthcare services but also actively engage with and support the community they serve.

#### Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 309 720 656

Passcode: 6990

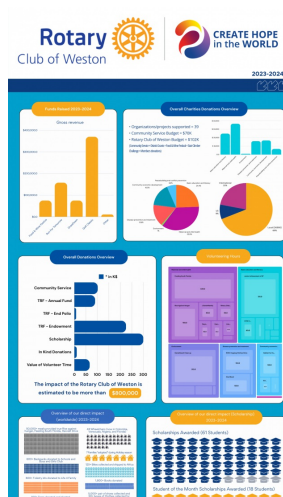
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



















### Farewell from President Cristiano: A Year of Remarkable Achievements

As we bid farewell to another successful year at the Rotary Club of Weston, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing president, Cristiano, whose leadership and dedication have guided us through an incredible journey.

As we reflect on this extraordinary year, we are inspired to build upon these successes and continue making a positive impact in our community and beyond.

In his farewell address, Cristiano expressed his pride in our collective achievements and his excitement to continue contributing as a dedicated member of our club.



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|     | <b>Robert Sirota</b><br>Chair - Satellite Club<br>Club 4th of July Committee Chair                       |
|    | <b>Laura Dobrzanski</b><br>Secretary<br>Secretary-Elect  |
|    | <b>Eduardo Briones</b><br>Co-Chair - Satellite Club  |
|    | <b>Harold Calle</b><br>Chair - Impact Club   |
|    | <b>Maria Eugenia Ochoa</b><br>Treasurer  |
|    | <b>Paola Vergara</b><br>Club Administrator   |
|    | <b>Julian Gazzano Jr.</b><br>Club Director   |
|    | <b>Deborah Richman (O'Connor)</b><br>Club Committee Chair<br>Public Relations Chair                      |
|    | <b>Joseph E. Altschul</b><br>Rotary Foundation Chair   |
|    | <b>Maria Mercedes Alvarez Arancedo</b><br>Community Service Chair<br>Service Projects Chair<br>Webmaster |
|    | <b>Jesus A. Sanchez</b><br>Disaster Relief Chair   |
|   | <b>Evelina Theobald</b><br>Sergeant-at-Arms  |
|  | <b>Mercy Velazquez</b><br>Membership Chair   |
|  | <b>Alfredo Aguirre</b><br>Club Programs Chair  |
|  | <b>Julianne Dinda</b><br>Youth Services Chair  |
|  | <b>Frank Dreier</b><br>Club Run Programs Chair   |
|  | <b>Chris L Eddy</b><br>Club 9/11 Committee Chair   |
|  | <b>Andrea Gero</b><br>Club Committee Chair - Family of Rotary  |
|  | <b>Stephen D. Goldstein</b><br>Club Scholarship Fund Committee Chair                                     |
|  | <b>Nugene E. Harvey Jr.</b><br>Club Sponsorship Committee Chair  |
|  | <b>Margarita Lartitegui</b><br>Club Committee Chair - Environmental                                      |
|  | <b>Maria E. Penaloza-Houstoun</b><br>Club Social Committee Chair   |
|  | <b>Dalia Quinones-Zayas</b><br>Club Committee Chair - Grants   |
|  | <b>Andres Saravia</b><br>Club Committee Chair - FWF  |
|  | <b>Gordon Thompson</b><br>Club Run Committee Co - Chair  |
|  | <b>Emilie Anne Wallace</b>   |



## Meet our Newest Members

### Ana "Andrea" Hodgen



Andrea is a mother of two young men Drew and Kris, mom-in-law to a beautiful and smart young lady, Camila. She is the daughter of two architects who live in Weston, and granddaughter of two rotarian leaders. Her husband Bjarne founded a company that provides refrigeration engineering services to the cruise industry. Andrea is a Sonographer by trade, worked as an assistant professor in the ultrasound program at Nova Southeastern University. She has worked at Broward Health for the last 17 years. Andrea holds a bachelor's degree in Real Estate/Finance, and a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration. She is currently the Director of Operation of Ambulatory Services for Broward Health including their Radiology and Urgent Care Center in Weston as well as Broward Health Imaging in Fort Lauderdale.

### Dr. Meyleen Izquierdo

Meyleen was born in San Jose, Costa Rica and emigrated to the United States at the age of 2. She grew up in South Florida where she attended High School and eventually became a Rotary Scholarship recipient. As the first person in her family to attend college, scholarships such as the Rotary made a big impact in her life. Dr. Izquierdo went on to attend the University of Florida where she earned a Bachelor's in Nutrition and German. The four years of undergraduate studies were paid in full by scholarships like the Rotary one. For dental school, Dr. Izquierdo was accepted and chose to remain at the University of Florida where she spent many hours in Shands Hospital. The Hospital was already a familiar area since prior to dental school, Dr. Izquierdo had volunteered in the maternal ward as a "baby cuddler". She went on to attend two residencies thereafter to hone her skills and become a surgeon. Dr. Izquierdo now owns her own private dental practice here in Weston, FL where she also resides. Her office is going to celebrate 2 years in July. Last year, she was named one of the Top 40 dentists Under the age of 40 in the country. She is married and has 4 girls, Sophia age 8, Penelope 6, Olivia 3 and Ruby 11 months. Dr. Izquierdo enjoys traveling with her family any chance she gets to any destination near or far. She also enjoys salsa dancing, on the rare occasion that she can go. Most nights, however, you will find her putting those baby cuddling skills to work with her own 4 babies. She is very excited to become part of the Rotary family and continuing to contribute to our community.



### William Nunez (Bill)



Loving, caring devoted father of 4 children and adoring husband of his beautiful wife Sara! Over the years he has gained knowledge and the passion for working with the community through a few areas of focus such as Afterschool Counselor, Program Director, Senior Director, Executive Director of Youth Development to the current role of Associate Vice President, for Product Line.

With over 25 years of experience supporting students, families and staff, Bill uses his BA in Human Services Management and MS in Early Childhood Education to the fullest.

### Daniel Perez Poleo

Daniel was born in Caracas, Venezuela, on August 15, 1966. He is a civil engineer by profession, and after working many years in the corporate sector, he always dreamed of having his own business.

He graduated as a Civil Engineer from the Central University of Venezuela and complemented his education with postgraduate studies in Finance and Marketing. He began his career in the construction of civil works and then moved to the commercialization of steel for construction, working in exports for large steel companies.

Later, he decided to change the direction of his career and joined El Nacional, the most important newspaper in Venezuela, where he was responsible for transforming the print newspaper into a digital communication platform. After 15 years, he was appointed General Manager, but in 2016, the print version had to close due to government pressures.

In 2017, Daniel opened Between Flowers Design with his wife, Nayibe. They combined their skills and dreams by creating a business where they could share their creativity and flowers. Nayibe, an interior designer, handles creativity and flowers, while Daniel manages marketing and sales.

Since their beginnings, they have supported institutions such as Cypress Bay High School and St. Katharina Drexel by decorating their important events. Additionally, Daniel is passionate about digital marketing and event commercialization.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing Pickleball, Tennis and walking outdoors.

To conclude, starting over in another country has not been easy, but every day, Daniel is grateful to this great country that opened its doors to them and to the Weston community, where they have felt at home since day one. Thank you very much.

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



District Events Coord - Golf Ball Drop



Edwina Auguste  
Past President



Cristiano Nicolucci  
iPast President  
District Event Co-Chair - Golf Ball Drop

## Rise Against Hunger on August 24



Don't miss our upcoming Rise Against Hunger event on June 18! This year, **we have an ambitious goal to pack 20,000 meals** for people in Philippines, and we need your help to make it happen.

Imagine the impact we can make together! Join us for a day filled with energy, teamwork, and a shared mission to fight hunger.

Don't pass up on this incredible opportunity to give back and be part of something truly meaningful.

**Register now on Civic Rush or contact Margarita Lartitegui for more details.** Let's rally together, pack those meals, and make a real difference in the lives of many.

We can't wait to see you there and work alongside you to achieve this amazing goal!

## Exclusive Early Bird Sale: FOOD & WINE Festival





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Share your Rotary Club of Weston news! Send it to Barbara Slutsky ([bls523@icloud.com](mailto:bls523@icloud.com)) to have your story considered for an upcoming newsletter.

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