

**June Programs (Len Eckert, Speaker Chair)**

- **June 9:** Judge Amanda Levy-Reis: "'A Day in the Life of a Circuit Judge."
- **June 16:** Gary Medley, "U.S.-China and the World Trade Organization"
- **June 23:** Adam Botana, Florida State Representative (and Rotary Club Member)
- **June 30:** Victoria Scott, Lighthouse for Blindness & Vision Loss

**July Programs (Rich Jacobs, Speaker Chair)**

- **July 7: Club Assembly**
- **July 14: Valerie's House** - SW Florida's non-profit organization providing grief support for children who have lost a loved one.
- **July 21: Artificial Intelligence** - AI overview and details about FGCU's AI Academy programs.
- **July 28: SW Florida Proton Center** (Advanced Cancer treatment facility recently opened in Estero). **Speaker:** Dr. Shannon MacDonald, Senior Medical Director at Southwest Florida Proton and is considered a pioneer internationally in the field of proton therapy.

**August Programs (Julie Pedretti, Speaker Chair)**

- **August 4:** Tom Doerr, President of the Press Club of SWFL; Retired News Director; FGCU Journalism Instructor: "How Do We Decide What is True?"
- **August 11:** Annie Campbell, Director of Development, Heights Foundation; Rotary District 6960 District Governor Nominee; member of the Rotary Club of Sanibel/Captiva & Read Sawczyn, Private Wealth Advisor, Finemark Bank; member of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South: "Medical Training Program in Underserved Fort Myers Neighborhood Pursuing Critical Rotary International Global Grant"
- **August 18:** Barb Kuesters, Rotary District 6960 Foundation Chair; member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch & Janet DiBenidetto, District 69690 Global Grants Chair; member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Naples: "The Growing Impact of The Rotary Foundation and Global Grants Around the World"
- **August 25:** Chuck Stauffer, EVP of SWFL and Customer Success Leader & Wendi Fowler, Director of Residential Account Management | SWFL Hotwire Communications; member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset: "Tends in Telecommunications and Internet Services (ISP) Industry"

**First Thursdays:**

- Thank you to GT & Eileen Tasso for hosting last week's First Thursday at Ceremony Brewing. About 40 Rotarians and friends attended and gave much-needed support to a local business while having fun together.
- Tentative: **Thursday, July 2** at Pelican's SnoBalls (Original New Orleans Shaved Ice), 9030 Bonita Beach Road. Hosts: Steve Baptiste and Rachel Adams.
- Tentative: **Thursday, August 6**, at Craft Spirits Social, 2797 Old 41, Suite 207 (above the Bohemian – a speakeasy-style lounge featuring small batch distilled liquors). Host: John Spear (with owner Beth "Dutton" Hurwitz)

## Club Service/Fundraiser:

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Beer Sales Volunteers:** Volunteer recruitment for one of our Club's largest fundraisers will begin at Tuesday's breakfast meeting.

**Invite a Prospective Member to Breakfast!** Please consider a neighbor, friend, or business associate who may have an interest in learning more about our Rotary Club. Since July, we have welcomed 12 new members. Steve Sims has business cards you can give to a prospective member so they can join us for one free meeting. Let's see how many more we can bring in before June 30.

## Invocation | Greeter

**Thank you** to our Rotarians who serve as greeters and provide the invocation:

June 9: Stefan Gehrold, Invocation; Richard Jacobs, Greeter

June 16: TBD, Invocation; Jamison Ford, Greeter

June 23: Donna Flammang, Invocation; Jason Olson, Greeter

June 30: Julie Pedretti, Invocation; Chris Riesen, Greeter

## Rotary District 6960 Celebration & Awards Dinner – June 27

*Note: Club Member **Angela Swanepoel** will be receiving a Special Service Award*

From District Governor Gerard Sola: Our 2026 District Conference – All Clubs Celebration is more than an event, it's an opportunity to recognize the incredible accomplishments of our clubs, celebrate the leaders who have guided us this year, and welcome those who will lead us into the future.

Throughout the evening, we'll:

-  Recognize outstanding clubs and Rotarians from around the district
-  Celebrate the achievements of the 2025-2026 Rotary year
-  Install District Governor Dennis Wallace
-  Connect with friends and fellow Rotarians from every corner of District 6960
-  Enjoy dinner and a complimentary drink ticket included with registration
-  Continue the fellowship in the Hospitality Suite at the Four Points Sheraton following the program

Whether your club is receiving recognition or you're simply looking forward to celebrating another successful year of service, this is an evening you won't want to miss.

## Event Details

 Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

Punta Gorda, Florida

 Saturday, June 27, 2026

 4:00 PM – Cocktail Reception

🕒 5:30 PM – Awards Celebration & Leadership Installation  
🎉 Hospitality Suite at the Four Points Sheraton Following the Program

Bring your club members, celebrate your accomplishments, and help us kick off another exciting Rotary year together. Registration closes **Friday, June 12.**

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. “Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose to **do good in the world**. Let’s build a Rotary that **unites for good** and ensures a brighter future for all.”

Julie  
Julie Pedretti, President, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs