

# NEWSLETTER

July 2024

Serving Central Florida from Coast to Coast

Rotary  
District 6980



## Message From Sonya LaBosco, 6980 District Governor



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*Sonya Hightower-LaBosco*

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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!**

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**RYLA - SAVE THE DATE!**

**RYLA** 

2/18 - 2/23  
2025  
Florida Elks Youth Comp.



**rotary youth leadership awards**

**YOU HELPERS NEEDED**

# SIMPLY IRRESISTABLE

July is here, our Rotary journey together is sure to be “Magical.” I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of service to others. District 6980 thrives not only because of our individual talents but also because of our collective dedication to making a positive impact on those around us. Service to others is at the core of our values. It is reflected in our interactions, our support for each other, and our engagement with the community. I encourage each of you to continue with acts of kindness and service to create ripples for positive change.





**2024  
2025**

**MEET OUR  
*Great*  
TEAM**



**Lyne Glieber**

District Council on  
Pathways to  
Understanding



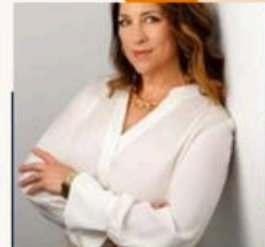
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District Interact Chair



**Eddie Fernandez**

District RYLA Chair



**Michelle Koch**

District RYE



**Jen Ferguson**

District Youth Services  
Chair



**Cindi Cioci**

District Trainer



**Michael Franklin**

District Foundation Chair



**Chirs Alexander**

District RYE Chair



2024  
2025

## MEET OUR *Great* TEAM



**Sam Worrell**  
Chief Area Governor



**Rommell Mosquera**  
Area Governor



**John Gyllin**  
District Membership  
Chair



**Greg Gorski**  
District Treasurer



**Bethany Stone**  
District Secretary



**Eric Wilson**  
District Public Image  
Chair



**Tomas Lares**  
District Chair to Stop  
Human Trafficking

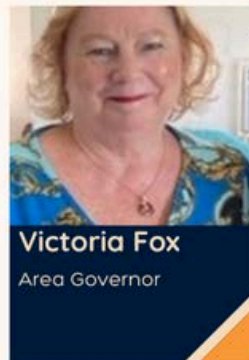
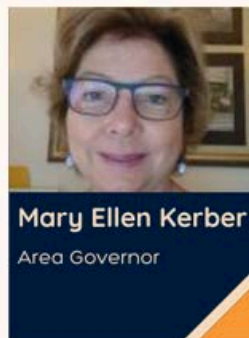
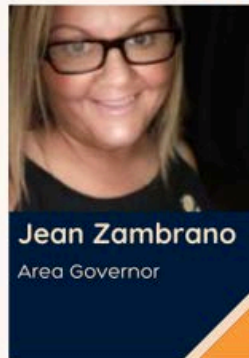


**JJ Mullins**  
District Service Chair



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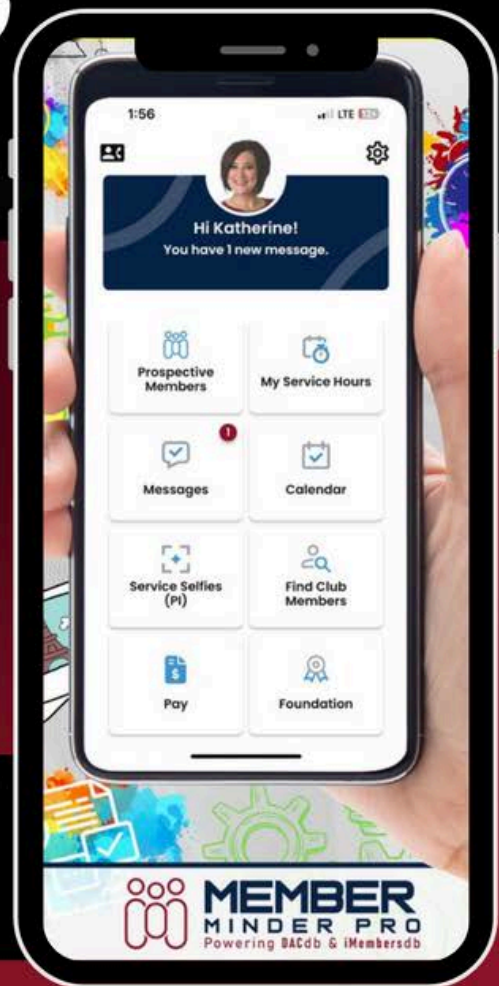
# IT'S TIME TO **IGNITE** YOUR MEMBERSHIP

“ This app, my friends, is an absolute game-changer! It's like a digital supernova of awesomeness that just exploded onto my device!



~ New IGNITE User

THE NEW  
IGNITE MOBILE  
APP WILL CHANGE  
THE WAY YOUR  
MEMBERS SERVE.



SCAN TO BOOK A  
MEETING OR  
CALL TO LEARN  
MORE!  
◀◀◀ (803) 999-6670

**MEMBER  
MINDER PRO**  
Powering SACdb & iMembersdb

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# Interact Newsletter

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SIGN UP!



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Interact



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

# RYE - Roadshow

**Rotary**  
District 6980



**Rotary  
Youth  
Exchange**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

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# WE ENJOYED CELEBRATING YOU!

## JUN 6-8 2024

**JUN 6**

**THE GOVERNORS CUP**  
Heathrow Country Club

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Lake Mary Marriott

**JUN 7**

**JUN 8**

**CONFERENCE/GOVERNORS BALL**  
Lake Mary Marriott

**Rotary**  
District 6980



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in the WORLD**

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## Guest Speakers:

The Magic of Rotary -  
D7670 PDG, Tiffany Ervin



RI Update -  
RI Pres. Rep., Scott Phillips



Rotary's Impact -  
The Opioid Epidemic & Human Trafficking  
Seminole County Sheriff, Dennis Lemma



**JUN 8**

**CONFERENCE/GOVERNORS BALL**

Lake Mary Marriott

## Guest Speakers:

Rotary and the Cent. FL Peace Pledge -  
Dr. Joel Hunter



Fixing Business using the 4-way Test -  
D6980 AG, Rich Ungaro



Leadership Luncheon -  
Miss America 2004, Erika Dunlap



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**CONFERENCE/GOVERNORS BALL**

Lake Mary Marriott

## Guest Speakers:

Igniting Rotary and Impact Clubs -  
DACdb Owner & IMPACT Founder,  
Patrick Longano



Global Grants -  
D6980 Rotary Foundation Chair,  
Michael Franklin & Panel



Rotary's Impact -  
Rotarian & State Rep., David Smith



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# Message from IPDG



As your '23-'24 District Governor, I was honored to bring back the Governor's Cup (congrats to the winning team from Lake Nona), and the District Conference held in Lake Mary from June 6th to 8th.

The theme "Celebrating You!" was a befitting tribute to the dedication and hard work exhibited by each member in District 6980 throughout the past Rotary year. The conference provided a platform for members to come together as a unified Rotary family and commemorate our collective accomplishments. Discussions revolved around various topics related to this year's Rotary theme, "**CREATE HOPE in the WORLD,**" and introduced next year's theme, "**The Magic of ROTARY.**"

We are delighted that the special guests and their presentations were informative and inspiring. To witness the active engagement of many attendees, taking full advantage of the offerings, from reconnecting at the Rotary Business Network to exploring the House of Friendship's booths featuring Rotary memorabilia and highlighting District/Club projects, was rewarding. These interactions helped to facilitate the exchange of valuable ideas that could benefit individual clubs.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the esteemed members of the District Conference Committee, our District Sponsors, the Heathrow Country Club, and the Orlando - Lake Mary Marriott for their invaluable contributions, which were instrumental in the resounding success of this gathering.

While the conference stood out as a highlight of my year, the official visits to the individual Rotary Clubs further reinforced my belief in the exemplary qualities of the Rotarians in District 6980. Representing this esteemed District has been immensely rewarding, surpassing any challenges encountered. The insights gained from the District, its clubs, and its members have been invaluable, and I will treasure my experience as Governor for a lifetime.

I extend my sincerest regards and best wishes to DG Sonya and her team. Under their steadfast leadership and guidance, D6980 will flourish, foster goodwill, and serve others in the upcoming year.

Let us venture forth and impart the "***Magic of Rotary***" within the District and beyond!

IPDG

**(Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Lake Mary, my home club, for their unwavering support and active participation in this important event hosted in their hometown!)**

# What We Have Been Doing ( June Service)

SERVICE PROJECTS + FUN

## YOUR GO TO SCHEDULE

June 2024

**JUNE 5**, BOARD MEETING/CLUB MATTERS, FINANCIALS BY MARK  
**JUNE 12**, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/SCHOLARSHIPS/PH AWARDS  
**JUNE 19**, JENNIFER GONZALES/ HOLY CAKES INC.  
**JUNE 24**, SERVE DINNER AT R.O. MISSION  
**JUNE 26**  
SOCIAL WITH  
**THE 360 EXCHANGE**  
BONFIRE AT WINTER PINES  
950 S. RANGER BLVD.  
WINTER PARK, FL 32792



### Winner Winner

The Master Chefs of Rescue Outreach Mission won their Michelin Star in the "Chicken Dinner" category, May 24.

### MEET THE TEAM

President: Intesar Terkawi  
Past President: Ashley Fisak  
Secretary: Connie Carlson, Manny Godinez  
Treasurer: Mark Cornelius, Ines Soto  
Membership: Amir Ladan, Jason Jones  
Service: Besa Kosova, Joe Thoma, Arielle Brandt  
Foundation: Mary Anne Beasley, Tom Mack  
Sgt. at Arms: Drew De Stefano

### Esteemed Members:

Mary Anne Beasley  
Arielle Brandt  
Connie Carlson  
Mark Cornelius  
Drew DeStefano  
Ashley Fisak  
Manny Godinez  
Jason Jones  
Angie Kennedy  
Besa Kosova  
Amir Ladan  
Tom Mack  
Val Mancini  
Bryant Santana  
Scott Smoes  
Ines Soto  
Intesar Terkawi  
Joe Thoma  
Shaunna Wooten  
Mike Young

### District Conference

Our District Conference is fast approaching, June 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary! This Marriott is centrally located in our District at 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

We have expanded the format to a day and a half with outstanding speakers, networking, leadership and learning opportunities.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SEMINOLE COUNTY SUNSET

June, 2024

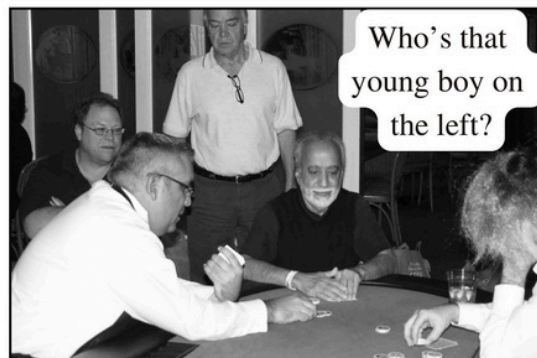


Doughnut Day 5K 2024 was a sweet success. The weather was perfect, the SCSR Rotary Crew was in top form, and all runners who finished ran 5K!



SCSRotary.com

## UP Next: Poker Chips For Scholarships



**Rotary Club of Seminole County Sunset**  
Service Above Self

Doughnut Day 5K 2024 About Rotary

**Doughnut Day 5K**  
February 20, 2024 / Leave a comment

**Meeting Info**

**SATURDAY JUNE 1**  
7:00 AM LAKE MARY, FL

**Doughnut Day 5K**

7th Annual Doughnut Day 5K — June 1, 2024 — 7:00 a.m.  
**RACE LOCATION:** 1061 S Sun Drive #1097, Lake Mary, FL 32746  
Doughnut Doughnuts and more Doughnut!  
-Finisher Medal and T-shirt

Every Wednesday  
from 5:45 - 7 p.m.  
Fellowship begins at 5:30 p.m.

We meet at Chianti's  
Pizza & Pasta  
685 Towne Center Blvd,  
Sanford, FL 32771

# Coming Up This Month Around The Area

*\*click on the images to find out more*

**3RD ANNUAL VAUDEVILLE SPECTACULAR**

The **LCO**

"Bird Call" Shelley Keelor  
 Jason Aylward  
 Lisa Ferrigno  
 A MAGI Belly Dance  
 Flamenco del Sol  
 Toni Chandler

**ONE NIGHT ONLY**  
**JULY 13 - 7:30 PM**

**Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**  
 445 South Magnolia Avenue  
 Orlando, FL 32801  **407.358.6603**

**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](http://www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com) for more detailed information, closing date is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Emails and photos received after May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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, District 6980      Rich Maladecki, President R.C. of Dr. Phillips

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**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 17**  
 AVALON PARK PAVILION

**Proclamation**

**Rotary 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 Rotary 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, would like to celebrate this special day.

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

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


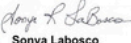
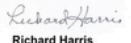
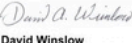
Whereas, the space craft for this honor will launch from a SpaceX Rocket which will orbit at an elevation of 500 miles above earth and at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour.

Whereas, this flight enjoined all one thousand-plus Rotary Clubs worldwide the opportunity to participate.

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

Whereas, these capsule records shall then be mounted on a small Rotary peace pole to be presented to Rotary International, in the good hopes 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, Governor 6980      Richard Harris, District Harris Elect 6980      David Winslow, President, Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips

Attest:  
 Date: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Join us at [www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com](http://www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com)  
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# Coming Up This Month Around The Area



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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



# 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](mailto:eric@hearts-hands-hope.org).

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



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