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Share your club's pictures, projects and fundraisers with us! We'll post in our monthly newsletter and on our social media accounts.

Email the details and a picture to rotary6990communications@gmail.com



COVER PHOTO:

November is Rotary Foundation month. Your donations to The Rotary Foundation help clubs with District and Global Grant projects!



NOVEMBER 2	PETS 1 - Florida Keys
NOVEMBER 9	PETS 1 - Grand Bahama Island
NOVEMBER 16	PETS 1 - Broward/Dade
FEBRUARY 7	Night of 1,000 Paul Harris Fellows
FEBRUARY 7-9	RYLA - Islamorada
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2	Florida PETS - Orlando
MARCH 15	RLI Broward
MAY 2-4	District Conference - Key West
JUNE 14	District Awards/Hall of Fame

***Registration and details available on DACdb.**

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

From: District Governor Dennis Caltagirone

It is already November and we are entering the holiday season. I know we will all be busy with meeting the needs of those in our respective communities during the next two months. Supplying holiday gifts for children, meals for those in need, continuing our club events to raise both money and collect needed items will occupy a good portion of our time. Simultaneously, we also remember our contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the future return on investment that comes back to us in the form of district and global grants. Thank you for all that you continue to do.

As I travel around our wonderful district and visit clubs and events, it is constantly apparent that every club is actively engaged in staging events to raise funds or supply services that benefit those in need both locally and beyond. It is so important that your club sends calendar dates to (governorbarbarag@gmail.com) so that other Rotarians may participate or even partner with your club's efforts. We also would love to have brief stories and photos of all events as they occur. The deadline each month for submission is the 20th. Lee and I recently had the great pleasure to visit the Lower Keys Rotary Club and see the most amazing haunted house event on Big Pine Key. The approach to putting on this event so successfully, for many years, is the incorporation of other businesses and non Rotary groups in the design, construction, and staffing of each room of horror. The lines for admission were extensive each of the three nights and the community has clearly embraced this event. Please keep Lee and I in mind when you have an event coming up as we would love to attend if our schedule permits.

I wanted to send special thanks to Phil and Patty Maraccini, for hosting our annual Rotary District Picnic on October 5th. Though the day started with a heavy downpour, the weather broke long enough to get everything in place for a fun family event. We had 66 registrants and 56 who made it to the event even though most had to travel through heavy rain. Fortunately, Phil and Patty have both a beautiful covered outdoor space plus a large indoor space for events. They opened their property just for Rotary. Phil is a member of the Homestead Club and a past president. Special thanks go to Brian Palkowitsh, Lisa Feliciano, Nori Glickman, Antonio Pinheiro, and to our sponsors Publix and Islamorada Brewing. The event produced \$1,570.00 for disaster relief. Thank you to all Rotarians and their families for supporting the picnic. A fund time was had by all.

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

From: District Governor Dennis Caltagirone

Our current focus is now on the Chris Morrison Golf Ball Drop ticket sales. We hope that every club will participate at a level that is comfortable for their respective members. I encourage every club to make an effort to support this Foundation fund raiser. Tickets are available in hard copy as well as online. Let's work to make this a very successful event. The event closes on December 15th. The gold ball drop is scheduled for January 9th. We have great prizes this year so do not be left out.

Remember to save the date for the Night of 1,000 Paul Harris Fellows on February 7, 2025. More information is forthcoming soon.

Thank you to our members and clubs for generous donations to Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief. The best way to make contributions is to go to the Zone site, <http://www.rizones33-34.org/disaster-recovery/> and make your donation there. The advantage is that extensive matching grant possibilities are available that will grow the fund substantially. The distribution will go to all states that have experienced one or both hurricanes. Every dollar makes a difference.

As you can see, there are always many opportunities to be involved and engaged. Rotary stands at the forefront all over the world bringing service to those in need. Remember to look at your circle of friends and invite them to visit your club and see firsthand the good work you and your club do on a consistent basis. As always, I am at your service. Please feel free to say hello and share your thoughts and ideas.

Very best,
Dennis Caltagirone, DG 6990



A NIGHT OF 1,000 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
STEPHANIE URCHICK
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT



Save The Date!
Friday, February 7, 2025

DETAILS, REGISTRATION, AND
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION
COMING SOON!

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

From: Pete Pecci

PETS 1 - Invitation

As you prepare to step into your new role as Club President, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of attending the upcoming President-Elect Training 1 (PETS1) on 11/16 in Cypress Creek from 9-12.

PETS1 is a unique opportunity designed specifically for incoming leaders like yourself. This will also prepare you for PETS2 in Orlando in March 2025. Here are a few compelling reasons to prioritize your attendance:

Networking Opportunities: You'll connect with fellow Presidents-Elect from clubs, allowing you to share ideas, challenges, and best practices. Building these relationships can provide valuable support throughout your term.

Leadership Development: The seminar is tailored to equip you with essential leadership skills. You will learn about effective communication, team building, and strategic planning—tools that will be invaluable in your presidency.

Understanding Your Role: PETS1 offers insights into the responsibilities and expectations of a Club President. Gaining a clear understanding of your role will empower you to lead with confidence.

Inspiration and Motivation: Engaging with experienced leaders and hearing their stories can ignite your passion for service and inspire you to make a meaningful impact in your community.

Resource Availability: The event provides access to a wealth of resources, including materials and contacts that can assist you throughout your year.

Attending PETS 1 is an investment in your leadership journey.

How to Register:

- Login to DACDB
- Go to Calendar and click the box for District Events
- Scroll to 11/16 PETS1
- Register

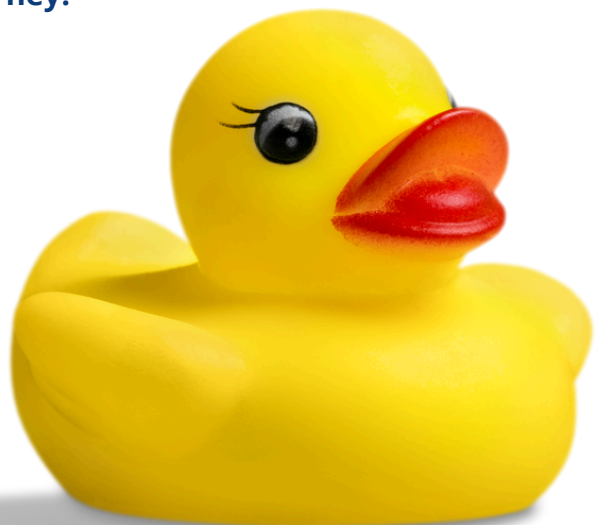
If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

Regards,

-Pete

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DGE 25-26



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

From: District Membership Chair PDG Joe Roth

Our initiatives to “Grow Rotary” depend strongly on Enhancing Participant Engagement... which will lead to the “attraction” factor in bringing in new members and the “retention” factor which will keep the ones we have longer...here are some topics that you can wrap your heads around as you endeavor in incorporating these into your club culture.

Every encounter is an opportunity to show people what Rotary can do...for them as individuals and as members of our communities

Enhancing participant engagement means that whenever someone engages with Rotary- through a club, a program or an event...they have an experience that exceeds their expectations

Responding to the needs of the people we serve is great....but in Rotary, we also need to show comfort and care to one another

An important part of that commitment is ensuring that all our members and other participants are fully engaged throughout their Rotary experience

How do we do that?

By giving our members meaningful opportunities to contribute, lead and grow, we will empower clubs to provide the best VALUE to every member

When Rotarians don't find experiences that feel personally and professionally relevant, when they don't feel seen as individuals, they go elsewhere...and they have plenty of choices!

Fully engaged & empowered Rotarians will keep coming back and will be eager to remain People of Action for life!

Here are three discussion points that your club may wish to use when you hold your next CLUB ASSEMBLY!

- What specific action items can a club incorporate to add value to it's existing members?
- How can a club attract the participation of NON-ROTARIANS, thus highlighting the benefits of joining our organization?
- What is the best way (or multiple ways) that a club can determine if it's delivering on a member's NEEDS & EXPECTATIONS?

FOUNDATION MINUTE

The Rotary Foundation honored 14 donors during an Arch Klumph Society Weekend at Rotary International World Headquarters on 11-13 October. Honorees represented 6 countries including Canada, Ghana, India, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United States, include District 6990's Ligia Corredor from the Rotary Club of Miramar Pines.

Arch Klumph Society ceremonies honor new and elevated members of the prestigious Arch Klumph Society, which recognizes donors who have contributed at least US\$250,000 to the Foundation.

About the Arch Klumph Society

Named after the sixth president of Rotary, the Arch Klumph Society recognizes the Foundation's most significant donors — those who have personally contributed US\$250,000 or more. The Society is an international network of philanthropists who are strong advocates for Rotary's collective impact. Through the generosity of its supporters, the Foundation can continue its work toward a more caring and just world. The generosity of donors sustains Rotary's work today, tomorrow, and far into the future.

Learn more about the Arch Klumph Society and Arch Klumph Society recognition at Rotary.org or contact Donor Relations at donor.relations@rotary.org or +1-847-866-3028.





RYLA, “Rotary Youth Leadership Awards” is a weekend experience for high school sophomores who are ready to discover and enhance their leadership and communication skills. Students participate in three days of interactive activities that include thought provoking, challenging and fun activities where they learn communication and problem-solving skills and teamwork.

Don’t wait- get involved in this vital youth leadership program!

- 1) Decide how many students your club will sponsor. The \$350 fee covers all expenses for the student including bus transportation (Broward and Miami-Dade) lodging, meals and all supplies. There are only **120** slots available on a first come/first serve paid basis. [RYLA- Club Sponsorship Form](#)
- 2) Encourage High School Sophomores to participate. Share the link with students, guidance counselors, school clubs and Rotary members.
[RYLA Student Application](#) (deadline Nov 22)

For more information: District6990RYLA@gmail.com





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**Feel free to reach out to these individuals for
help and support with your club!**



NEW LITTLE BLUE BUCKETS HAVE ARRIVED!!



As you know, the "little blue buckets" that collect spare change for The CART Fund are the easiest way to support our district's efforts to #EndALZ! Because of your donations, more than \$13 million has been awarded to researchers around the US.

#FromPocketChangeToLastingChange is the new campaign to support CART. (Watch the new promo video here & please consider sharing it to your social media accounts.)

If the #LittleBlueBuckets at your club have become worn out, faded, or worse yet, MIA, you can get FREE replacements from The CART Fund! Just message CART's Executive Director Tiffany Ervin (tiffany@tiffanyervin.com) and let her know how many you need and which address they should be shipped to!

The new and improved buckets feature a QR code so members (& guests!) can donate securely from their mobile devices, AND they are slightly smaller than the previous buckets so they take up less storage space too!

Don't forget to make your individual or club donation securely ONLINE at www.mycartfund.org to expedite the process and ensure proper credit to our district!

"Find your passion & make it your purpose."



2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference

Led by Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025, will be an opportunity for the Rotary community and our partners to build on Rotary's contributions to promoting peace by exploring:

- Peace in a polarized world
- Technology, media, and peacebuilding
- Environmental issues in peacebuilding
- Making peace last

The conference will also recognize the launch of the new Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. The three-day conference includes keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions that will highlight the many ways Rotary members, program participants, partners, and community leaders can advocate for peace; share stories, insights, and ideas about building peace locally and globally; and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace within our communities and beyond.

Don't miss this special, one-time event focused on ways to take action to advance the cause of peace and explore important issues of our time, including creating sustainable peace and healing in a divided world.

[Learn more and register HERE!](#)



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) has several opportunities, both in person and online, to enhance your leadership skills and learn more about Rotary.



The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute's Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club officers. Courses are given to foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

Saturday, March 15th

Keiser University Fort Lauderdale; 1500 NW 49th St, Fort Lauderdale 33309

This will include Parts 1, 2 and 3

To register, go to the calendar on DACdb.com, or on our website at rlitraining.org

Online Sessions

- 11/6,9am | Session 2.6 - Service Projects
- 11/6,12pm | Session 2.5 - Membership Attraction
- 11/7, 11am | Session 1.5 - Rotary Foundation
- 11/7,4pm | Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!
- 11/12,10am | Session 3.5 - International Service
- 11/13,11am | Session 2.1 - Analyze Your Club
- 11/13, 1pm | Session 1.4 - Rotary: The Bigger Picture
- 11/13, 4pm | Session 1.3 - Ethics & Vocational Service
- 11/14,11am | Session 3.3 - Public Image
- 11/18, 12pm | Session 2.2 - Planning for Success
- 11/18,4pm | Session 3.2 - Leading Volunteers
- 11/20,12pm | Session 2.3 - Fundraising
- 11/20, 4pm | Session 1.2 - Rotary Opportunities
- 11/21, 9am | Session 3.4 - Rotary Foundation Grants



A Global Movement for Safety of Healthcare Professionals Sparked by the RG Kar Tragedy, India: Why is it important for Rotarians to know ?

Health is one of the important areas of focus in Rotary and health care workers specially physicians play a key role in keeping the community healthy. There are many women physicians globally who are active Rotarians . While they work tirelessly to relieve human suffering, it becomes everyone s duty to keep them safe and stand by them while they struggle for their safety even at workplace .

The healthcare profession, especially in countries with fragile healthcare systems, is fraught with risks, as was tragically underscored in August 2024, when a young female doctor on a night duty was raped and murdered at RG Kar Medical College hospital's secured premises in Kolkata. This horrifying incident ignited nationwide protests, highlighting the multisystemic failures in protecting doctors and other front-line healthcare professionals particularly women. The medical community erupted in anger and frustration and took to the streets to demand justice and improved safety measures calling for an overhaul of safety measures in hospitals. The Physicians of Indian Origin United for Wellbeing and Safety of Healthcare Workers (PIUWSH), an advocacy group of Indian-origin doctors, which started as a WhatsApp group of extraordinarily motivated doctors sharing the outrage of their community in India, soon emerged as a global voice to push for systemic reforms and advocate for the safety of healthcare professionals, particularly in India.

However, these peaceful protests suffered violence as local mobs, likely hired to sabotage the movement, attacked the demonstrators, vandalized hospital property and destroyed valuable evidence at the crime site, despite the overwhelming police presence. The horror of the crime and the resilient, unified call for action from the medical community moved the Supreme Court of India to intervene which then ordered the formation of a National Task Force (NTF) to investigate the incident and assess the safety measures in Indian hospitals. This task force was responsible for proposing guidelines to improve working conditions and security for healthcare workers. A comprehensive set of evidence-based recommendations based on root cause analysis of the incident was made focused on practical solutions like regulating duty hours to prevent exhaustion and increasing alertness, improving hospital security measures through personnel and infrastructure, and introducing stronger legal protections for healthcare workers and included process, outcome and balancing measures. The demands of the medical community have been placed in front of the highest levels of government and continuous efforts are ongoing to request various organisations and advocacy groups with a wide audience to support and draw their attention globally towards the developing crisis. Globally several solidarity events, candlelight vigils and demonstrations have been organized to show support to the onground protesting doctors.(New York City India Day Parade, the Global Citizens' festival ,etc) . The goals of the Indian doctors' protests will only be met when exemplary measures for justice are undertaken and commitment towards significant changes in the healthcare system to prevent another such occurrence are not only verbally promised but also credibly executed on the ground. As this article is being written, the doctors in India have already entered the second week of their hunger strike, five already in the ICU. The protests have been continued for more than two months and unfortunately justice and safe working condition demands are yet to be met.

Dr. Megha Gupta
Past President (Rotary Club Miami Airport: dist 6990)

CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Rotary Club of Lower Keys Haunted House

The Rotary Club of the Lower Keys just wrapped up their annual Haunted House. This year's theme was A Creepy Carnival. The Lower Keys Rotary constructs the Haunted House and we invite other Nonprofits to take over a room, Decorate it, and Haunted it. This turns it into a true community event. Hundreds of children and their Parents went through the Carnival and there Screaming and laughing echoing through the night. Congratulations to Club President Darcy Wadsworth and all of the Lower Keys Rotarian that work long hard hours to make this possible.



The Rotary Club of Weston's Commission Cup

1 Mile Family Walk and half marathon kickoff event held 9/18/2025

The Rotary Club of Weston, in partnership with the Commission of the City of Weston held its kick-off event for its annual 1-mile Commission Cup walk and Half Marathon Run For Tomorrow that will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 9:15 AM at Cypress Bay High School. In addition to Rotary Club leadership, the event was attended by Community officials (our Mayor, City Commissioners and Fire and Police Chiefs), school administrators and event sponsors.

The City of Weston elementary schools with the best participation in the 1 Mile Walk – based on school enrollment – will receive the prestigious Commission Cup for their division. The Rotary Club of Weston will award prizes and medals to Run participants and the races will be followed by a wonderful Family Festival, where attendees can participate in activities, eat and drink from local vendors, receive lots of free giveaways and learn important health related information. These events draw thousands of participants from Weston and the surrounding communities and is looked forward to as a key community event.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT EVENT DECEMBER 8!



A Poem About Rotary

By: Keith Phillips

In the spirit of unity, let us gather near,
With hearts ablaze, our Rotary club holds dear.

A patriotic flame, let us ignite,
Inspiring others to join in this noble fight.

With the Four-Way Test as our guiding light,
We seek the truth, shining ever so bright.

In every action, let fairness prevail,
For all concerns, may justice never fail.

Building bridges, forging friendships strong,
Together we stand, united, lifelong.
In this diverse world, let understanding grow,
Embracing differences, let compassion show.

With each endeavor, let benefits arise,
Empowering lives, reaching for the skies.
Our concern, a beacon of hope and care,
For a better tomorrow, we'll always be there.

Loving our country, its values we hold,
A tapestry of cultures, vibrant and bold.
With pride, we march, hand in hand,
Working towards progress, across the land.

Helping our fellow man, a duty we embrace,
Extending a hand, with kindness and grace.
In service, we find purpose and delight,
Together, we'll make this world shine bright.

So let us inspire, with this patriotic call,
To follow the path, standing tall.
In Rotary's spirit, let us unite,
For love of country, and humanity's light.

The Hallandale Beach-Aventura Rotary Club is delighted to have received the visit of Dennis Caltagirone District Governor, and his lovely wife Lee, and Manohar Mahajan, District Governor Nominee at our CAMS the night of October 17, 2024.

We had two additional impressive guests: Sofia Isakson, current co-president of the interact club at Dr. Krop High School and Samira Umpierre past President of the interact club.

DG, Mr. Caltagirone's insightful words were inspiring and great motivation for all attendees.

It was a wonderful evening.



Rotary Club of Key West Sunrise in the Conch Republic Volunteers at Tour de Keys

The Key West Sunrise Rotary Club proudly supported The Remarcable Tour de Keys, an annual charity bike ride benefiting the MARC House, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Our club staffed a rest and hydration station, offering water, snacks, and encouragement to riders throughout the day.

Despite rainy weather, volunteers kept high spirits, cheering on cyclists committed to this great cause. Baby's Coffee, our generous host, provided additional treats like iced coffee and pizza bagels for riders and volunteers alike.

This meaningful event gave our club the opportunity to support a great cause while showcasing the Rotary spirit of service. Tour de Keys participants are driven not only by athletic goals but by a desire to make a difference, which aligns perfectly with Rotary's ideals of community impact and service above self.

We are grateful for the chance to take part in this effort, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with events that strengthen our community.

If you're interested in attending future Key West Sunrise Rotary events or learning more about our mission, please visit us at <http://keywestsunriserotary.com>.



Excitement in the Air as Dillard High School Interact Club Kicks Off the New School Year!

The energy was electric at Dillard High School as the Interact Club held its first meeting, proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. Led entirely by the student board, the meeting showcased the passion and enthusiasm of the next generation of leaders. With Rotarians on hand to offer support and advice, the students took the reins, discussing what Rotary is, sharing their vision for the year, and even organizing a fun game to bring everyone together.

Pizza, courtesy of Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club President, Dan Rizzi, kept the creativity flowing as the students brainstormed exciting projects. Their first major initiative? Tackling a bee issue on campus! The Interact Club has already hit the ground running, applying for a grant through Rotary to address the problem while creating a sustainable garden that benefits the entire community.

This first meeting was more than the new school year's launch—it was a celebration of youth leadership, service, and the powerful connection between Rotary and the next generation. We can't wait to see what this incredible group accomplishes next!



Rotary Club of Hallandale Beach Aventura attended the Chamber of Commerce Derby Gala

On Friday, October 4, 2024, some of our Rotary Club members gathered for an unforgettable evening at the Hallandale Beach Chamber of Commerce Derby Gala. The atmosphere was delightful, filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community as we celebrated the remarkable achievements of all the honorees.

A special highlight of the evening was the recognition of our own Jesus Abikarram, who was honored as this year's Lifetime Achievement Honoree. His dedication and contributions to our community truly deserve this prestigious acknowledgment.

Our club President, Evelyn Trinidad-Torano, had the distinct honor of presenting Jesus with his Paul Harris pin. This moment was not only a testament to Jesus's hard work but also a reminder of the impact we can all make in our community.

As the evening progressed, guests enjoyed lively conversations and shared stories, making it a fun and memorable event for everyone involved. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, old and new, and to reflect on the achievements that inspire us to continue our mission of service and community engagement. We look forward to more events that bring us together in celebration!



Rotary Club of Hallandale Beach Aventura volunteers at the Mobile School Pantry

On September 10, some of our Rotary members came together to volunteer at the Mobile School Pantry at the Hallandale Gulfstream Early Childhood Center. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of the Mobile School Pantry team, the school and the support of our dedicated Rotary members.

The Mobile School Pantry's mission is to provide nutritious food and essential supplies to children and families in need, ensuring they have the resources necessary for success in school. We are proud to contribute and support this important cause by distributing nutritious food and supplies, helping families start the school year on a positive note.

It was a heartwarming experience to see our community come together, embodying the spirit of service that defines Rotary. This event not only strengthened our bonds as a club but also made a meaningful impact on the lives of many families. We look forward to continuing our efforts to support our community!



Rotary Club of Coral Gables

Members of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables' outreach and fundraising efforts are filling the fall calendar. From monthly bingo events for the veterans at the VA Hospital and serving the homeless on Thanksgiving Day to weekly Thursday lunches with high profile guest speakers, this club stays busy. For the upcoming Veterans Day there are plans for a fundraiser on November 5, 5 - 9 p.m., at the Coral Gables Art Cinema (260 Aragon Avenue). The affair will feature the movie, "Searching for HOME: Coming Back From War" after a reception during which guests will enjoy music, lite bites and an open bar. Tickets are \$100 per person and will benefit the club's foundation that supports numerous non profit programs.

In addition, on Friday, November 22, the club will hold another fundraiser at Steinway Piano Gallery (4104 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables). The affair will feature a concert by internationally acclaimed pianist touring from Italy, Francesco Attesti, who has been a Rotarian since 2001. Tickets at \$100 per person include a reception with an open bar and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit RCCG's international projects.

For tickets or more information on these two fundraisers, email rotarycoralgables@gmail.com.



Francesco Attesti, internationally acclaimed pianist makes stop in South Florida on his US Tour.



The Rotary Club of Deerfield Beach is committed to promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship within the community.

Through its partnership with the Sea Lab program, the club actively supports various service projects focused on ocean conservation and education.

Initiatives like beach cleanups, workshops, and community gardens not only raise awareness about environmental issues but also engage local youth in hands-on learning experiences.

By fostering collaboration and encouraging sustainable practices, we aim to inspire the next generation of environmental leaders and create a lasting impact on our coastal ecosystems.

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

- Community Beach Cleanups
- Educational Workshops Series
- Ocean-Friendly Garden Projects
- Mangrove Exploration Canoe
- Everglades Swamp Walk
- Citizen Science School Field Trips
- Plastic Art Challenges
- Local Schools Engagement



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SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

- **Afternoon Canoe Mangrove Event:** Participants, including Sea Lab students and Rotary members, explored local mangrove ecosystems by canoe, learning about the importance of mangroves in coastal protection, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity.
- **Everglades Swamp Walk for Teens:** A guided walk through the Everglades for teens, organized in partnership with the Rotary Club, focused on educating participants about the unique ecosystems of the Everglades, wetland conservation, and the importance of preserving natural habitats for future generations.
- **Ocean-Friendly Garden:** A collaborative event where Sea Lab students and Rotary members worked to design and plant an ocean-friendly garden using native, drought-tolerant plants. The garden serves as a demonstration of sustainable landscaping that reduces runoff and conserves water, promoting eco-friendly practices in urban gardening.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICE PROJECT: [SEA LAB SCIENCE](#)

- **Community Beach Cleanup Days:** Organized by the Rotary Club to collect marine debris and plastic waste from our local beach, promoting environmental stewardship.
- **Sustainable Ocean Art Exhibition:** Showcased student artwork made from repurposed ocean waste, highlighting creative solutions to plastic pollution and raising awareness of sustainability issues.
- **Plastic-to-Art Challenge:** Hosted World Oceans Day event where participants created art from collected ocean waste, fostering creativity and recycling while addressing plastic pollution.

Together, we can make a difference in our community and create a sustainable future.

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The Yumbe Challenge – International Opportunity

The Yumbe Challenge invites Rotary Clubs to participate in a high-impact, proven, cost-effective project to unleash a wealth of knowledge, skills, and initiative currently trapped in poverty. Uganda Rotary District 9213 is working on an agreement with the Rotary Club of Coconut Grove's [TCP Global](#) to implement the YUMBE CHALLENGE, a pilot project to engage Uganda Rotary clubs as sponsors for women's Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs). VSLAs will be selected from marginalized villages where Uganda Rotary clubs have existing projects or where Rotarians have family ties.

Using the [TCP Global model](#), the VSLA will use \$1500 of their own funds to begin the program. When they reach the \$3000 threshold of loans issued, they will receive \$1500 from an international Rotary Club, church or school and again at the \$6000 level.

Based on survey results from over 100 similar VSLA programs in [Uganda](#) and [Niger](#), it is anticipated that loans of \$100 - \$300 will enable market vendors to increase inventory and move from selling on mats in the streets to the relative comfort of covered market stalls, and enable subsistence farmers to plant more crops and consequently earn more income. Increased revenue from improved businesses will allow borrowers to eliminate hunger from their homes. School fees will be paid. They will invest in more stable and secure housing as well as farm animals.

A few, who currently need all their problem-solving skills to survive on under \$3 per day, will then take on community projects. Borrowers in [Yumbe](#), for example adopted a series of impoverished villages to provide clean, accessible water, combat malaria, teach useful skills to pre-delinquent youth, and provide sanitation facilities.

Clubs supporting the Yumbe Challenge will receive quantitative reports from TCP Global and qualitative reports from a Uganda club. Contact helenedudley@yahoo.com for more information.



Rotary Clubs Collaborate to Support Lighthouse4students Cardboard Racing Team

The collaboration between Rotary Fort Lauderdale South and the Hollywood Rotary Club has been a perfect fit for providing the Lighthouse4students Cardboard Racing Team with a memorable Rotary experience. This partnership brings together two Rotary clubs, working hand in hand to benefit local students as they prepare for the upcoming Cardboard Boat Race at the Hollywood Boat Marina on Nov. 2nd. (Rescheduled from Oct. 5 th, 2024)

By joining forces, Rotarians from both clubs have guided the students in designing and building their cardboard boat. Throughout the process, the students have learned valuable skills such as teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving, all while being mentored by dedicated Rotarians.

The enthusiasm and support from both Rotary Clubs have made this experience truly special for the students. This partnership highlights the power of Rotary's "Service Above Self" motto, showing how two local clubs can unite to inspire and uplift the next generation of Rotarians.

As race day approaches, the Lighthouse4students Team is excited for you to see the results of their hard work and looks forward to future collaborations.

Bro Mac/ Fort Lauderdale South.



Rotary Miami Brickell x Dibia DREAM

In June of 2024, Rotary Brickell hosted a "Pitch Night" where over 15 locals joined and shared the amazing work they do in the community and projects that were looking to be funded. That night, Dibia DREAM-- a nonprofit organization that works with underserved youth was awarded \$1,000 to fund a reoccurring project they host once a month- STEM Saturdays.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Saturdays transforms community centers into "Incubators of Excellence" by engaging youth ages 7-14 through STEM activities on the weekends at no cost to participants and their families. Each month, Dibia DREAM focuses on a branch of science and provides a full workshop with a take-home project and lunch.

These STEM Saturdays help motivate students in underserved communities to stay academically motivated, promotes networking, and provides meals.

On September 21, 2024 Dibia and Rotary Miami Brickell planned to promote International Day of Peace and celebrate Basic Literacy and Education month through a Clean Water STEM workshop. Scholars learned about climate change and ways it can be slowed down and reversed.

Rotarians of Miami Brickell aided to facilitate this entire morning and the scholars walked away completely impacted and inspired to go back to their communities and schools to implement what they learned.

Through small, but impactful collaborations like this are amazing ways Rotarians spark change and inspire our future leaders to do good in the world.



The Rotary of Club of Coconut Grove presented Salsa With Love

In April of 2024, The Rotary of Club of Coconut Grove presented Salsa With Love: A fundraising salsa night benefitting the nonprofit organization, Leading With Love, Inc. During this evening, we happy hour'd with a purpose and danced the night way fundraising a total of \$1,000 to contribute towards taking 4 high school girls to Tanzania, Africa.

This organization has impacted more than 625 young girls throughout our Miami and international communities since its commencement in 2018. The girls are titled "Love Leaders" and commit themselves throughout the school year to meet and work on personal and professional development through workshops led by volunteer mentors who are successful women in the community. Each year, a group of these Love Leaders are selected after an application and interview process to travel around the world to make a global impact which has been coined the Cultural Immersion Experience during the summer when they are off school. In June of summer 2024, this cultural immersion experience and this inspiring global service trip provided an opportunity for several young girls from our underserved communities to travel to Africa and impact the lives of 300 young girls and boys in the country of Tanzania through service and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics).

Through Leading With Love's global service trip to Africa, they were able to connect with women from the Rotary Club of Dar Es-Salaam and have impactful discussions about story-telling and overcoming obstacles! Leading With Love pre-packed and distributed 1,500 reusable sanitary napkins and hygiene supplies to more than 300 young girls in the region and led a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) workshop, sponsored by Dibia DREAM at a local school. The Global Love Leaders also had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture, connect with peers from diverse backgrounds, and develop leadership and teamwork skills.

Successful transformative experiences rely on the support of community members who invest in the future of female leaders and value global social impact. It is because of Rotarians like yourself who make a significant impact on the world and your intentional contributions.



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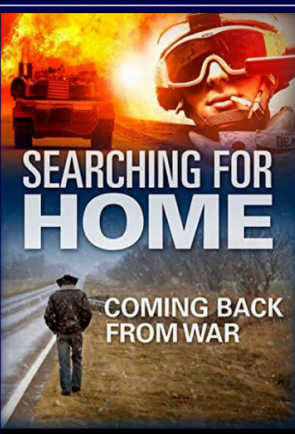
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