



Sponsorships are vital to the success of our club. If you know of a business or individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor—or if you have ideas for potential sponsors—please don't hesitate to ask. Every sponsorship helps us continue serving our community and supporting our projects.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) will be held on **Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at **Woodlands Middle School, 2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port, FL 34289**. It's an informative and enjoyable day, lunch is provided, and the registration fee is covered by our club.

A reminder to everyone who has signed up to be a **Greeter** this year: you will also be sharing a brief **Rotary Moment** to help start our meeting on a positive note. This can be a personal story, a Rotary experience, an inspirational message, or even a favorite quote.

I'm also excited to share that the City of Bonita has reserved **February 27** for our signature fundraiser, **The Great Bonita Chili & Craft Beer Showdown!** We have a few committee members already on board, but we are still looking for additional volunteers to serve on the Chili Committee.

I also ask that everyone please take a few minutes to log into **DACdb** and the **Ignite** app to make sure your contact information and profile are current.



July Programs/Events:

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.



I'd like to take a moment to wish **Rex Sims** a very **Happy Heavenly Birthday**. We all miss Rex, his dedication to Rotary, and the enthusiasm he brought to our club. So, in the words of Rex himself...
"Let's do this!"



50/50
Lot's of Mullah!
You can be a
winner, too!



Club Shenanigans



Invocation—Purpose & Service



Let us pause for a moment of gratitude—for the opportunity to gather, to serve, and to make a difference in the lives of others. May we remember that leadership is not measured by recognition, but by kindness shown quietly, integrity practiced consistently, and service offered willingly. Guide us to listen with open minds, speak with respect, and act with compassion as we carry out the work of Rotary in our community and beyond. May our efforts to-day leave others encouraged, supported, and hopeful. Amen.

Birthdays

Rick Barber, 7/2
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



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Olayinka Babalola, The Rotary Club of Tras Amadi, Nigeria

District 6960 Governor

Dennis Wallace, Rotary Club of Harbor Heights—Peace River

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Jim Fitzpatrick, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti,
Kelli Groom

2024—2027

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2025-2028

Donna Marcotte, Steve McIntosh

2026—2029

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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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