

Rotary

Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

No Meeting - Happy Holidays



We do not have a social on December 27th or a meeting on January 3rd.
Please plan to join us on January 10th for our first meeting of the new year!

Club Board Members for 2024-25

Club Board 2024-25 Rotary Year

Dan Rizzi, President
Jeff Shaffner, President Elect
Linda Spaulding White, Secretary
Mike Sanchez, Treasurer (*serving a 1-year term & not moving up in succession*)
Rick Riccardi, Immediate Past President

Rolling over for 2nd year of their term:

Les Campbell
Jorg Hruschka
Kristin LaFleur
Ray Williams

Welcome New Board Members:

Dr. Gabe Bodnar
Brian Palkowitsh
David Sage
Barbara Sanchez



Club Meeting

Fort Lauderdale
Meets at Global Event
Center
416 NE 1st St Entrance B
Second Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Time: Wednesday at 12:15
PM

Events

December 27th
Rotary Weekly Meeting:
No Club Meeting or
Social

January 3rd
Rotary Weekly Meeting -
No Meeting This Week
Speaker: No Meeting -
New Years Holiday
Subject: No Meeting - New
Years Holiday

January 10th
Rotary Weekly Meeting
Speaker: Club Meeting
Subject: Club Meeting

January 15th
Club Board of Directors
Meeting

January 17th
Rotary Weekly Meeting

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District Conference



Family CRUISE

A District Conference that unites our Rotary Family!

May 3-6, 2024

Join your Rotary Family for our District Conference aboard Celebrity Reflection while we enjoy a little bit of Rotary, and a whole lot of FUN!

- Informative Rotary Sessions to help you Grow Rotary!
- Hands-On Service projects in Nassau, Bahamas
- Day of fun at Coco Cay!

SAVE THE DATE!
RESERVATION DETAILS
COMING SOON!



Rotary
District 6990

REGISTER PRIOR TO JAN. 3RD
FOR BEST PRICING

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Birthdays

Corrine Rasquinha
December 30th
Denise Caligiuri
January 3rd
Kathy Morgan
January 3rd
Karen Stevenson
January 5th
Steven C Bassett
January 7th
William H. Davidge
January 7th
Douglas Kniskern
January 8th
Ayshe Celikel Ozdamar
January 22nd
Ray M. Williams
January 26th
Anne Branan
January 29th

Years of Service

John Aquino
01-01-1993
31 Years
Christopher M. Kerlin
01-31-2001
23 Years
Ziya Celik
01-01-2011
13 Years
Jonathan Hines
01-01-2014
10 Years
Angela Neave
01-01-2017
7 Years
Daniel Rizzi
01-09-2017
7 Years
Joseph Patrick Discepolo
01-09-2019
5 Years
Steven Chess
01-01-2020
4 Years
Kim Meeks
01-11-2022
2 Years
Elizabeth Bates
01-11-2022
2 Years
Linda Neenan
01-11-2022
2 Years
Ayshe Celikel Ozdamar
01-02-2023
1 Year

Challenge Air

David Chung
01-16-2023
1 Year



January 27, 2024
Set up is January 26th

Challenge Air was created to change the perception of children with special needs through the gift of flight. It helps them build confidence and self-esteem and helps everyone feel like smiling.



We have a sign-up sheet at the registration table at our lunch meetings and more details will follow for volunteers helping out with this annual meaningful project!
Email Dan Rizzi or Terry Robinson with questions and for the required waiver:

danrizzi@ipqconstruction.org
tkrobins70@gmail.com

District 6990 Annual Fundraiser

The graphic features a large '10th ANNUAL' logo with a golf ball in the zero. Below it is a blue banner that reads 'CHRIS MORRISON GOLF BALL DROP'. To the right, a blue box states '\$25 DONATION PER TICKET = 1 GOLF BALL' next to a small golf ball icon. Below the banner is the Rotary Foundation logo. At the bottom, an orange box says '100% of Proceeds go to TRF'. To the right of the text is a large image of a golf course with a helicopter in the sky. Below the helicopter image, the date 'February 8, 2024' and time '8:30 AM' are displayed in blue and orange text.

10th ANNUAL

CHRIS MORRISON GOLF BALL DROP

The Rotary Foundation

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February 8, 2024
8:30 AM

Our Rotary District 6990 Annual Fundraiser is Under Way!

We have only three weeks to contribute to the Chris Morrison Memorial Golf Ball Drop, a fundraiser for D6990 for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Fund since 2013. The donations to the Rotary District 6990 Foundation, Inc. support community projects throughout the District. All Rotarians who purchase tickets or sell tickets to non-Rotarians receive Paul Harris options for each ticket sold. Tickets are only \$25 each. Our goal is for each member to buy - or sell - 4 tickets, which would make our Rotary Club a "Sustaining Club."

Tickets will be available at our club meeting on January 10th. Bring your check, made payable to the Rotary District 6990 Foundation, Inc., to the meeting. You may also purchase tickets through the website www.rotary6990gbd.org; please let Brian Palkowitsh know if you purchase tickets online. **The deadline to purchase tickets is January 14, 2024.**
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Thank you for our Annual Toy Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated toys and to the team who helped sort, assemble and deliver toys during our Annual Rotary Toy Drive. Special thanks to Linda Cooke for organizing everything!!



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Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH



We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

[Learn more...](#)

Rotary Club Service Projects

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As we begin our Rotary year, here is a quick reminder of the service projects we have on our schedule so far. We do not have exact dates for everything, but please keep these projects in mind and be on the lookout for more information. If you would like to help with any of these projects, please contact the chair directly. If you have ideas for new projects, please contact [Kristin LaFleur](#) or [St. George Guardabassi](#).

- Find Your Way Home - Jorg Hruschka - Select Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Waterway Cleanup - John Perry - Saturday, September 16
- Fast Pitch - Kristin LaFleur - Wednesday, October 4
- Fellowship Recovery - Rick Riccardi - Saturday, October 14
- Holiday Toy Drive - Linda Cooke - October - December
- Thanksgiving Baskets - Steve Botkin - Saturday, November 18
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Steve Botkin - December
- Challenge Air - Dan Rizzi - January 26 & 27
- Agape Love Breakfast - Gail Auguston-Koppen - February 9 & 10

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As we continue to embody the spirit of "Service Above Self," we invite you to consider joining one of our dynamic committees. Your unique skills, passions, and dedication can play a pivotal role in creating positive change within our local community and beyond.

Our committees are the heartbeat of our club, and they allow us to focus our efforts and expertise on specific areas that matter most to us. Whether you're passionate about youth development, community service, international projects, or professional networking, we have a committee that aligns with your interests.

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NEWSLETTER SUGGESTION / ARTICLE REQUEST

Do you have a great idea for our next newsletter? Would you like to see more information on a certain topic? If so, please email your article or suggestions to [Barbara Sanchez](#).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 10 a.m., for bulletin/newsletter being sent the following Monday.

Club Leaders



[Rick Riccardi](#)
President



[Daniel Rizzi](#)
President-Elect



[John Aquino](#)
Club Director
Youth Services
Chair



[Jeffrey Shaffner](#)
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Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Director



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Chair
Club Director
Grants
Chairperson



[Adi Vaughn Soozin](#)
Public Image
Chairperson



[Karen Stevenson](#)
Club Director



[Ray M. Williams](#)
Club Director



[Linda M. Cooke](#)
Membership Chair



[Brian Palkowitsh](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair



[Barbara Sanchez](#)
Webmaster



[Jaye L. Abbate](#)
iPast President



[Terry Robinson](#)
Past President