

# Rotary

## Club of Fort Lauderdale



[The Rotary Tarpon](#)

Sunday, January 19, 2025

## Rotary Weekly Meeting - January 22, 2025

### Rotary Weekly Meeting

January 22, 2025 at 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: TBA

We meet at the Global Event Center, 416 NE 1st Street.  
Join us at Noon; the meeting will begin at 12:15 pm.  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with questions.

A lunch buffet is provided by Hugh's Catering.

Please note that on Wednesdays during our lunch meetings, we have free parking if you arrive between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

If you arrive after 12:30 p.m., please be sure to pay for the time you need to avoid getting a ticket.

[Click here](#) on Wednesday anytime after 12:00 to participate in the Zoom meeting.

You can also dial in, but you will not see the PowerPoint or video feeds.  
To dial in call: 646-558-8656 and use this Meeting ID: 954 424 0731  
Password: 275406



### 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

January 20th  
[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)

January 22nd  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)

January 29th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting - Monthly Social](#)

Speaker: Monthly Social

February 5th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)

February 12th  
[Rotary Weekly Meeting](#)

Speaker: Valentines Program

February 17th  
[Club Board of Directors Meeting](#)

## Challenge Air

**CHALLENGE AIR**  
for Kids & Friends  
Scan to Volunteer

**Save the Date**  
Fort Lauderdale  
Fly Day  
January 25, 2025

This special event offers children with special needs the unforgettable experience of flight. Your support as a volunteer is crucial in making this day a success. Whether you can help with event setup, assist families, or provide other support, your contribution will make a significant impact. Come be a part of this inspiring day and help us bring smiles to these amazing kids! Sign up today and make a difference!

Challenge Air

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**This Saturday!!  
January 25, 2025  
Set up is January 24th.**

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



If you plan to be a lead loader during Challenge Air, please make sure to attend a brief training session immediately following Wednesday's meeting (new and renewing participants). The training will take approximately 30 minutes.

Email Terry Robinson with questions and for the required waiver:  
[tkrobins70@gmail.com](mailto:tkrobins70@gmail.com)

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## Have a Heart - Hygiene Products Collection Drive



### Have A Heart Campaign – Hygiene Products Collection Drive

Any given day there are hundreds of our neighbors who experience extreme poverty and homelessness. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, in collaboration with the City of Fort Lauderdale and other local partners, is collecting hygiene items to support Fort Lauderdale non-profits who provide critical services to our homeless community all year long. Your generous donation will be used to prepare care packages that will be delivered around Valentine's Day and provide the minimum necessities for a dignified, safe, and healthy life.

Here are four ways you, your business or your organization can make a difference:

1. Drop off your donation at the Neighbor Support Office, 101 NE 3 Ave., 21<sup>st</sup> floor, Fort Lauderdale. We also can arrange for a pick-up from your home or office.
2. Start your own personal collection drive for select new or gently used items.

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### Birthdays

Michael Sedra  
January 20th

Ray M. Williams  
January 26th

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### Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

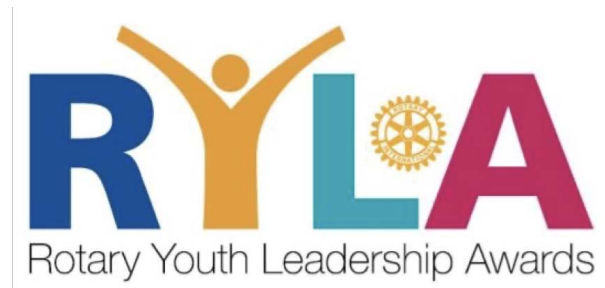
3. Create your own [Amazon Wishlist](#) and purchase essential items.
4. Host a collection drop-off location at your office.



For more information and other drop-off options, contact Jorg Hruschka at [Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov).

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## RYLA 2025



You are invited to see RYLA in Action!

Saturday, February 8th  
11:00-4:00  
Islamorada, Florida Keys

RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, is an annual leadership conference for high school sophomores being held February 7-9.

Don't miss this special opportunity to visit RYLA and see what all the excitement is about.

This is the only time during the RYLA weekend that we can host guests. You will be amazed by the many impactful group activities that you will observe throughout the day.

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base  
73800 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036.  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/>

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Lunch is served at noon.  
So we can plan lunch- Please RSVP to [district6990ryla@gmail.com](mailto:district6990ryla@gmail.com)

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## District 6990 Annual Fundraiser



## Our Rotary District 6990 Annual Fundraiser is Under Way!

*Due to overwhelming interest from our Rotary family and friends, and to give everyone a chance to purchase their tickets, we've decided to postpone the event to **February 7th, 2025**.*

*This new date aligns perfectly with a very special occasion—the visit of **Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick!** We couldn't think of a better time to drop the balls and celebrate this fun and impactful project with our extended Rotary community.*

It is that time of year once more when we come together to honor Chris Morrison for his tremendous support of the Rotary Foundation and to continue on the path he began!

As always, our district is excited to host an event in memory of Chris Morrison, aimed at raising vital funds for this important cause.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to contribute and qualify for the Paul Harris Fellow recognition—whether through buying tickets or selling them to friends and family. Those who reach the PHF or the next level will be celebrated before our Paul Harris night!

You can get your physical tickets at our meetings, or you can easily purchase them online at the following website:

[www.rotary6990gbd.org](http://www.rotary6990gbd.org)

We have some incredible prizes lined up, so don't miss out. The closest balls will receive the following winning gifts:

- 2-night stay at Bay Harbor & Coconut Bay Resort, Key Largo
- \$1,200 Voucher for Virgin Cruise
- \$600 Gift Certificate from Carroll Jewelers
- 3-night stay for two guests at Di Sabatino Resort in Renaissance City of Ascoli Piceno (Italy)
- Brunch for two at the Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gable

Can you imagine how many good things we can do in the world with such a donation and how much we can accomplish within our own communities through the DDF? For every four tickets sold, your \$100 donation can, for instance, help provide new water filters capable of purifying over 200,000 gallons of clean, safe drinking water by removing 99.9999% of diseases from contaminated water.

We are counting on you. Our goal is for each member to buy - or sell - 4 tickets, which would make our Rotary Club a "Sustaining Club."

Thank you for your support and your commitment to the Rotary mission.

Questions? Please contact John Aquino [jaquino@hendersonbh.org](mailto:jaquino@hendersonbh.org) or (954) 298-0747.

# Vocational Service Month



The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

Those objectives are:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations.

It is the shared responsibility of both the Rotary Club and its members.

[Read More](#)

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## Follow Us on Social Media





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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS / REQUEST FOR ARTICLES



### 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

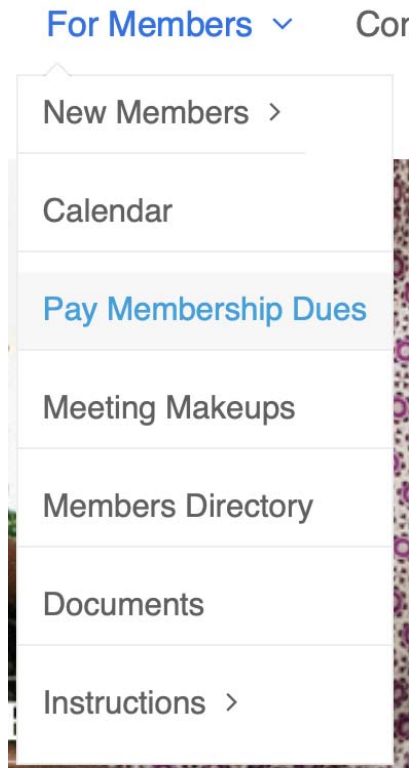
Thursday, 10 a.m., for bulletin/newsletter being sent the following Monday.

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## Pay Membership Dues Online

[Click to Pay Membership Dues Online](#)

OR  
Go to [www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org](http://www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org).



Click on Members > Pay Membership Dues  
Email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Donate to Rotary 1090 Foundation

### **The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation**

The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation operates as a 501(c)3 corporation. Contributions are dedicated to supporting various community endeavors, including providing college scholarships for local high school graduates, organizing Thanksgiving meals, aiding our hungry and homeless through Have a Heart initiatives, supporting Challenge Air for special needs children, facilitating neighborhood clean-up and restoration projects, fostering youth leadership programs, and more.

**Click below to make a tax-deductible donation.**

Donate to the Fort Lauderdale Rotary 1090 Foundation Inc.

[Click here to Donate](#)

Thank you!!

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## Instructions for Club Documents

Secure documents are only available to members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale.

You will need to click the link above on the top right to login to DACdb.

Once you have logged in, click on My Club and then click on Club Files, Click on the Secure Files Tab (to the right of Public Files), and open the file you are looking for.

For example, if you want to look at a new member application, click on the New

Member Application Folder and then click on the application name you want to open.

If you do not know your login, please email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com)

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## Instructions for Member Directory

This directory is only available to members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale. The easiest way to access the member directory is to go to [m.dacdb.com](http://m.dacdb.com). This works on your desktop computer or on your smart phone.

You use the same login you use for the district site and our website. Once you have logged in, click on My Club and then Members and you will see a list of all our members, then click on the member you need contact information for and it will open up for you.

If you do not know your login, please email [rotaryftlaud@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryftlaud@gmail.com)

### To add a shortcut to your smart phone

If you are on an android phone, you can click the three dots near the top right to see options and then click Add to Home screen and you will have a button that you can put where you want on your phone and have easy access to the directory.

If you are on an iPhone, make sure you use safari to go to [m.dacdb.com](http://m.dacdb.com) and at the bottom of your screen you can click the icon that looks like a folder with an arrow, then click, Add to Home screen and you will have a button you put where you want and have easy access to the member directory.

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## Club Leaders



[Daniel Rizzi](#)  
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Secretary



[John Aquino](#)  
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Chair  
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