

NEWSLETTER

Rotary
District 6980



September 2024

Serving Central Florida from Coast to Coast

Message From Sonya LaBosco, 6980 District Governor



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Thank you to our District Sponsors



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Get Involved Today!

District 6980 RYE needs YOU!

- Become a Host Club
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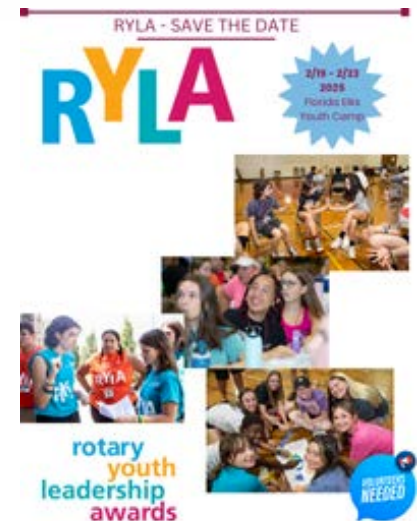
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From The Governors Desk

Fellow Rotarians,

I'm thrilled to share that our recent Vibrant club workshop was a resounding success! Your active participation and enthusiasm made it an unforgettable experience. Thank you for your continued support in making our clubs a vibrant community. I am looking forward to our next "Stop Human Trafficking" workshop on September 21, 2024, from 10 am-12 pm, the Mall at Millenia. Please remember to register on the DACDB. A special briefing will be provided by Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents to all attendees.

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Sonya Hightower-LaBosco

Ignite Your Membership

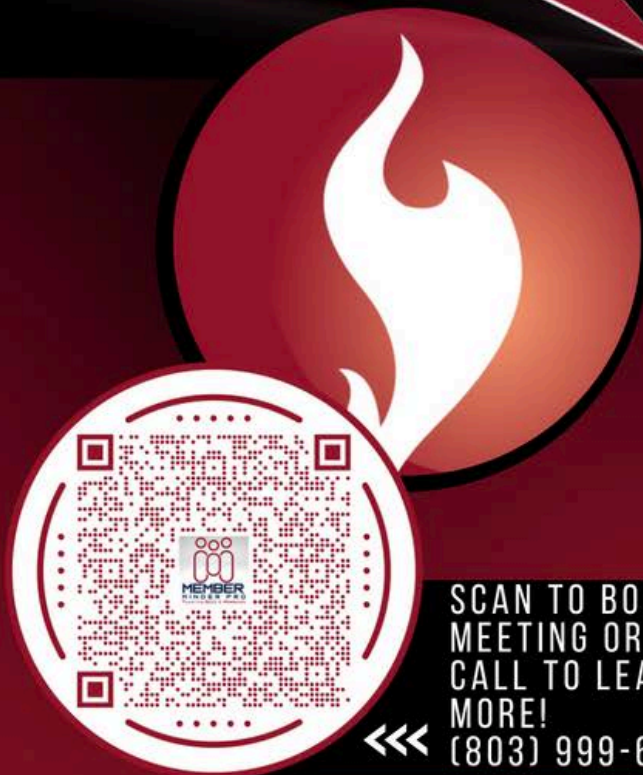
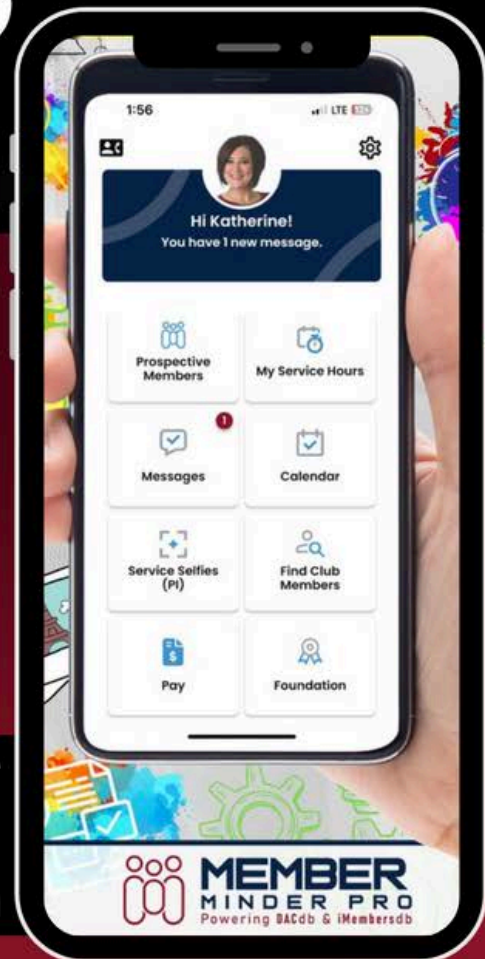
IT'S TIME TO **IGNITE** YOUR MEMBERSHIP

“ 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 BACdb & iMembersdb

Feed Hunger Now

Does Your Nonprofit Need FREE Fresh Produce?

PARTNER/
VOLUNTEER
WITH



**FEED
HUNGER
NOW**

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

Contact Pardeep Vedi at
FeedHunger2012@gmail.com
to partner or volunteer



FEEDHUNGERNOW.ORG

Stop Fentanyl Overdoses



[Click this link for the article](#)

Rotary Business Network (RBN)

A promotional graphic for the Rotary Business Network (RBN). The background features a blue and white abstract design with a network of lines. On the left, a circular inset shows a group of people in business attire networking at a table. On the right, a circular inset shows a group of people clinking glasses in a toast. The text is in various shades of blue and black, with the Rotary International logo in yellow and blue.

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**ROTARY
BUSINESS
NETWORK**

RBN Season

WE ARE CURRENTLY INVITING ROTARY CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ROTARY BUSINESS NETWORKING SEASON, WHERE WE CAN EXPLORE SYNERGIES, SHARE IDEAS, AND FORTIFY OUR CONNECTIONS.

**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

If you are interested in hosting, please reach out for more information.

We hope you can join us for a great season of networking!

Please Contact:
District 6980 Vocational Services Chair/Social Media Chair
Sasha Higgins
sasha@slhbrands.com or call 407-969-6332.

Interact Newsletter

SIGN UP!



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.



Interact



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

RYE - Roadshow

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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**Rotary
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**D6980 Welcomes Inbound Exchange Student from D4710 in Brazil
Hosted by the Avalon Park - Orlando Club**



RYLA - SAVE THE DATE

RYLA

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



rotary
youth
leadership
awards


VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Winter ParkToberfest

9/14

Please use our website to get discounted tickets for Parktoberfest.
www.WinterParkRotary.com.

Use promo code "4waytest" to get 50% off all General Admission tickets. VIP tickets, \$50 off - promo code "rotary"

WINTERPARKROTARY.COM

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTER PARK

LICORICE STICKS & MORE ENTERTAINMENT

WINTER PARKTOBERFEST


LIVE POLKA MUSIC
FOOD & BEER

DACHSHUND DASH
FAMILY FUN!

Whiskey Dog Bar

The Brussel Sprouts Polka Band

HOLLERBACH'S

MEAD  GARDEN

SAT | SEPT. 14 | 5:30-10pm

ROTARY:

Connecting Passion with Purpose

9/17

Rotary

Club of St. Cloud



Discover Rotary: Connecting Passion with Purpose



SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
11:30am- 1:00pm



St. Cloud
Chamber of Commerce
1200 New York Ave
St. Cloud, FL

Lunch provided!

RSVP by:

September 13, 2024

events@rotaryclubofstcloudfl.org



PRESENTER
CAMILLE LEVEE



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**

9/21

Send *YOUR* Club Picture to the Moon



We hope to see your club name on the passenger list.

**Peace on Earth, World Peace Day, Sept. 21
www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com**

Invitation

Fellow Rotarians, we are taking a global Rotary Peace message to the moon. JOIN US. In 2025, a SpaceX Falcon Heavy Rocket will lift off from Cape Canaveral, FL USA carrying the Griffin Moon Lander and we will have a chip on board and your digitized club picture can be a part of it!

To participate, send a picture of your club with your Peace message to our PicturesOnTheMoon@gmail.com. Closing Date December 30, 2024.

It will take only a couple minutes but the memory will last a lifetime, your picture will be on the moon and our messages from around the world calling for PEACE will speak volumes. **There is no cost to your club to participate.**

Your club is one of 1000 clubs from countries all over the world initially being invited, but participation is not limited. Please share this message with other Rotary Clubs in your area,

Photos must be downloaded to our website by no later than December 30th to comply with NASA requirements for all items to be included in the Griffin Lander. **Visit our website www.YourClubOnTheMoon.com** now for more details and updates on launch information.

Regards,

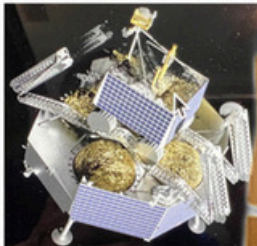
DG Sonya LaBosco
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David Winslow,
President R.C. of Dr. Phillips

**Peace On Earth, World Peace Day, Sept.21
www.RotaryOnTheMoon.com**

Contact: 352-205-6194

Questions, [email: YourClubOnTheMoon@gmail.com](mailto:YourClubOnTheMoon@gmail.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**

9/26

Rotary
Club of St. Cloud



**EXPLORE THE HEART
OF ROTARY:
CONNECTING,
INSPIRING,
ACHIEVING!**

Thursday, September 26, 2024

6:00PM-8:00PM

The Women's Club of St. Cloud

1012 Massachusetts Avenue

RSVP BY SEPT 22, 2024 TO
EVENTS@ROTARYCLUBOFSTCLOUDFL.ORG

Speaker, Tom Dorsey



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

11/3



A TASTE OF DR PHILLIPS™

A Signature Dr. Phillips Event

17th Annual A Taste of Dr. Phillipstm

Sunday November 3rd, 2024

2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips Foundation 501(c)3

❖ **Title Sponsorship: \$5,000 (only one available)**

Sponsorship features your company logo on all day-of-event signage, online messages, event website, a welcome tent for your guests and 20 tickets to the event

❖ **Key Sponsorships: \$3,000**

Sponsorship features your company logo on the event website, day-of-event recognition and 16 tickets for the event.

❖ **Hospitality Sponsorship: \$1,500**

This offer provides day-of-event and website recognition and includes 12 tickets for the event.

❖ **Event Sponsorship: \$1,250**

Day-of-event and website recognition and includes 8 tickets for the event.

❖ **Rotary Member Sponsorships \$1,250**

Only available to current Dr. Phillips members. Includes day-of-event recognition and 10 tickets to the event

Scan here to learn more

Dr. Phillips
Rotary
Foundation



48th Annual MAITLAND ROTARY

11/8 -
11/10

Art FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 8 - 10, 2024 | LAKE LILY PARK | MAITLAND, FLORIDA

WWW.MAITLANDARTFEST.ORG



Artwork by Maurizio Maso - Painting of Maitland Art & History Museum



Presenting Sponsor



maitlandartfest.org

FOOD • BEVERAGES • ENTERTAINMENT • FREE ADMISSION!
November 8-10, 2024 ~ Lake Lily Park, Maitland, Florida

Events and Service Projects

End of
March '25

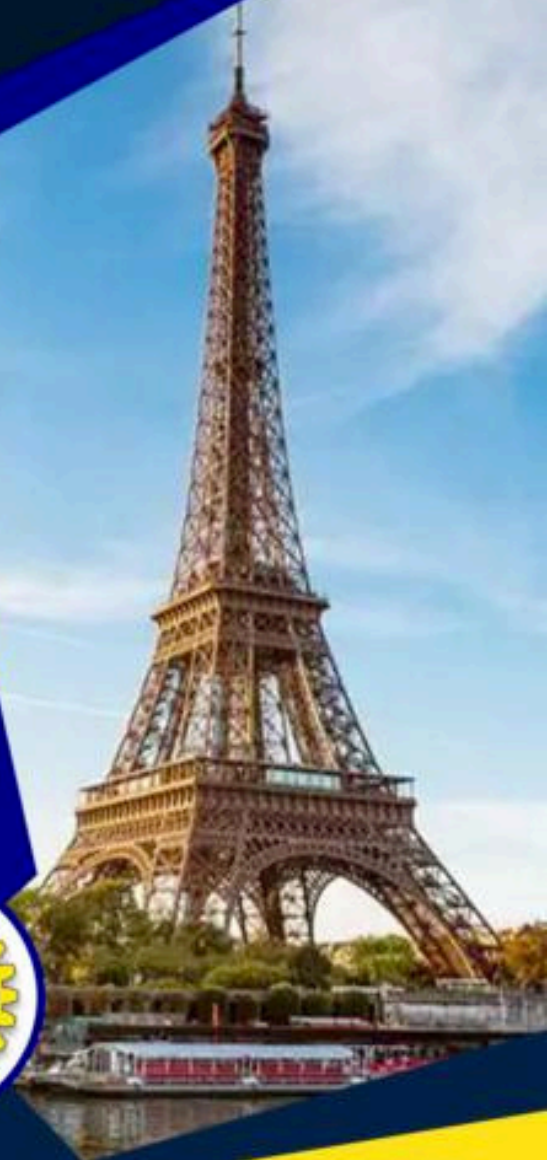


Cruise with Rotarians for a Great Cause from \$3199* per person!

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

Rotary Supports Disaster Relief

Rotary Club Of Orlando Helps Purchase Salvation Army Disaster Relief Trailer

The Rotary Club Of Orlando and its Foundation have collaborated in helping The Salvation Army, serving Orange and Osceola counties purchase a trailer to assist victims of disasters or emergencies.

Salvation Army Area Commander, Major Ken Chapman, said, “ the trailer will provide showers, rest room and laundry facilities for those in need. We are so grateful to the Rotary Club and its Foundation for their very generous support that made that made this important community asset a reality.”

The trailer is 28 feet long and includes three showers/restrooms, with one being ADA accessible, and two washers and driers that can be moved to impacted areas.

Rotary Club President, Dan Bone, said, “Rotary is proud to be apart of this community, our goal is to serve in large and small ways and this trailer is just one example of how we serve.”

Sandra Woodall, President of the club’s foundation explained, “our club members work hard to generate funds for the foundation so this kind, and many other, community service projects can become reality.”

The project was awarded the 2023-24 Project Of The Year at the recent district conference.



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 September 24th**



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