

Rotary

Club of Sanibel-Captiva



Welcome New Member

Welcome New Member Natasha Acosta!



Natasha Acosta works for Community Housing and Resources as the grant writer and development director. She grew up in South Fort Myers, just minutes from Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Natasha earned her undergraduate degree in 2017 from The University of Tampa in International Studies and Political Science.

After graduation, she lived in the Tampa area for a little over a year and found herself moving back to Fort Myers in early 2019. She worked in different places after moving back before returning to her teaching career in 2020. She taught preschool (4-5 year olds) for two years before moving to elementary school, teaching first grade for an additional two years. During her teaching career, I earned my Master of Education degree from American University in 2021 in Education Policy and Leadership. Ms. Acosta enjoyed teaching, but felt like she could do more to help local communities. Now, she is with CHR, helping a great community of people on the islands.

As for her personal life, she is a dog and cat owner, and enjoys cooking, baking, and photography. She travels as much as she can throughout the year and her favorite sport is hockey. She has a goal of visiting every National Hockey League arena in the US and Canada. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because she loves cooking and baking during the Christmas season.

Welcome Natasha!

Wheels for Wheels



Speakers

March 28, 2025
[Jennifer McBride](#)
Lee County Mosquito Control

April 04, 2025
[Zach Gurick](#)
Shell Point
Community Positive Aging

April 11, 2025
[Darryl Keys](#)
DEI in Rotary Clubs

April 18, 2025
[No meeting in observance of Good Friday](#)

Birthdays

[Richard Riad Hassad](#)
March 25th

[John Wahlfeld](#)
March 28th

[Lee Schaff](#)
March 29th

[Josef Reum](#)
March 31st

[Alison Charney](#)

[Hussey](#)
April 2nd

[Daniel W. Small](#)
April 6th

[Eric Dean Jackson](#)
April 15th

[Rick John Hayman](#)
April 16th

[Matthew Thomas](#)
Pierce
April 21st

[Jack Kozik](#)
April 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Melanie A. Holliday](#)
March 28th

[William H. Harkey](#)
April 4th

[Sam Ankerson](#)
April 7th

[David Liscinsky](#)
April 11th

Years of Service

[James C. LaVelle](#)
03-26-2004
21 Years

[Lee Almas](#)
04-22-2005
20 Years

6TH ANNUAL

HOWARD S. DANNER, JR.



TRACK YOUR MILES RIDDEN ON OR BEFORE 4/5/25

5 APRIL
2025

PLEDGES PER
MILE

OVER 1,400 WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTED IN 6 YEARS!

AFTER PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE, 11:00AM

DONATE AT SANIBELROTARY.ORG

[Read More](#)

Installation Dinner

SANIBEL CAPTIVA ROTARY
2025-2026

Installation Dinner

CELEBRATING OUR OUTGOING LEADERSHIP AND
WELCOMING OUR INCOMING LEADERSHIP

10 APRIL | Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum | 5:30 PM
3075 Sanibel Captiva Road
Sanibel Florida 33957

RSVP to (847)736-7790 or on SanibelRotary.org by April 1

Friday's Speaker

This week we will hear from
Jenifer McBride,
Communications Director

Paul Prestia
03-27-2015
10 Years

Annie Campbell
04-09-2018
7 Years

Logan Douglas Lee
04-05-2019
6 Years

James Evans III
03-31-2023
2 Years

Kathryn Brintnall
03-31-2023
2 Years

Jack Kozik
04-01-2023
2 Years

Dorothy Marie Farrell
04-14-2023
2 Years

Lee County Mosquito Control District



Jenifer McBride is currently the Communications Director at Lee County Mosquito Control District. She is honored to serve her community in understanding the unique health and pestiferous challenges Lee County faces as one of the most prolific mosquito breeding habitats on Earth. Jen has a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Barry University and a Master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Prior to her current role, she spent 16 years working for the School District of Lee County as an educator, STEM teacher, coach, school administrator, and the school district Science Coordinator.

Our regular weekly club meetings are at 8:00am, doors open at 7:30am. Our meeting will take place at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel!

Meetings will also continue to be available by zoom for those unable to physically attend. Here is the link to connect to zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

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Here is the number to connect by phone: (646) 931-3860
Meeting ID: 885 1377 3856
Passcode: **955563**

See you Friday morning!

In case you missed it!



Speaker Jarrod Demming



Fort Myers Technical College began in 1967 as the Lee County Area Vocational Technical School and, over the years, has become the premier vocational option now known as Fort Myers Technical College. It is an accredited public & not-for-profit school on a first-come, first-served basis which received over 600 applications for their programs and filled them all within 37 minutes!

Their students attend classes on campus Monday through Friday, 8:00-2:30pm. Students have one teacher all day, and the teachers are industry professionals who teach all the subjects needed to enter a chosen trade or practice. Students graduate as they meet their seat time requirements and certifications or licenses with employment assistance, from 6 six weeks to 18 months. There are programs in Health Science, Manufacturing, Architecture and Construction, Transportation, Distribution and Logistics, Law, Public Safety and Security, Hospitality, Human Services, Energy and Information Technology. Each of these fields offers the highest certifications possible.

Jarrold Demming is the Director of Career Services at Fort Myers Technical College. Demming is a dedicated professional in the Education Sector, with experience at both the secondary and post-secondary levels as a Career Educator, Teacher, I.T. Specialist, Project Manager, and Mentor. He is committed to guiding individuals toward impactful career opportunities across a wide spectrum of trades, from construction to healthcare, and within both the public and private sectors.

Upcoming Events!

****Women Build with Habitat for Humanity
Volunteers needed March 21st Lehigh Acres
Text or email Rachel to register**

****Wheels for Wheels, April 5th
After party at The Community House**

****Spring Cycle Open for Grant Applications
Register at sanibelrotary.org
Closing April 7th**

****Installation Dinner, Thursday, April 10th
at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and Aquarium
to celebrate our club and formally install
our new Board of Directors for the Rotary 2025-2026 Year.**

****District Assembly, May 10**

****The International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada will be June 21-25.
Members can register at convention.rotary.org.**

Committee meetings and board meetings: all members welcome. Please contact Rachel for Zoom link if needed.

Please send your pictures of any Rotary events to:

Photos@sanibelrotary.org

Rotary March Theme



What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in March 2022? Clean water, sanitation and good hygiene is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.



In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. *

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure. During March, Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Here are just a few examples of club service projects around the world that are creating a lasting impact:

- The Rotary Club of Morning Tide Bugolobi together with Hamilton Rotary Club and all other Rotary and Interact clubs in Bermuda (D7230) are the international partners. The project consists of a water catchment to provide clean water for the residents of, Rwempungu, Mitooma District in rural western Uganda (640km West of Kampala).
- The Rotary Club of Utumishi in Kenya together with 11 Rotary clubs in D7230, undertook a project to provide natural filtration to the water of 26 springs, impacting more than 1500 families,

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN Rotary has issued a global challenge to its members, asking them to work collectively to improve education quality and access — particularly for girls — by working with communities to improve teacher training, curriculum, and water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

ROTARY'S TARGET CHALLENGE to develop sustainable water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and education projects is being piloted in five countries: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

ROTARY HAS PARTNERED WITH THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT to implement sustainable, long-term projects to improve water supply, sanitation, and hygiene in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

- Strengthen the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Provide equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support career-minded professionals' studies related to water and sanitation.
- Create tools and resources that facilitate, measure, and enhance high-quality water and sanitation projects worldwide..
- **\$ 24 - is all it takes to provide one person with safe water**
- **23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary**
- **21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects**
- **2030 is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- [Join Rotary](#) and help extend the flow of clean water to everyone.
- [Give now](#) to support a water project.
- [Rotary - Providing Clean Water](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- [See how our members are bringing clean water to the world in Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Find a project to support on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [Learn more about our WASH in Schools Target Challenge](#)
- [Apply for a UNESCO-IHE scholarship \(for water and sanitation professionals\)](#)
- [Learn more about our partners](#)

Scholarships available for advanced training in water solutions: The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are

offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The aim is to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas.

- [Review the application toolkit](#)

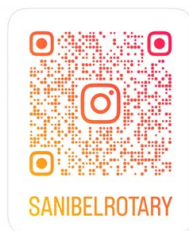
2024-2025 President Contact Info

Our 2024-2025 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President: Rachel Tritaik



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Club Meeting

Sanibel-Captiva
Meets at Sanibel Community House
2173 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, FL 33957
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

