

## Calendar-at-a-Glance

THURSDAY, February 27, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Mary Daust
THURSDAY, March 6, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Micah Larson
THURSDAY, March 13, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Samuel Lea
THURSDAY, March 20, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Lynn Luzadder
THURSDAY, March 27, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Frank McMillan
THURSDAY, April 3, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Vanessa Nicholson
THURSDAY, April 10, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Jorge Perez
THURSDAY, April 17, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Richard Schwartz
THURSDAY, April 24, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Corey Shirley
THURSDAY, May 1, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	George Stuart
THURSDAY, May 8, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Robert Stuart
THURSDAY, May 15, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting .....	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter .....	Michael Tipton

## Future Program Schedule

March 6	Kelly Rogers, Nemours Children's Health, Florida
March 13	Donna Lorman, Autism Society of Greater Orlando
March 20	OPEN
March 27	OPEN
April 3	OPEN
April 10	Karen Castor Dentel, Orange County Supervisor of Elections
April 17	OPEN
April 24	OPEN
May 1	OPEN
May 8	OPEN
May 15	OPEN

Can you be a program speaker, or do you have suggestions for programs?  
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## Club Announcements



**THIS WEEK'S MEETING.** This week, our program will be a presentation by Melissa Farrell, from 100 Women Strong. **Mary Daust is our Greeter this week. Robert Stuart will give our invocation.**

**LAST WEEK'S MEETING.** Our program was a presentation by Monarch Learning Academy Students, Elise Dagharian and Evan Wieberg on their school project, *The Problem of Plastic Pollution*. We also held the installation of our newest member, Susie Carlton. Our visitors included the parents of our Monarch speakers and the director of Monarch, Marguerite McNeil. Visiting Rotarians were Dominick D'Anna (Winter Park East), Ted Oken (MA), and returning for the winter, Mark Speciale (East Alton, IL). Welcome, all!

### Rotary District 6980



**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI).** The Sunshine Division offers membership training through The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). Sessions are held via ZOOM and in person. Find out more and register at the District Calendar at <https://www.dacdb.com/Seclgin3.cfm>.

### Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library*



**DONATE NOW TO BENEFIT DOLLY PARTON'S *IMAGINATION LIBRARY*.** We have updated our donation page for *Imagination Library*. You can check it out and donate at <https://rotarycollegepark.org/>.

### Taste of College Park



**TASTE OF COLLEGE PARK 2024.** Don't forget to thank all those who helped make Taste of College Park 2024 such a success – our restaurants, sponsors, and guests. We have post cards and note cards if you want to write a "thank you" note.

### Student of the Month—College Park Middle School

The College Park Middle School Student of the Month for February is eighth grader, Dorian Flowers. Damian's favorite subject is science. He loves playing to draw and is an *anime* fan. Dorian plans to become a paleontologist. He loves dinosaurs and wants to study them. Dorian is committed to being successful in his dreams. Dorian was accompanied by his mother, Charleen Lewis and was introduced by College Park Middle School ESE teacher, Santosh Campbell. Congratulations, Dorian, and proud mother.

### Edgewater Drive Cleanup Last Saturday, February 22

Last Saturday on a chilly morning, eight College Park Rotarians joined eight Edgewater High School Interactors to cleanup Edgewater Drive between Par and Lee Road. Thank you, Robert Dodrill, Liz Allport, Gary Kreisler, D.J. Jones, Clinton Cagle, Michelle Garcia, George Stuart, and Ted Okun.

### Rotary International Celebrates 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves. communities and around the world."**

**Paul Harris, Rotary Founder**

That commitment endures today through an organization that remains truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Our members now span the globe, working to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

### February Birthdays

Vanessa Nicholson 2/10      Clinton Cagle 2/16  
 Frank Consoli 2/23      Bill Hines 2/20

Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 7:15 AM

## Rotary peace conference seeks to heal in a divided world

### RI President Stephanie A. Urchick hosts members, scholars, and other peacebuilders to outline strategies

Building peace requires thoughtful, sustained efforts and meaningful partnerships, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick told attendees at a peace conference in Istanbul. The presidential conference, held February 20 to 22, focused on "Healing in a Divided World."

In her opening address, Urchick described the dedication required for true healing to take place.

"Our time together here is a testament to our shared belief in the power of peacebuilding," she said. "But let's acknowledge something essential: The act of 'Healing in a Divided World' is not something we can achieve quickly or easily. It takes an intentional commitment over time."

Participants from various backgrounds outlined how that commitment could take shape.

At a session focused on technology and media, speakers discussed how technology can reinforce both peace and conflict. They highlighted the impact of artificial intelligence, the ways technology can bolster peacebuilding efforts, and the expansive threat of misinformation.

Sheldon Himelfarb, an award-winning filmmaker and the founder of PeaceTech Lab, called for peacebuilders to forge a global response to misinformation. The danger it poses, he argued, is comparable to that of war, pandemics, and climate change.



"Misinformation [is] a problem so serious, and so far-reaching, that I believe it is rapidly becoming (if it's not there already) an existential threat to the planet," he said. "Fortunately, each day there are more and more people working on this new existential threat, developing tools for fact checking, content labeling, media literacy, AI for peacebuilding, and more."








Attendees at the conference included the first 13 Rotary Peace Fellows at the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. The newest of Rotary's seven global peace centers, it offers peacebuilders based in the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to earn professional development certificates in peace and development studies.

"Through its Peace Fellowship program, the center will equip a new generation of leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to address the root causes of conflict and to build sustainable peace in their communities and beyond," Urchick said. **MORE AT ROTARY.ORG**

7:15–7:28AM	<i>Sign in and Social</i>	Members & Guests
7:29AM	<i>Call to Order Invocation Breakfast is served.</i>	President Bryan Burns Robert Stuart
7:39AM	<i>Visitor Introductions</i>	Mary Daust
7:42AM	<i>Announcements</i>	President Bryan Burns
7:45AM	<i>Student of the Month—St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School</i>	
7:55AM	<i>Happy Dollars and Raffle</i>	Mary Daust
8:05AM	<i>Program - Melissa Farrell, 100 Women Strong</i>	
8:30AM	<i>Rotary's 4-Way Test</i>	President Bryan Burns

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