

Calendar-at-a-Glance

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
THURSDAY, May 22, 2025	
7:30am Regular Meeting	Dubsdread Ball Room
Greeter	Lehn Abrams

Future Program Schedule

March 13	Donna Lorman, Autism Society of Greater Orlando
March 20	OPEN
March 27	OPEN
April 3	Teresa Brown, VA ARMOR Program Manager
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
May 22	OPEN

Can you be a program speaker, or do you have suggestions for programs?
 Contact Robert Stuart, rfstuart8676@gmail.com, or Alley Capatosto,
alley9co@gmail.com.

Club Announcements



THIS WEEK'S MEETING. This week, our program will be a presentation by Kelly Rogers from Nemours Children's Health, Florida. **Micah Larson is our Greeter this week. Robert Stuart will give our invocation.**

LAST WEEK'S MEETING. We had two programs. First, was a presentation by Teresa Brown, the ARMOR Program Manager for the Veterans Administration. ARMOR is the suicide prevention program for veterans. We also had Melissa Farrell and Nicole Donelson from *100 Women Strong*. *100 Women Strong* is a strategic giving circle dedicated to improving the lives of women and children. Visiting Rotarians were Ted Oken (MA), and Mark Speciale (East Alton, IL). Welcome, all!

Rotary District 6980



ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION & AWARDS DINNER. Mark your calendars! On Saturday, May 3, 2025, we will gather for an evening of celebration, fellowship, and recognition. The location is at The Villages at the Rohan Regional Recreation Center, located at 850 Kristine Way, Wildwood, FL. Look for more details.

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—St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Student of the Month for February is eighth grader, Kevin Ramirez. Kevin's favorite subject at St. Charles is STEM. His interests and hobbies include robotics, coding, game development and music. His school donation will go to the St. Charles Robotics Team. Kevin plans to a career as a pilot with his strong interest in aviation, engineering, and technology. He plans to attend a university with software or aviation related courses. Kevin was accompanied by his mother, Maria Gamino and Congratulations, Kevin, and proud mother.

ShelterBox Honored at Buckingham Palace

ShelterBox is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and was honored at a humanitarian reception hosted by King Charles and Queen Camilla. The Queen has been a Patron and tireless advocate of ShelterBox since 2007, after she first encountered ShelterBox in Pakistan supporting displaced families in the wake of the Kashmir earthquakes.

ShelterBox USA is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States and registered in the state of Florida. ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of College Park has supported ShelterBox from the proceeds of Taste of College Park.

Rotary Million Meal Marathon Continues

The next Rotary District 6980 food packing event is scheduled for March 21, 2025, 1:00pm-4:00pm at Second Harvest Food Bank, 411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, 32805. Register at <https://vhub.at/RotaryMillionMeals>. Wear closed toe and heel shoes and comfortable clothing.

March Birthdays

Stephanie Bowman 3/3 Mary Daust 3/4
 Jane Callahan 3/15 Michelle Gross 3/18

Thursday, March 6, 2025 @ 7:15 AM

Rotary projects around the globe - March 2025

United States

The Rotary Club of Wellington, Florida, went the distance by staging a military-style race in which competitors wore heavy backpacks filled with donated food items. More than 100 participants, including U.S. Army and Marine Corps representatives, stepped off on 10 November during the Veterans Day weekend food drive, says club member George Kinoshita. The club modeled the event on the military endurance training known as ruck marches that involve carrying weighted backpacks. The club requested a minimum of 8 pounds of food donations, but many runners hoisted nearly double that, filling their bags with canned beans and cranberries, boxes of stuffing, and other foodstuffs. The club later handed over the Thanksgiving meal staples to the town's seasonally operated pantry. The Wellington High School Interact club conducted a 50-50 raffle, and members hoofed it or served as course guides.

Canada

Fourteen clubs in Ontario are participating in a District 7070 initiative to sew reusable menstrual pads for girls in the Dominican Republic led by Janet Thorsteinson, a member of the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise. Among the most prolific is the Rotary Club of Campbellford. Since it introduced "Sewing with Janet nights" in September 2023, club members and friends have sewn more than 1,000 pads using sewing machines and fabric that Thorsteinson provided. Nearly two dozen people participate in each session. "The idea of allowing more members to be involved in an international project was very appealing," says Rob Pope of the Campbellford club. Thorsteinson agrees. "Sewing events create opportunities for fellowship, creating a Rotary buzz and a draw for new members to get involved," she says.

Promoting Peace - Rotary creates environments of peace

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

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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>	Micah Larson
7:42AM	<i>Announcements</i>	President Bryan Burns
7:45AM	<i>Student of the Month—Bishop Moore Catholic High School</i>	
7:55AM	<i>Happy Dollars and Raffle</i>	Micah Larson
8:05AM	<i>Program – Kelly Rogers Nemours Children's Health, Florida</i>	
8:30AM	<i>Rotary's 4-Way Test</i>	President Bryan Burns

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