

NEWSLETTER

Rotary
District 6980



August 2024

Serving Central Florida from Coast to Coast

Message From Sonya LaBosco, 6980 District Governor



Our Magical journey has begun. As Rotarians, we share a commitment to making a difference in the world, and together, we have the power to create meaningful change. Whether through acts of kindness, community service, or supporting important causes, every effort counts..

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Thank you to our District Sponsors




INTERACT NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our newsletter today and be the first to know about upcoming events, service projects, leadership opportunities, and more. Don't miss out on the chance to make a difference and be part of our vibrant community.




Rotary District 6980 Rotary Youth Exchange




Get Involved Today!

District 6980 RYE needs YOU!

- Become a Host Club
 - Must be within close proximity to Host Club
- Become an Approved Volunteer
- Join the RYE Committee
- Actively Promote RYE in your Club and Community

Initial cost for Host Club: \$2,500*

*Additional costs may include costs associated with student's extracurricular activities.

Each Host Club will need:

- 2-3 very committed volunteers
 - For each student (same sex)
- 2-3 Host Families
 - Within the same school district and close proximity to Host Club/yr student




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RYLA - SAVE THE DATE

RYLA 2/19 - 2/23 2024 Florida Eels Youth Camp



rotary youth leadership awards

SPONSORS NEEDED

From The Governors Desk

Our Magical journey has begun. As Rotarians , we share a commitment to making a difference in the world, and together, we have the power to create meaningful change. Whether through acts of kindness, community service, or supporting important causes, every effort counts.

Please continue to do good in the world by volunteering your time, supporting charitable organizations, practice kindness and compassion, raise awareness for positive change, and lead by example.

As a dedicated team, we can create a ripple effect of positive change in our community and beyond. Let's continue to support each other and work towards a brighter, more compassionate world.

Together, we can achieve Magic!

Sonya Hightower-LaBosco



Global Grant Workshop

**MANDATORY -DISTRICT 6980 GLOBAL GRANT WORKSHOP 2024
-2025**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 06:00 PM

Speaker: Global Grants Chairs & District Rotary Foundation Chair

Topic: How to apply for a Global Grant and Global Grant Stewardship.

Description: This Global Grant workshop is required to qualify your club to participate in the Global Grant process.

Also, how to effectively manage a global grant.

It will be a Zoom meeting workshop for your convenience.

The zoom link will only be
Sent to those that register.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Vibrant Club Workshop

8/24

REGISTER ON DACDB

VIBRANT CLUB WORKSHOP

SATURDAY

AUGUST 24, 2024

08:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration starts at 07:30 am

Healthy West Orange
1200 E. Plant Street, Suite 200
Winter Garden, FL 34787

[HTTPS://HEALTHYWESTORANGE.ORG/ABOUT-HWO/](https://healthywestorange.org/about-hwo/)

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**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

Ignite Your Membership

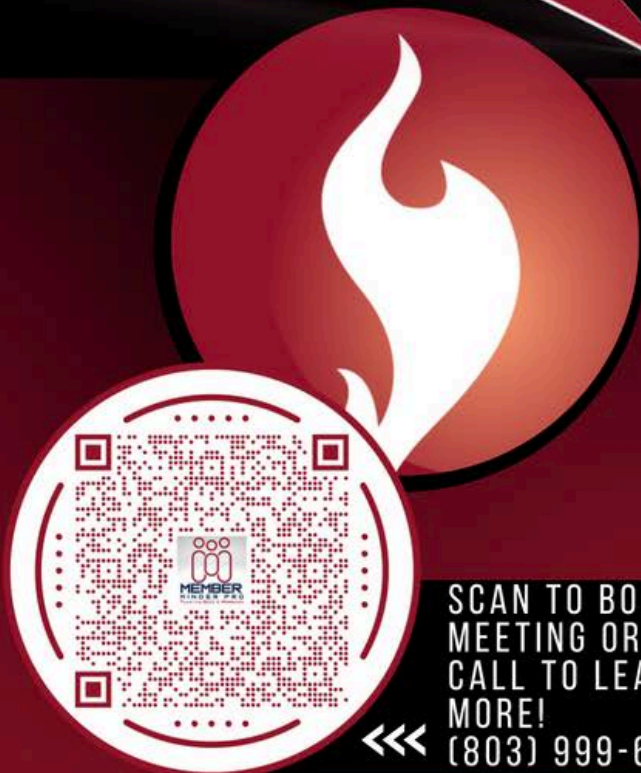
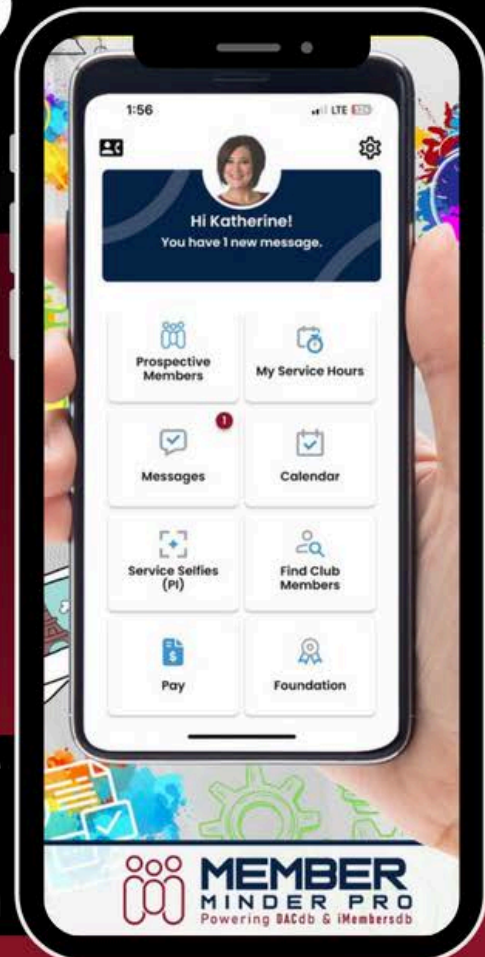
IT'S TIME TO **IGNITE** YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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~ New IGNITE User

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Schedule a presentation... we'll come to **YOUR** Club!

RYE - Roadshow

Rotary
District 6980



**Rotary
Youth
Exchange**



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 - A dedicated Club Counselor/YEO
 - For each student (same sex)
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**Rotary
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College Park
Rotary
Orlando, FL USA



College Park - 7/25/2024

Another amazing Rotary Day ! We welcomed guest speakers, Michelle Koch and Chris Alexander as the first stop on their Roadshow tour, promoting the District 6980 Rotary Youth Exchange program !

Prior to COVID our District was bringing in just under 70 students and sending out over 50 to other countries to connect with and explore a new culture in a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

This year, we are going into overdrive to get that program back into gear here in our district with our very own Liz Allport taking on a role as an area representative for the program! As a previous host for a child, this holds a special place in her heart and we are excited to see the work she accomplishes!

Fun Fact: You DON'T have to be Rotarian for your kid between the age of 15-18.5 to qualify! Learn more about the program and how to apply here ↓ :

<https://www.youthexchangefl.org>

RYE - STEP 2024



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**Rotary
Youth
Exchange**

Short Term Exchange Program

This summer, D6980 and D6930 collaborated to send three students abroad under Rotary's short-term exchange program. They visited Argentina, Finland, and Italy for an enriching family-to-family cultural exchange experience.

First up was Katie from D6930's Rotary Club of Stuart who was matched with Giulia of Italy. Katie and Giulia's families enjoyed meeting each other in person as Katie's parents joined her on the flight to Italy, to enjoy some vacation time in Italy before heading home to await the girl's arrival in Florida for that part of their exchange. D6980 Co-Chair, Michelle Koch, joined Katie, Giulia, and Katie's parents when the ladies shared about their exchange experience with the Stuart Club, where Katie's dad is a long-time member. From rodeos to historic sites, these young ladies had an amazing summer!

Next Roope from Finland joined Matt and his family here in Avalon Park. Michelle also attended the Avalon Park Rotary Club meeting where both young men highlighted the activities they had experienced during their exchange in the USA, such as visiting Universal Orlando, boating, going to the beach, participating in community activities, and taking a weekend trip to Miami! Matt is currently in Finland, enjoying his time with Roope and his family. We're eager to hear all about his experiences in Finland!

Fun fact: Matt's mom, Sabrina Dussault-Couture, was awarded the Avalon Park Rookie of the Year award for '23-'24. She and her husband, Ben, have had enriching experiences hosting exchange students and encouraged their kids to participate now that they are both old enough. Sabrina also serves as the D6980 Outbound Chair, overseeing recruitment efforts and coordination at district and multi-district levels. She represented both at the NAYEN conference in Vancouver this year.



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RYLA - SAVE THE DATE

RYLA

2/19 - 2/23
2025
Florida Elks
Youth Camp



rotary
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VOLUNTEERS
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Feed Hunger Now

Does Your Nonprofit Need FREE Fresh Produce?

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VOLUNTEER
WITH



**FEED
HUNGER
NOW**

Free, fresh-from-the-ground, locally grown produce is available including lettuce, kale, tomatoes, collard greens, and more

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FeedHunger2012@gmail.com
to partner or volunteer



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Stop Fentanyl Overdoses



[Click this link for the article](#)

Stop Human Trafficking

9/21

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration starts at 09:30 am

Community Room
Mall at Millenia
4200 Conroy Rd,
Orlando, FL 32839

Rotary
District 6980



Training by District Chair Tomas Lares



REGISTER ON DACDB

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 ROTARIANS
*** LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED*****



**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

Coming Up This Month Around The Area



Rotary
Club of Sanford
Breakfast



ROTARY SETS SAIL!



HOSTED BY SANFORD BREAKFAST ROTARY

Enjoy a unique dinner experience aboard the
Rivership Barbara Lee cruising the historic St. Johns River.

 Dinner  Dancing  Cash Bar  Prizes

Monday August 5th, 2024

Boarding starts 5:30 pm ~ Set Sail 6:00 pm ~ Return 9:00 pm

Sanford Breakfast
Rotary supports local
Charities, including:

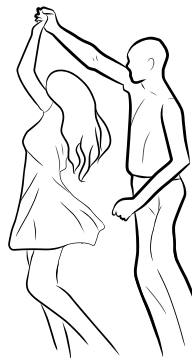
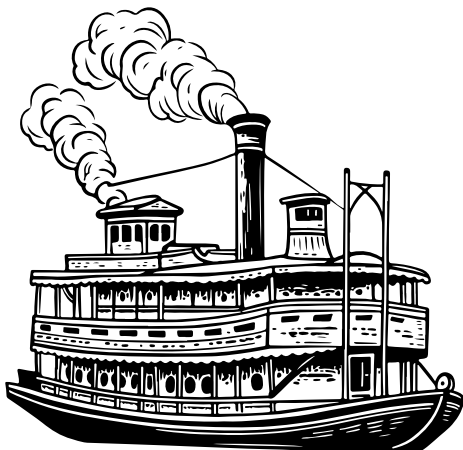
- Rescue Outreach Mission.
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home
- Recovery House. Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. Seminole State Scholarships and more



St. Johns Rivership 433 N. Palmetto Ave. Sanford



SCAN ME



ENTER TO
WIN PRIZES

Coming Up This Month Around The Area

**click on the images to find out more*

8/17

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



To benefit the
**SECOND
CHANCE
FOUNDATION**



WIN CASH & PRIZES

1ST PLACE
\$4,000

2ND PLACE \$2,000
3RD PLACE \$1,000
4TH PLACE \$500
5TH-10TH GIFT CARD PRIZES

SATURDAY
AUGUST
AVALON PARK PAVILION

17

Peace on Earth Day

9/21

**click on the images to find out more*

www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com

Invitation

Your Rotary Club is cordially invited to participate in celebrating "Peace On Earth Day" on September 21, 2024

Your Club is one of 850 Clubs world-wide, in 76 countries, who will receive this Rotary invitation. We hope to have as many Rotary Clubs involved as possible.

We all will be at the Moon, united,
with a strong voice supporting "Peace on Earth".

All we ask for is a Club group photo or text in support of "Peace On Earth", which is a Rotary goal. The program is offered for free, that means at no cost to your Club.

Your photo or text will be loaded in a Rotary Space Capsule and will land on the Moon in the South Pole area.

The space rocket is a SpaceX Falcon Heavy and our Rotary capsule will be a part of the Griffin Moon Lander. The launch of the rocket is scheduled for November 2024 launch from Cape Canaveral FL. USA.

Please open www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com for more detailed information, closing date is May 30th, 2024.

Emails and photos received after May 30th, 2024, will be on the next rocket flight in October 2025.

Click on the Virtual City grids and scroll down to find your club by country in alphabetic order.

Your Club has been assigned a site in the virtual Luna, Rotary, Peace or Freedom City.

We hope you will join us in promoting "Peace on Earth".

Regards,

DG Don Harris

DG Don Harris, District 6980

Rich Maladecki

Rich Maladecki, President R.C. of Dr. Phillips

www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com

Send *YOUR* Club Picture to the Moon

**click on the images to find out more*

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Proclamation

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Clubs from around the World

Whereas, Rotary International was established on February 23, 1905 to promote service above self.

Whereas, under leadership of the founder Paul Harris, a network of Clubs was created worldwide.

Whereas, we are entering the 120th birthday on February 23, 2025.

Whereas, Rotary District 6980, The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips, and The Rotary Club of Jarfalla, would like to celebrate this special day.

Whereas, the recognition of Rotary International with a special "Happy Birthday, Rotary" space capsule celestial orbit over planet Earth twice is called for.

Whereas, the theme for this fly-over is "Happy 120th Birthday Rotary, 1905-2025."

Whereas, the space craft for this honor will launch from a SpaceX Rocket which will orbit at an elevation of 500 miles above earth and at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour.

Whereas, this flight is open to participation by all Clubs worldwide at no cost to them.

Whereas, this Space Capsule will be recovered after landing in the Pacific Ocean.

Whereas, these recovered capsule records shall then be mounted on a small peace pole to be presented to Rotary International, in the good hope of becoming a display in the Rotary Museum.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.



Sonya LaBosco

Sonya LaBosco
Governor 6980

Richard Harris

Richard Harris
District Governor
Elect 6980

David A. Winslow

David Winslow
President, Rotary Club
of Dr. Phillips

Attest:
Date: August 1, 2024

email your group picture to: PicturesOnTheMoon@gmail.com

Contact: (352)205-6194

Questions? email: YourClubOnTheMoon@gmail.com

website: www.YourClubOnTheMoon.com

Events and Service Projects

9/26



Meet the Real Forest Gump & Medal of Honor Recipient
Sammy L. Davis, Jr.

Second Annual Golf and Celebration

11am Golf Tee Time. 5pm-9pm Small Plates, Drinks & More at the Exclusive "Eleven"

LUNCH PROVIDED
BY
MISSION BARBECUE

TITO'S 9TH HOLE
Includes
2 Drink Tickets

8 x 10 PICTURE OF
YOU AND SAMMY
at Book Signing

SIGNED BOOK
"ORDINARY HEROES"
BY SAMMY L. DAVIS

SILENT AUCTION
Memorabilia

Proceeds Raised for
Heroes Heart, Inc. 501(c)(3)

5pm
Food / Drinks
at Exclusive "Eleven"
Reunion Golf Resort

Ladies LPGA
Fun Challenges



Sammy L. Davis, Jr.

8 x 10 Picture of
Foursome Signed by
Sammy L. Davis

Sponsor Signage
& Logo on
Sponsored Hole



"Tom Hanks as Forest Gump" superimposed over Sammy w/ Lyndon B. Johnson

FOR GOLF & SPONSOR PACKAGES CONTACT RON MATHIS, CEO 407-408-7480

Events and Service Projects

9/26

Medal Of Honor Golf and Celebration

September 26, 2024

HOLE SPONSORS

RED.....\$2,500 per chosen hole 1 thru 8 and 11 thru 17

Includes:

4 golfers with 2 carts, 4 Lunch MBBQ on course, 2 drink tickets per golfer

4 pictures with "Medal of Honor" center and foursome

Logo signage on designated purchased hole

WHITE.....\$5,000 per chosen hole

Includes:

Chosen hole number 9 or 10 plus what is included in Red

BLUE.....\$10,000 Hole 18

Includes:

Same as RED and WHITE

Golf only.....\$350 per person

Includes one round of golf, shared cart, lunch, 2 drink tickets and LPGA Fun Time

10:30am Meeting at Golf Carts for announcements and National Anthem

Official start of our "Double Shotgun" at 11am with a flyover

To purchase tickets or Hole Sponsorship contact: Ron Mathis Phone: 407-408-7480 E-mail: ronmathis@heroesheart.org

Events and Service Projects

**1st Week
in
October**

Rotary
Club of The Villages
NOON



Rotary Club of the Villages Noon looks forward to Fire Prevention Week every October. For the last 8 years, the Rotary Noon members have distributed personalized fire safety books to first graders attending four different elementary schools. Approximately 500 books were distributed in 2023! It is a great way, for the mostly retired members of Rotary Noon, to positively engage with the community. RCV Noon has no trouble soliciting volunteers for these distribution events, as reading to the excited children is a heartwarming experience. Last fall 22 Rotarians signed up for multiple classroom visits (102 service hours). The “Magic of Rotary” begins when the students receive their own books, personalized with their very own name, as the main character of the story. The positive impact is that for some children, this is the only book they own. Seeing their name in print throughout the book ignites their excitement. Most classrooms conclude the experience by taking a picture of the class with the teacher and the Rotarians. Posters are then made and returned to the school. Traditionally visits from the local fire departments are scheduled for after the readings. Now that is “Magic”



Events and Service Projects

10/12



Rotary
Club of St. Cloud



CASINO CASH BASH

FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCT 12
5:00PM - 9:00 PM



912 NEW YORK AVE
ST. CLOUD FL

**RECEIVE A
TICKET FOR \$75
DONATION**



Includes:

- Access to a variety of exciting casino games including blackjack, poker, roulette, and more!
- A stack of chips to get you started on your winning streak!
- Cash prize drawings, with the change to win big \$\$!
- Delicious hors d'oeuvres to fuel your fun-filled night!

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER ARE DEDICATED TO BENEFITING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ITS PROJECTS

Events and Service Projects

End of
March '25

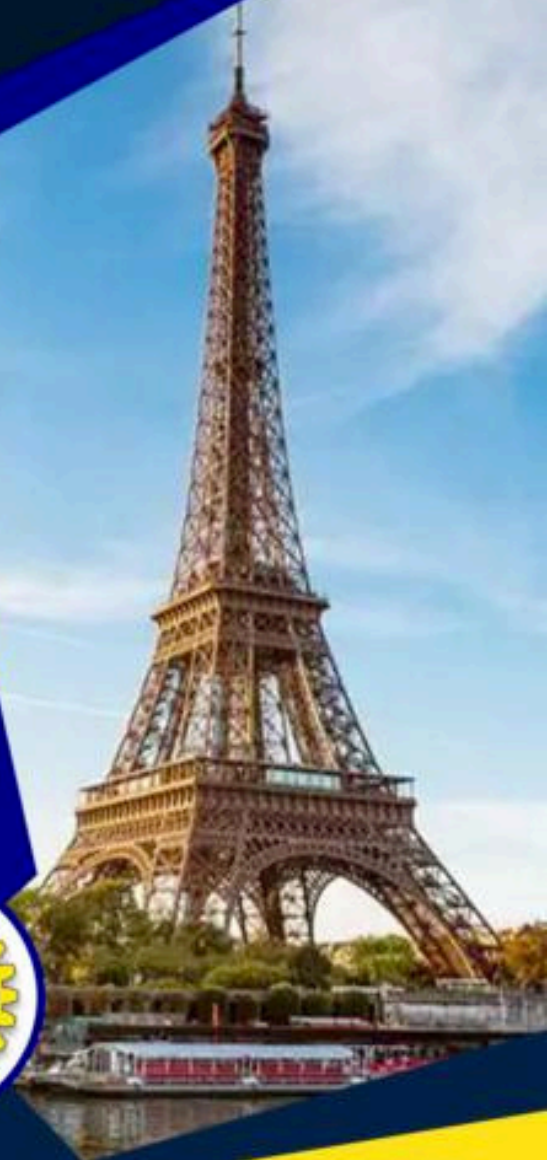


Cruise with Rotarians for a Great Cause from \$3199* per person!


March 29 - April 5, 2025

We will cruise from Paris for 7 nights on
France's Seine River including a day
at historic Normandy Beaches!

Special discounted group fares include a
\$150 donation per person to the Rotary
Foundation



For more information visit

 www.epiccruiseplanners.com/group/RotaryFrance

or contact Tara Coates,

 321-442-1465

 tarascoates@gmail.com

**Reserve your
spot now - \$400
deposit per person**

*Based on Double Occupancy plus taxes port fees of \$231 per person.

FST#ST39068 #TI112625 FL SOT Act, sections 559.926 - 559.939

Get your news out for next month!

Please send all upcoming fliers, service projects and events from your club to eric@hearts-hands-hope.org.

For August's Newsletter **No Later Than August 24th**



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