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November 3, 1978



President Kelli rang the bell and the group mixed and mingled! Mark did the Invocation, Nancy did The Four Way Test, and Jenifer lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Mark returned to do the song, Tears for Fears, Everybody Wants To Rule The World.

Julie did a call out for a speaker next week and the position was filled right away.

Stefan gave a report on trees. He also brought some lovely guests with him.

There were a few back to school stories!

Annie Campbell DGE from the Heights Foundation attended our club meeting this week and assisted with a presentation on the new facility in Ft Myers. Chris Riesen asked the Club Members to join him in attending an upcoming event where he will be presenting a check from our club foundation.



Florida Gulf Coast University is preparing a special week of events honoring our nation's Veterans during FGCU America 250 Military Commemoration Week — November 9–13, 2026. We are asking for the nomination of 250 Veterans from Fort Myers, Lee County, and the surrounding Southwest Florida community to be honored in a special recognition event on November 13th at FGCU. To nominate, scan the QR code or use link below and attached: https://fgcu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3O7pc3y4AKkjlFw In addition to the November 13th recognition event, we invite veterans, families, students, and community members to join us throughout the week for a series of activities celebrating our military heritage.

August Programs/Events:

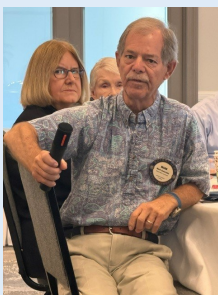
August 18: Faith Schwalback, Beverly's Angels

August 25: Sally Mulvena, President & CEO of The Wonder Gardens, recent enhancements and continuing growth of The Wonder Gardens.

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Lot's of Mullah!
Nope!



Club Shenanigans



Invocation: Being a Light

Today, let us reflect on the difference one person can make. A kind word, a welcoming smile, or a simple act of generosity can brighten someone's day in ways we may never fully know. May we each strive to be a source of encouragement and optimism in our families, our workplaces, and our community. May the work we do through Rotary continue to shine as a light of service and goodwill. Amen.



Birthdays

Kimberly Baxa, August 16th
Joseph Murgalo, August 27

Anniversaries:

Alan White August 18
Maria White, August 18
Bob Lombardo, August 19
Angela Swanepoel, August 26
Kevin Swanepoel, August 26
Alyona Ushe, August 29



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

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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

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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