



At our first meeting of the new Rotary year, Abbe read the Inspiration, Joe M did read the Invocation, Nancy L. did The Four Way Test, and Jenifer led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Donna Marcotte received her Paul Harris Plus 3 and we congratulated the EA\$Y CA\$H Winners.

A Message From The President!

What a wonderful first week we've had together! Thank you to everyone who attended our Club Assembly and helped kick off what I know will be an exciting Rotary year. It is truly an honor to serve as your President. I appreciate your patience and support as I learn the ropes of this new role. Like any new beginning, there will be challenges along the way, but please know that I am committed to addressing them thoughtfully and keeping our club moving forward in a positive direction.

Beginning this week, you'll receive a Weekly Spoke to keep everyone informed about club news, upcoming events, service opportunities, and important announcements.

I'd also like to remind everyone that our Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Brennan, Manna & Diamond. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

I'm continuing to update a few club items, and those should be completed soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out. My contact information is available in the Ignite app—which I'm hoping everyone has downloaded by now! Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to making a difference in our community. I'm looking forward to an incredible year as we work together to create a lasting impact.

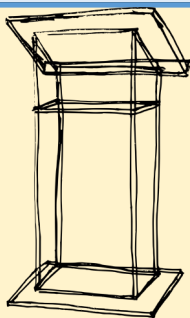
July Programs/Events:

July 13; Board Meeting

July 14: Valerie's House - SW Florida's non-profit organization providing grief support for children who have lost a loved one.

July 21: AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Everyday Life & Work: Practical Applications, Emerging Trends and FGCU's AI Academy. Speaker: Dr. Leandro Nunes de Castro, Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science at Florida Gulf Coast University and Founding Director of the Dendritic Institute for Human-Centered AI and Data Science.

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.



*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*



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Lot's of Dough!
Jim Burger did
not win!!



Club Shenanigans



Invocation—Purpose & Service
May we approach this day with grateful hearts, clear minds, and a spirit of generosity. As Rotarians, we are united not by our differences, but by our shared commitment to service, integrity, and the belief that each of us has the ability to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Grant us the wisdom to listen with respect, the courage to lead with humility, and the compassion to extend a helping hand wherever it is needed. As we work together, may we remember that even the smallest act of service can create a ripple of hope that reaches far beyond what we can see. May our time together be productive, our fellowship meaningful, and our efforts a blessing to those we serve.



Birthdays

Duke Downey, 7/17

Anniversaries:

Kelli Groom, 7/25

John Flammang, 7/27

Jerry Pelak, 7/27

John Spear,
7/27

Donna Marcotte, 7/30



2026-2027 Rotary International and District Leadership

Rotary International President

Olayinka Babalola, The Rotary Club of Tras Amadi, Nigeria

District 6960 Governor

Dennis Wallace, Rotary Club of Harbor Heights—Peace River

Area 2 Assistant Governor

Cindy Cedeno, Rotary Club Bonita Beach Sunset

2024-2025 Club Officers

President— Kelli Groom

President-Elect Lynda Waterhouse

Secretary – Paul Fox

Treasurer—Jim Fitzpatrick

Sergeant-at-Arms - Jenifer McBride

Past President—Julie Pedretti

Members of the Board

Jim Fitzpatrick, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti,

Kelli Groom

2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff,

2025-2028

Donna Marcotte, Steve McIntosh

2026—2029

John Spear, Chris Corrie, Len Eckhart

Trustees of The Foundation

Chris Riesen, President; Dave Shellenbarger, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Jim Burger, Kae Moore, Eileen Tasso, Jan Hildebrandt, Trustees

Rotarians of The Month

May—Kelli Groom



Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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