Making a Difference

The theme for Rotary 2017-2018 has a special meaning for all Rotarians throughout the world. RI President Ian Riseley has put forth a special challenge to become more involved in not only Rotary, but also your own community. “Through Rotary, we are Making a Difference in the world, and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate “Service Above Self” into our daily lives.”

District 6930 has special challenges ahead as we incorporate the results of last year’s Council on Legislation that opened the door to new opportunities in making each club more accessible to new and existing members. There are some new requirements for each club, including the fact that the Treasurer MUST be a member of the Board of the club. This is to incorporate the Rotary International Errors & Omissions Policy into each club, for the protection of all of us. With over 35,000 clubs there could be problems somewhere.

Each club is now required to provide access to board meeting minutes to every club member within 60 days of the board meeting. This is the desire to provide transparency and openness.

This year we will be adding the object of attacking the horrible disease of Alzheimer’s to our district objective. Every one of us has or will be subjected to this disease through close family or acquaintances. While other diseases such as cancer and heart disease are seeing a decline, Alzheimer’s is growing in impact at an alarming rate. We will be joining with the Rotary Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust (CART) program to help find a cure. You should not be limited by this one program and I encourage each club to participate in the attack on this disease in one form or another.

Josh the Otter was introduced to Rotary by our own member Jim Underwood and has become a major program to protect children from the biggest cause of death to children under the age of 5 years. We have the tools and materials to allow each club to launch this project in their own community. It is not an easy result to measure, but I believe we will see an impact in Florida in the next few years.

We will end the year for our District with the most exciting District Conference in the history of District 6930. The conference will be aboard the Royal Caribbean Empress of the Seas from June 2-6, 2018. We are joining with District 6950 to do a joint conference that will begin the cruise in Tampa and spending a day in Havana Cuba. We will be the first group of Rotarians to visit Havana in almost 60 years. What an exciting experience this will be.

And finally, next year’s Rotary Convention will be in Toronto, Canada June 23-25, 2018.

Let’s Make a Difference!

Dave Freudenberg
District Governor 2017-2018
**January Vocational Service Month**

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- Intracoastal Brewing Company
I awoke early on a Saturday morning to the sound of my mother's voice. “Good morning Sarah, I signed us up for a Rotary service project. You should put on old clothes. We are painting a map on the Alamo Elementary School playground. Quick, we need to leave in 15 minutes.”

A form of this conversation occurred more times than I can remember when I was growing up. My mother, Katheryn Tuberty, has been a member of the Vacaville Rotary Club in California, USA, since 1998. Someone recommended to her that as the new administrator of the local assisted living center, it would be a great way to get to know the community. She was hooked from the first meeting. She loved the club, the people, and the community. She is an engaged person of action, a prominent figure in town, and a “mover and shaker.” She is also the queen of “volun-telling.”

“Volun-telling” is when you are volunteered for a role before you even ask. I learned all about taking part in service projects when I was young because I was frequently volun-told. Annoying as it was to be woken up on a Saturday morning, I always went. I was able to work next to my mom and develop friendships with other Rotarian families. I believed in the Rotary mission. I felt connected, welcomed, and supported by my Rotary club. At the age of eight, I knew I was going to be a future Rotarian.

**Life changing moment**

When I was 14, my mother “volun-told” me to attend the district conference with her. My whole life changed when I met an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Columbia and learned about her experiences. Two years later, I became an ambassador of the Vacaville Rotary Club as an outbound youth exchange student to Lecco, Italy.

Upon my return, I was again volun-told into filling a vacant position as president of my high school's Interact Club. I had an incredibly successful year with a variety of initiatives and turned the club around.

When I began an occupational therapy program at Boston University, I joined the Sargent College Boston University Rotaract Club, and now serve as president. My mom is the president of the Vacaville Rotary Club. We share stories from training sessions and conferences we’ve attended, as well as projects we have collaborated on. We decided for our year, we would set a fundraising goal of $1,000 to support an ongoing initiative to create an inclusive playground for children of all abilities. It features two challenge league baseball fields, one modeled after AT&T park in San Francisco and the other coincidentally after Fenway Park in Boston.

**Two lessons**

I have two reasons for sharing this story. First, I was fortunate to be a child of an active Rotarian. If you have children, bring them to projects, regardless of how reluctant they may be. I can assure you, I was very reluctant at 13. Explore ways to develop new club events or alter old ones to include family members and their friends. By inviting me along, my mother very intentionally instilled values of Service Above Self, and showed me what it means to be a Person of Action and to make a difference. It became part of my identity.

Second, “volun-telling” is a great way to engage young professionals who are still navigating their way into the adult world and developing careers. Don’t wait for them to ask. Let them know “we meet on Tuesdays at 12 p.m., I will put you on the roster, see you there!” This can be a very effective strategy as it breaks the ice for people. Try it out. I know quite a few people it’s worked on.

*By Sarah Tuberty, president of the Rotaract Club of Sargent College Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

Sarah Tuberty, right, and her mother during a visit to Boston last year.
CLUB INNOVATION: COMPETITION BUILDS
CLUB SPIRIT AND MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Jonesboro, Arkansas, USA, gave a membership drive a competitive twist. Teams vied for glory in recruiting members, and the result was 24 new Rotarians.

Looking for ways to recruit new members and engage current members, the Rotary Club of Jonesboro decided to harness the competitive spirit. In March 2016, it mounted a membership drive with teams competing to bring in the most new members.

The membership drive was set up like a sports league, with captains “drafting” their teams from the active club membership. The team captains in this friendly competition were immediate Past President (and District Governor-nominee) John Deacon; President-elect Brock Cline; President-nominee Lisa Golden; and President Beverly Parker. Everyone in the club participated.

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Brian Rega, the club’s membership chair, acted as commissioner of the league. He gave points to team members for hosting a guest at a meeting, if that guest pursued membership, and then if the guest was approved as a member. Bonus points were available if the new member was a young professional or added a previously unrepresented vocational category to the club. And, as Rega notes, “there were other surprise bonuses throughout, at the commissioner’s discretion, of course.”

After the kickoff of the drive, the club encouraged teams to invite their recruits to a special program delivered by club member and Past District Governor Ray Keller, an internationally known business and motivational speaker. “Keller told his Rotary story and described the impact the organization has had around the world,” notes Rega. “We were able to use it as the required Rotary information session for new members.”

A leaderboard posted weekly updates, recognizing both teams and top individual performers. “It was great fun, especially for a 98-year-old club with a reputation for being somewhat stodgy,” says Rega. “This ain’t your father’s Rotary Club,’ we explained to members and prospects.” One seasoned Rotarian recruited his first new member during the drive and said it was because he wanted to help his team win.

During the six-week drive, the club hosted 76 potential Rotarians and inducted 24 members. Afterward, members celebrated their success at a club meeting. “We considered having overall high-point Team John being served lunch by the other teams. We also considered having any member who recruited a new member being served steak while everyone else ate something cheaper,” recalls Rega. “We decided to share the goodwill among everyone, because in the end, we all won by having those new members. As I said on the day awards were presented, ‘We all eat “fancy,” as one team, one family.’”

What is your club doing to reinvent itself?
In early October, Rotary Foundation Chair Paul Netzel was on hand to open the West Africa Project Fair in Accra, Ghana, where Rotary and USAID are partnering to improve sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene in six regions of the country.

The project fair, as the name suggests, involves Rotary clubs across the West Africa sub-region, and is in its 12th year. It serves as an excellent forum for local clubs to show off their projects and establish partnerships with international clubs to secure the financial and technical support needed to implement projects in the region.

The Ghana Host Committee of the H2O Collaboration decided it would be good to have a booth at the fair, to showcase this unique public-private partnership, build awareness, and seek the support of new technical advisers and financial donors. As project manager of the committee, I assisted Ako Odotei, the committee chair, in setting up our booth and providing information. We were located near a staircase, which turned out to be a very strategic location.

We welcomed members from the Rotary clubs of Accra, Accra Legon, Accra Dansoman, Sunyani Central, Tema, and Accra RRC, many of whom expressed support for our efforts. Frank Owusu Debrah, past president of Sunyani Central, noted how important it is to help Rotarians gain a clearer understanding of the project. He believes it will dispel any negative perceptions and motivate more members to give toward meeting the $200,000 Rotary has agreed to raise in each country.

Rotarians in Nigeria and Niger were also excited about the water and sanitation improvements, and expressed interest in developing a similar WASH program in their home country.

All in all, I was very pleased with the results of the fair, which was well organized and well attended. We were able to provide valuable visibility to the collaboration.

By Theophilus Mensah
Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean, the smallest of the Greater Antilles, which is distinguished by its natural beauties, the talent of Puerto Ricans in music, arts, and sports, and above all for the warmth of its people.

But the so-called island of Enchantment was transformed by what already has been classified as the most catastrophic event in the history not only of Puerto Rico, but of the United States. More than a month after Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, our people are still struggling to recover from the impact of this natural phenomenon, which left so much desolation in its wake.

Thousands of families have lost their houses totally or partially, either by winds of more than 185 miles per hour (295 km/h) or by the heavy rains that caused landslides that obstructed a lot of major roads, and overflowed all of our rivers and lakes. The force of the winds snatched the greenery out of our mountains, demolished much of our trees, and caused millions in damages to the infrastructure of the country.

But the response from Rotarians in District 7000 was quick and precise. A few days after the hurricane, several clubs around the island began to provide humanitarian aid to those affected. The help included non-perishable food, water, hygiene kits, water filters, solar lights, and power generators.

Rotarians in Puerto Rico are now focused on the recovery and reconstruction phases. Rotary clubs have developed plans to work with pumping systems for renewable energy projects in communities without potable water, the installation of water filtration systems, and the rollout of community economic development projects for the most affected areas. Disease prevention efforts in areas affected by the hurricane are also taking place, among other initiatives.

Rotary International has established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) of the Rotary Foundation (number 614), to support projects for the recovery of Puerto Rico. Given the great work that remains ahead, contributions from Rotarians to this fund will be essential to help Puerto Rico get back on their feet.

Without a doubt, the “Isla del Encanto” will need several years to fully recover, and many hands to help its people achieve it. And within those hands will be those of Rotarians from Puerto Rico and around the world with their contributions, ideas and volunteering, which all will make the difference in the lifting of Puerto Rico.

How to help:

A Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund designated by donors has been established to accept contributions that will aid hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. Visit the District 7000 website to learn more.

By José Lucas Rodríguez, governor of Rotary District 7000 (Puerto Rico)
5 Reasons why Pakistan needs Rotaract

1. Polio
Pakistan is one of only three countries that have never stopped the transmission of the wild polio virus, alongside Afghanistan and Nigeria. Two years ago, polio was widespread in my country. Today, through Rotary’s efforts we are down to a very few cases. In fact, worldwide, Rotary has helped drop the incidence of polio by 99 percent since it began the effort to eradicate this disease. We need Rotary to bring us to the goal we are all hoping for, an end to polio in Pakistan, and everywhere. Every year, polio vaccines are donated to each province of Pakistan and immunization workers carry out the honorable effort of administering the vaccine, sometimes at personal risk, to children.

2. Professional building
Rotary creates a lot of opportunities for young men and women to learn alongside each other. Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs create opportunities for everyone to participate, and men and women to learn valuable leadership skills, perform their duties, delegate tasks to others, and communicate with each other. This is very important in my country, where there are fewer jobs available, and professional training is expensive.

3. Education through scholarships
The literacy rate of Pakistan is only about 58 percent, which is very low and dropping year by year. We need educated leaders and citizens to grow as a nation. Rotary’s various scholarship programs provide opportunities not only for those with means, but in underprivileged areas as well. For example, a Rotaract club in Faisalabad, Punjab, adopted two orphans and provides all their education expenses. The club’s president said the 25-member club provides for the costs out of their own pockets because “we are all students, and Rotary teaches us Service Above Self.”

4. One platform for good
Rotary provides one place to serve in many different ways. In Pakistan, there are different platforms for different activities. But in Rotaract, you can undertake any sort of activity to benefit yourself and your community. Recently a club in Peshawar held physical exercise activities in collaboration with Adventure Park.

5. Fellowship
In an era of globalization, everyone is busy pursuing their own lives. In Pakistan this is very difficult. Rotaract brings people together through our meetings and activities. We make new friends; we find people with mutual interests. Both community based and university based Rotaract clubs foster fellowship and provide opportunities for young people to volunteer side by side, for the common purpose of helping humanity.

By Fatima Khurram, Newsletter editor for District 3272

Administering polio vaccine at the train station
5 reasons to use Rotary Global Rewards in 2018

Who doesn’t enjoy saving money, especially when you can give back to a great cause? As many of you know, Rotary Global Rewards is our member benefits program that helps Rotarians spend less while giving back to Rotary. It’s a great perk many Rotarians use on a daily basis for both personal and professional purchases.

Check out these reasons why you should take advantage of Rotary Global Rewards in the new year:

1. **Save money.**
Discover discounts on the products and services you value most. Looking to book your next flight or longing for a new dining experience? Rotary Global Rewards offers a surplus of deals for all types of products and services, such as discounts on travel, hotels, and vehicle rentals, as well as shopping, gifts, movie and entertainment tickets — and more!

2. **Effortlessly give back to Rotary.**
It doesn’t take much to give back to Rotary; literally. By using Rotary Global Rewards, you’re constantly saving money or giving back to Rotary. Already planning on making a purchase for something? Check for offers that give a percentage of your purchase to Rotary.

3. **Support fellow Rotarian businesses.**
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4. **Help your club save money.**
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Rotary Global Rewards can now be accessed on any mobile device so it’s always right at your fingertips! Download the Rotary Global Rewards app at Apple App Store® or Google Play™.

Start the New Year off right by downloading the Rotary Global Rewards app and save money getting more good work done.

Questions related to a specific offer should be directed to the company making the offer using the contact information in the offer listed. If you’re unable to resolve an issue with the company, let us know so we can troubleshoot the problem by selecting the flagged link under Claim Offer.

By Rotary staff
The 43rd Annual IRC Rotary Homestay just wrapped up! Seven incoming District Governor Elects (DGE’s) visited Vero Beach and Sebastian and stayed with Rotarians, visited area restaurants, took an airboat ride, went to museums and attractions. The Sunrise Rotary Club threw a Florida BBQ at Bethel Creek house, The Sebastian Club had a workshop with the Sebastian HS Interact Club, Oceanside Club threw a cocktail party at Walking Tree Brewery and the Vero Beach Club hosted a luncheon at the VB Yacht Club where past DG Marcy Ullmon from Miami gave the keynote speech. These visitors from Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, The UK, South Africa and Brazil came on Saturday and left on Thursday on their way to San Diego for the International Assembly to learn how to be good Governors in their home districts.

Attending this year: Arvid & Anne Blindheim from Norway District 2305 & Thor & Berit Olson from Norway District 2275 staying with Beth Bradshaw from the Vero Beach Club; Leif & Anneli Carlzon from Sweden District 9400 staying with Larry Parks of the Vero Beach Club; Gianna Doubell from South Africa District 9370 staying with Camille Yates of the Vero Beach Club; Guilhermino & Helida Cunha from Brazil District 4570 staying with Pam and Gene O’Donnell of the Sunrise Rotary VB Club; Steve & Maria Martin from the UK District 1180 staying with Debbie and Drew Padnuk of the Sunrise Rotary VB Club; and Bauke Boersma & Dorian Koelmans from the Netherlands District 1570 staying with Greg and Katie Reader of the Sunrise Rotary VB Club.

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ROTARY DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Location: The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches
Parking is $10, located at 5100 N. Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach

Game: WASHINGTON NATIONALS vs. HOUSTON ASTROS
Saturday, March 10th
1:05pm 1st Pitch
Gates Open at 11:05am

Tickets: Group Tickets for Outfield Reserve seating located along the leftfield line just beyond 3rd base
$20.00 per person (Discounted Price, Kids under 3 are Free)

Special Activities: Ceremonial first pitch by a Rotarian
A pregame tour at 11am of selected areas of the complex
Rotary acknowledgment via public address and scoreboard

To reserve tickets contact: 561.325.9801
Email: DFishman@BallparkPalmBeaches.com
**Josh the Otter and Mechanical Cows?**

What do Josh the Otter in Stuart and mechanical cows in Guatemala, a dental clinic in Dominican Republic and wheelchairs for veterans in Boynton Beach, and cisterns in Mexico and holiday meals in Titusville have in common? They all were helped to reality through grants of money from the Rotary Foundation through Rotary clubs in District 6930!

The Rotary Foundation, through local and international service projects, helps clubs to address humanitarian challenges by promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, protecting the environment and ending polio. In 2016-2017, The Rotary Foundation provided over 96 million dollars in support of grants, both local and international. In addition, over 155 million dollars was given to complete the battle to eradicate polio.

All Foundation dollars are spent by Rotarians. However, unless Rotarians donate to the Foundation there are almost no dollars to spend. Each year the Foundation balance goes to virtually zero, so it is necessary for Rotarians to commit to contributing to the Foundation each year. Every Rotarian, Every Year.

The Foundation is Rotary’s charity. It is an opportunity to change lives of people you will never meet, even if you are never personally involved in a grant project. In 2017 The Rotary Foundation was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals as the world’s Outstanding Foundation for 2016. The Rotary Foundation consistently receives Charity Navigator’s highest rating of 4 stars. Your Foundation is well run and the money is well spent.

For some reason, giving to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation is significantly down in District 6930 this Rotary year. Rotarians are asked to give a minimum of $100 per year, every year. $8.34 a month. Do you know how much you have given this year? Are you regularly giving through your club or through Rotary Direct? If not, please talk with your club’s Foundation chair and consider setting up a systematic way to support your Foundation on a continual basis. Through Rotary Direct (available on rotary.org, click on Give in the upper right hand corner) you can have a monthly charge placed on a credit card (and even get points!).

Thank you Rotarians who give annually and generously. We really need you!

Unfortunately, the need for Rotary and Rotarians is not going away. The need for the Rotary Foundation is not going away. You are needed as an active participant in the Foundation, both as a donor and as an initiator of humanitarian projects.

Every Rotarian, Every Year.

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Jim Sisserson*
District 6930 Foundation Chair
Lighthouse Festival
February 10, 2018
11-4pm
Come enjoy excellent local seafood, music, entertainment, tours, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle & a silent auction all on the grounds of the Historic Cape Canaveral Lighthouse
Tickets: Adults $75 Kids $15
Purchase Tickets at: TinyURL.com/LighthouseFest
Benefiting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Sponsorship Opportunities Available
LighthouseFestival@CanaveralLight.org
LET’S END POLIO

As a proud member of Rotary Club Boca Raton West and a Coordinator of Fundação Vamos Falar Português (free Portuguese classes for kids from 3 to 15 years of age), once again we promoted the “Let’s End Polio” campaign during the Portuguese classes second semester 2017.

Every year the kids have a different activity. This year the idea was to make a drawing or a collage in an envelope with a donation to the kids and countries in need.

We had many participants and 6 of those received a prize (a beautiful black backpack) kindly offered by Boca Raton FC.

I want to thank every kid, every parent and every volunteer who helped me on this amazing project.

A very happy new year to you all !!!

Vania Amorim
Florida Craft Brew & Wingfest

SUNRISE ROTARY

February 17, 2018
Royal Palm Pointe, Vero Beach

11:30 am - 4:00 pm
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The Rotary Club of Boca Raton presents THE 15th ANNUAL FUTURE STARS PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION
Recognized as South Florida’s Most Prestigious Performing Arts Competition
Hosted by the City of Boca Raton

See South Florida’s Best & Brightest Young Vocal & Dance Artists at the MIZNER PARK AMPHITHEATER

Auditions for middle & high school vocalists, dancers and dance groups will be held at Pine Crest School Performing Arts Center, Boca Raton on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Audition application and rules are available on the Future Stars 2018 page at rotaryclubbocaraton.com. The audition application deadline is January 24, 2018.

Prizes include unique performing opportunities and recognition awards. All participants in the Show & Auditions are eligible to apply for The Rotary Club of Boca Raton’s Annual Performing Arts College Scholarship.

Community Sponsorship & Contact Information - Julie Vianale 561.945.5548 or bocarotaryfuturestars@gmail.com
NEWS RELEASE

TITUSVILLE ROTARY PARK CLEANUP

Titusville, FL (November 21, 2017) — The Rotary Club of Titusville participated in their bi-annual park cleanup last weekend. In total, 14 Rotarians and 35 local Interact Clubs from Astronaut, Space Coast and Titusville High Schools all pitched in to remove hurricane debris, repaint structures, clean the waterfront and perform lawn maintenance.

The Rotary club of Titusville meets weekly at the La Cita Country Club.

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Contact: Chrissy Elliott (321-267-8924)
ROTARY CLUB OF TITUSVILLE
ShrimpFest & Craft Brew Hullabaloo
March 16, 17 and 18, 2018
Riverview Park, Sebastian, Fl

It's ShrimpFest time again! New Location! New Format! Same great Florida Shrimp and Craft Beer! Three days of Shrimp, Craft Brews, Live Music, Vendors and Kids Events! The ShrimpFest & Craft Brew Hullabaloo has a new venue this year: Riverview Park, US Hwy 1 & CR 512, Sebastian, Florida. Local restaurants and organizations will compete for the bragging rights to the winning recipe and the coveted "Third Annual Golden Shrimp Award". Everyone attending the festival can vote for their favorite dish. Allergic to seafood? The kids don't like shrimp? Don't let that stop you from enjoying a great weekend as pizza and other foods will be available.

The event features FREE entry and parking, live music, exciting kids' activities, loads of vendors and more. Pareidolia Brewing Company of Sebastian has joined forces with over 15 Florida brewers and home brewers who will be bringing their best brews for the Craft Beer Tasting on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00. Entry to the festival is free but the Craft Brew Tasting is $35 at the door, presales are $30 at eventbrite.com. Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery of Ft. Pierce will delight you with their selection of wine during the entire weekend.

The festival begins on Friday, March 16th, with our pre-St. Patty's Day party at 3:00 pm with food, Irish music, and brew until 9:00 pm. Saturday, March 17th, the vendors open early at 9:00 am, beer sales start at 10:00 and food sales at 11:00. The Craft Beer Tasting is from 1:00 to 4:00. Enjoy the Motorcycle Show and Ride-in on Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00. Live music, beer and food will flow until 9:00pm. Kids events will be sponsored by Home Depot. Sunday, March 18th, the vendors open again at 9:00 am, beer sales at 10:00 and Food at 11:00, music and kids events all day to 5:00 pm. Enjoy a special Car Show on Sunday from 10:00 to 2:00.

The ShrimpFest & Craft Brew Hullabaloo is a joint effort of the Rotary Club of Sebastian and the Fellsmere Exchange Club and is sponsored by the City of Sebastian. Net proceeds raised from the event will benefit local youth sports teams, the prevention of child abuse and participating non-profit organizations throughout North Indian River County.

We gratefully acknowledge a new sponsor, Dale Sorensen Real Estate, and a returning sponsor, J.J. Taylor Distributing, and invite others to help sponsor this worthy fundraiser.

For more information send us an email or check out our website.

Info@ShrimpFestFL.com
www.ShrimpFestFL.com
NEWS RELEASE

CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Titusville, FL (November 21, 2017) — The Rotary club of Titusville is excited to announce the return of the iconic community event, Christmas Music on the Green. Enjoy holiday music, good, food, drinks, and pictures with Santa Claus.

Christmas Music on the Green will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3pm at La Cita Country Club, 777 Country Club Dr., Titusville, FL 32780. Entry fee is suggested at 1 non-perishable food item that will support the Children’s Hunger Project.

Vendor opportunities are available at $30 per booth. Registration ends December 1.

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ROTARY CLUB OF TITUSVILLE
Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach has it's 4th fall Growing Healthy Kids!
"Nutrition Scientist" classes were conducted by Nancy Heinrich, MPH & "Growing Healthy Kids" founder. Nancy is an epidemiologist and diabetes educator. The purpose of the program is to educate and empower kids, teens, and adults about healthy eating.

6 kids from Hope For Families Center
6 kids from Youth Guidance
12 students from VBHS Interact Club volunteered as mentors
9 Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach members volunteered as mentors
1 Rotaract Business Exchange Rotarian from Germany

There were visits to the Farmer's Market, Ocean Drive. Kids interviewed the vendors about how their produce is grown and had lessons in purchasing quality whole foods.

Osceola Organic Farm - Kids toured the farm, picked veggies, and learned about organic farming practices from the owner, Farmer Kevin.

Cooking & training locations, St. Francis Manor and Our Savior Lutheran Church - Kids, mentors, and volunteers prepared delicious, nutritious breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks in their kitchens. The kids also had the opportunity to talk with and serve the food they made to several of the residents at SFM.

The spring session will commence mid March.

For More information contact Pam O'Donnell the Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach Rotarian chairing this committee. pamo823@hotmail.com
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THE 20TH ANNUAL OPAL AWARDS
Honoring Outstanding People And Leaders
who have contributed through volunteerism to make our community
a better place in which to live, work and play.

Saturday, January 20, 2018
Boca West Country Club - 6:30 PM

Co-chairs: Peter Baronoff, Neil Saffer and Spencer Siegel

Proceeds to benefit The Rotary Club of Boca Raton’s Service Missions including Youth Scholarship Programs.

Congratulations to our 2018 Honorees

Frank & Laura Frione
Jerry & Joan Glassman
Bernie & Bill Marcus
Summer Faerman
Bill Mitchell

Many thanks to our 2018 Community Partners

Information and Sponsorship Opportunities:
Contact: Claudia DuBois 561.477.7180 or claudia@therotaryclub.org
Did you know that people spend on Facebook almost the same time as they do to eat and drink?

Fifty minutes. Yes, this is the average time that users dedicate to their Facebook, Messenger and Instagram platforms every day, and it does not include numbers from the popular WhatsApp messaging app.

Maybe it does not look like much. But there are only 24 hours a day and the average person sleeps 8.8 hours a day. This means that the average user spends more than 6% of their time on Facebook.

The total surpasses that of almost any other leisure activity among those accompanied by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of watching television and movies (daily average of 2.8 hours). It is more time than people dedicate to being (19 minutes), doing sports or exercises (17 minutes) or social events (four minutes). And almost as much as people spend to eat and drink (1.07 hours).

"If you think about it, 50 minutes is a long time, it’s a huge number," said Ken Sena, executive director and analyst at Evercore, a company that researches consumers’ use of Internet services. "Usually, when a platform expands its user base, average usage time drops because many of the new users are not as active."

But the average time spent by people on Facebook rose from about 40 minutes per day in 2014, while the average number of monthly users also shot up. Some users should be spending many hours a day on the site, perhaps because of an syndrome known unofficially as an Internet addiction disorder.

They are doing a great job in terms of finding ways to keep people on the site, Sena said.

People aged 18 to 34 spend 47% of their TV time on conventional TV, and 40% of them watch TV shows on mobile devices. Among people aged 55 or over, 70% of TV exposure is dedicated to televisions, according to comScore. Thus, among young people, progress in social media time may be at the expense of TV.

Do you wanna tell your phone that you need a break? Use an app to find out how many times per day you check your phone.

This does not seem to make sense to use your cell phone to … use your cell phones less. But this step is important. "The first thing is recording and awareness of your use and abuse — become aware of how much time you're spending on [your phone] and how many times a day you're checking it," Dr. David Greenfield, Ph.D., founder of The Center for Internet and Technology Addiction, and assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, tells BuzzFeed Life. "Most people are flabbergasted when they see they're checking it 300 times a day."

If you want to Set realistic limits for yourself and vow not to use it for more than 90 minutes a day, for example, or for longer than 15 minutes at a time, the app Moment should be able to help you with that. Moment tracks how many minutes you’ve spent on your phone, and it also lets you set a self-imposed limit for how much time you want to be spending. It’ll then send you little updates when you get close to that time limit (or go over it). It’ll also give you little nudges if you’re spending more than 15 minutes in one sitting looking at your phone.

Moment is not available for Android yet. But there are other apps out there. Check is one of them. Is a very simple app and also has very good reviews.

Put down your phone and get back to your life. Manage your family’s screen time from your own phone and set up time for your entire family to be screen-free using family dinner time.

Vera Schafer
President of Rotary Club of Boca Raton West
Why Rotaract will change your life

The day I was inducted into Rotaract, 19 June 2015, is an unforgettable one for me. Euphoria and celebration rolled around inside me like a tidal wave. I knew I had made a decision that would affect the rest of my life; to dedicate the most energetic years of my youth to Rotary.

Knowing life is finite, I had a heightened resolve to be a part of everything Rotaract has to offer. My career as a lawyer is just getting started, and at first, all I had in mind was what I could offer my club as a lawyer. Little did I know that Rotaract would have an immense effect on my career.

To separate life in Rotaract from your personal life is an absolute impracticality because one feeds the other. The weekly interactions shape your perspective and expand your knowledge, and it’s from these meetings that you either grow or remain stagnant.

Rotaract gives you an opportunity to practice and master qualities that make us better people. It is an avenue to learn, relearn, and unlearn some things that would otherwise impede us, through working with volunteers. If you can lead a group of volunteers and organize them to carry out good works in Rotaract, then managing people in your professional life becomes that much easier.

Rotaract presents a wealth of opportunities and minimum expectations. It is a safe place to learn and grow. And if we live by the values of Rotaract, we have opportunity for immense personal transformation.

Learning about Rotary’s work in Peace and Conflict Resolution has affected my career in so many ways, particularly in mediation. Mediation law refers to a form of alternative dispute resolution in which parties to a lawsuit meet with a neutral third party in an effort to settle the case. The third party is called a mediator. It is this person’s job to listen to the evidence, help litigants come to understand each other, and facilitate a voluntary resolution to the case. The purpose of mediation is to avoid the time and expense of further litigation. Mediation is a compulsory aspect in civil cases in my country.

To whom much is given, much is expected. The Rotaract family immensely blesses us on a daily basis. And we have the opportunity, through Rotaract, to give back. What we put forth, we receive a thousand times over. It’s more than karma, it’s a simple truth and a not so hidden secret to happiness. In a world filled with so much pain, we must do our best to lessen it. With love. With caring. Together.

By Joan Nairuba, Rotaract Club of Kololo
JANUARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH
Hello, My name is Ashley Zerick but all of my friends and family call me Ash. I was born in Colonial Williamsburg Virginia, but I currently live in Lake Mary Florida. I have 3 great parents that love me, My Mother is a RN, my Father is a boat engineer and my Stepfather is a water waste engineer. I have 2 sisters, 1 older (20) and 1 younger (15), so yes I am the middle child and love being a little and big sister. I am 17 years old, but will be turning 18 in April a month before I graduate this year. Currently I am a senior at Lake Mary High School where I have found a love and interest for Art and Art History. In my spare time I love to do yoga, spend time with family and friends, and hit the beach, but I can never go wrong with curling up on the couch or on my hammock and reading a great book. I am very optimistic about what I want to do with my life, I am bouncing around the ideas of either being a Physical Therapist or a hostel owner in a different country other than my own. With being an exchange student I really hope to be able to gain all the knowledge I can about the country I am being sent to, I am very excited about being given this opportunity to go to Slovakia and say I was able to spend a year in a completely different country and be submerged in their culture and to represent the US. This will be an experience I will carry on for the rest of my life.
AHOJ! My name is Ashley Zerick, I am from Orlando, Florida and I now life in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia!

I never thought it would be so easy to fall in love with a country without knowing much about it before my arrival. Upon my arrival I have been treated and welcomed as if I was a part of the families I have been given to stay with. I've gotten to meet all 3 families I will be staying with while I am in Slovakia and adore all of them. My first impressions of Slovakia were quite tricky because I wasn't sure what to expect but each day here I love the country more and more. Slovakia is A LOT different from Florida; it is fall here but feels the an extremely cold winter in Florida. I feel lucky to be able to experience real season because there isn't much of a difference between seasons in Florida. The food here is also very different as well, I eat more bread, cheese, and meat, than I ever thought I would... my exchange food baby is rapidly growing but all the hiking and dancing and exercise I am doing is making up for it. The school system is also very different, since I am here to learn the language and culture and not subjects in school, I spend a lot of time trying to learn the language and interacting with my classmates and other exchange students.Rotary has given me an exhausting schedule during the week and especially the weekends. Although it isn't more difficult than mine in Florida, constantly not knowing much of what anyone is saying or what they want you to do makes it a lot more tiring than you’d think. The language here is hard and is compared to learning Chinese. Having extra Slovak classes and constantly being encouraged to learn the language makes you WANT to learn the language so you are able to speak with the people who made it possible for you to be here and to make friends. They aren't kidding when they say language is freedom, having a language barrier between you and your classmates, you and your family, and you and Rotarians makes it really hard to know everyone on a personal level. Being the Extroverted person that I am it makes it a lot easier for people to ask you if you'd like to go somewhere or do something with them, and even if you aren't sure about it; always saying yes will make a good impression and help you in the long run. The first family I am staying with are probably the funniest and most caring people I know and I am happy that they are my first family because it helped me be more comfortable about staying in a house that is not mine and being told "act as if this is your house now, you can do, and use, and eat anything you'd like." but you still feel awkward to eat a small piece of bread. Slovakia is also known for its castles and hiking, since I've arrived in Slovakia I have been to 5 castles and hiked the tallest mountain in the Low Tatras. I've also visited Slovakia's neighboring country; Austria's capital city Vienna; which was so beautiful. And have gotten to spend a weekend in the capital city of Slovakia; Bratislava with Grace who is from Florida as well. I'm so lucky and thankful that I've gotten this opportunity to travel to a foreign country and to meet the amazing people I've gotten to meet so far and cannot wait to see where this year abroad takes me. DOVIDENIA

*Wed, October 11, 2017*
City of Palm Beach

History

Prior to being established as a resort by Henry Morrison Flagler, who made the Atlantic coast barrier island accessible via his Florida East Coast Railway, Palm Beach was a sparsely populated part of Lake Worth. The nucleus of the community was established by Flagler's two luxury resort hotels, the Royal Poinciana Hotel and The Breakers Hotel. West Palm Beach was built across Lake Worth as a service town and has become a major city in its own right. Flagler's house lots were bought by the beneficiaries of the Gilded Age, and in 1902 Flagler himself built a Beaux-Arts mansion, Whitehall, designed by the New York–based firm Carrère and Hastings and helped establish the Palm Beach winter "season" by constantly entertaining. The town was incorporated on 17 April 1911.

An area known as the Styx housed many of the servants, most of whom were black. The workers rented their small houses from the landowners. In the early 1900s the landowners agreed to evict all of the residents of the Styx (who moved to West Palm Beach, Florida) and Edward R. Bradley bought up much of this land.

The coconut palm, Cocos nucifera, is not native to Florida (nor anywhere else in the continental United States). Its presence in Palm Beach is due to the shipwreck of the Spanish ship Providencia in 1878, near Mar-a-Lago. It was traveling from Havana to Cádiz, Spain with a cargo of coconuts. Since the shipwreck was near the shore, the coconuts were salvaged, and many were planted. A lush grove of palm trees soon grew on what was later named Palm Beach.
People from Pahokee

Henry Flagler
American businessman and sports team owner

Malcolm Glazer

Stephanie Seymour
American model and actress

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The Breakers Hotel: Palm Beach, Florida Date: ca. 1920
General note: The Breakers Hotel, built by Henry Flagler

Post Cereal tycoon built the estate in In later years it was purchased by Donald Trump and rename Mar-A-Lago
My first experience with Rotary was when I was a young girl. You see my brother played Little League baseball, and he was on the “Rotary” team. Rotary to me was just another day at the ball park: candy, gum, popcorn, and ice cream, what was not to like about Rotary? At that time I had no idea that Rotary was a service organization or that it was global. I only knew that my parents said it was a group of old men who made things happen in our community.

Fast forward many years later when as an adult the name Rotary came into my life again. This time I was working as an insurance agent in Indian Harbor Beach, FL. My son-in-law told me I should join Rotary. He thought Rotary would be a good place for me since I get great enjoyment out of helping others. I looked at him and thought he had lost his mind. How would I join Rotary? I am a female and certainly NOT old. Rotary as I had always perceived it was an organization for old men. In fact my impression at the time was that Rotary was a group of old men who often got together and had lunch or dinner together, just like my parents had said. I had never heard of women being in Rotary.

I Googled Rotary to see if it was true that women were allowed to join. I found that women had been allowed into Rotary since May of 1987, when the Supreme Court ruled that women could not be excluded. In 1989, the Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Further research on Rotary made me aware and impressed me with how much Rotary does in the communities. I think here in the United States that we forget that people in our own neighborhoods need help.

This same research gave me the understanding of what Rotary does on a global scale as well. I was invited by a client, Trina Downey, to join her for lunch at a Rotary Meeting. That was a very intimidating lunch for me as Trina was the treasurer and sat in the back of the room while I walked into a room of 80+ strangers. I was warmly welcomed by Suzie DeBusk who invited me to sit with her and by the end of the meeting I knew Rotary was for me-- for so many years I had so much to offer with no place to put it.

While I believe most people join Rotary for networking, I had one main reason for wanting to join Rotary: “Service Above Self”.

I became a member of the Rotary Club of Indialantic in February of 2009, but I truly became a Rotarian in 2011. In 2011, I was asked to serve as the Secretary of our club by incoming President Sue Tyson Parker. I accepted the position and I am so thankful that I did. Like anything I do, I was all in. This was the first of many stepping stones where I could truly begin to understand the objective of Rotary.

I started taking RLI classes and attending our District Conferences. In 2013, I was asked to be President Elect of the club. In 2014-2015 I was the President of the Rotary Club of Indialantic.

Prior to taking over as president, I met with several of our members, both well established and new alike, and asked them what they would like to see as the future of our club. Mostly what I found was that many of long-standing members wanted things to remain the same, while the newer members wanted change. How does one accomplish making both happy?? While I have never been afraid of a challenge, I was now more afraid than ever, to lead this group and make everyone happy. YIKES!

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Well, first things first. Out with the old days of Robert’s Rules of Order, I made a couple changes at the very first meeting, just subtle ones... First I eliminated a plate from each table setting and second I asked that the club no longer fill the water glasses.

The “one less plate” idea came from PETS training and it works because someone has to sit in a new seat. The seating created minimal grumblings, however, water glasses being empty upon arrival was a huge hit for all members. Such a little thing got so many compliments after the meeting. I did this because of Rotary’s dedication to water sanitation and the members picked up on it immediately. This was the beginning of good things to come for our club.

We made several other little changes that year - some good some not, but most importantly we tried new things, while keeping the tried and true flourishing. I recall a long-standing member, Ernest Bortner coming to me and asking for help. There was a church in the community that was building a playground for the public and they needed funds to buy a Cozy Cocoon, a swing designed for kids with autism. I took it to the board and it was approved, giving Earnest and the membership both a feeling accomplishment. Our club also donated volunteered time to build the playground.

During my tenure a new member come to me and tell me that he did not have the funds to participate in one of our projects but he did have time to donate and would work in any capacity to feel that he had done his part.

Like him I believe that young professionals in our communities can find something in Rotary that will help them make sense of their existence. It was a beautiful sight seeing our younger members working side by side with our older members bringing Rotary to life by getting involved, gone was the 80/20 rule, where 20% of the members do 80% of the work.

The one thing I realized in talking to our membership was out of all the walks of life and all the different opinions we had, we found a way to come together unified as one.

There are few words that can describe how I feel as I move forward in my Rotary career and begin my march to District Governor in 2018-2019, I have some of the same apprehension that I did when I was about to become president of my club. I look forward to serving the district and hope for the same support of the members that I had with the membership of my club.

For me, Rotary is not just a commitment but it is an opportunity to engage with fabulous people doing miraculous things.

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Hello my fellow Rotarians!

It is with great honor that I am here this new year continuing to provide for you The Quest Magazine.

This is a project I think is so important because it shares the wonderful things that our district is doing. The Quest is made to promote you and your club.

As such, I need your help! You know what is happening on your club, so I ask you to send me articles and photos. Anything that tells the district the great work that your club is doing. The Quest is only successful because of you.

I want to encourage you all. The 2017 and 2018 Rotary International theme is “Making a Difference”. Interesting how he chose the verb “mak-ing”. He did not use a past tense, not future, not passive. He used the active form of the word make. This means that we, as Rotarians must actively work to make a difference. We must actively do service projects around our community. The Rotary Clubs must actively work with the youth clubs. We may not be able to change the whole world, and maybe we will not be able to end world hunger this year, but together we can really make this community better and that’s what I want the mission to be. We must act locally, and eventually that will ripple globally.

I am very excited for this new Rotary Year.

Thank you.

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