

GULF BEACHES ROTARY NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – CHUCK'S CHATTER

Hello again Rotarians..... the Holiday season is now a distant memory and we find ourselves square in the middle of "fund raising" season. I want to encourage each and every one of you to be an active participant in either the Tennis Challenge (Feb 25-26) or the Carnival (Mar 17-20)...or why not both! You can be a sponsor, a working volunteer and/or a tennis player or carnival ride rider. Please do not be a By Stander. Rosemary, Dennis and either of the John's (Meagher or Doctor) can easily find a way for you to help.

Also, we had a very active Board meeting last week and made some progressive decisions. We accepted Robin Gomez as a new member, expanded our S4TL participation level from 2 students to 4 students and the 2 new students will come from Admiral Farragut Academy (home of our Interact club). We also gave away another \$3000 (\$1500 to PARC, \$1000 to Eckard College Search & Rescue and \$500 to the LIFT Academy). Not bad for our "small but mighty" Gulf Beaches Rotary Club.

Now, before I sign off, I want to give a "shout out" to Tom Zysk and Mitchell Shenkman. The final financial numbers are in for the Big Game and Pancake Breakfast fund raiser events. Together they raised over \$4500, with \$3500 coming from the Pancake Breakfast (a new event record). Thank you very much Tom and Mitch for your coordinating on these two events. Well done!!!



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork.

Pearl Bailey

I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life. Rita Rudner

Today is Valentine's Day – or, as men like to call it, Extortion Day! Jay Leno



Rotary Happy Hour!
Every third Thursday of the month! 4-6PM at Crabby's on the Pass

Coming up-

February 17!!!!



Speaker Bureau

February – Rusty

February 1 – Carlo Franzblau, Linda Hardison – “Sing Out and Read”

February 8 – Ryan Dilkey – Eckerd College Search and Rescue

February 15 – Linda Gibbons – Monarch Butterflies (alternate meeting spot-lobby)

February 22 – Dr. Roy Bahl - Economist

TELLING ROTARY'S STORY... COMMUNITY SERVICE



Club Meeting Information!!!!

Weekly: Every Tuesday, at 12:00
Noon

We meet in person at the Cambria
in Madeira Beach (15015 Madeira
Way) off of the third floor lobby.

All Rotary members are welcome
to attend our board meetings
which take place on the last
Thursday of each month at 8:00
am at the Cambria. Breakfast is
provided.

St. Pete Free Clinic WISH LIST:

Food items:

Beef Jerky, Beef Stew, Breakfast bars, Canned Fruit,
Canned meats, Canned pastas, crackers, Fruit cups,
Granola bars, Instant coffee, nuts, protein drinks, protein
bars, single serving cereal boxes, trail mix, Tuna/salmon
in a pouch

Residence Wishes:

Bath mats, bath towels, individually wrapped
toothbrushes, pillows, men's body wash, men's
shampoo, shower curtains, small appliances, toothpaste,
women's body wash (body wash full size)

Hygiene and Health Items:

Alcohol wipes, bar soap, Benadryl, deodorant, diapers
(Size 5/6), disposable razor, facial tissues, feminine
products, fingernail clippers, iron, Monistat, Neosporin,
Pepcid/Tums, Preparation H,
Probiotics, Reading glasses, Saline spray, Salonpas,
Shampoo, Stool softener, sunscreen, toilet paper,
Tylenol/Motrin, Vitamin C, Wet wipes



ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**Next Donation Drop-off will be February 17 at
10:00 am at Treasure Bay
Parking Lot. (or bring to meeting on February 15th)**

POP the Trunk Food Giveaway

Every third Saturday at the former Tangerine
Plaza, on 18th and 22nd in St. Petersburg. For
those who wish to help but have conflicts; they are
welcome to help on any Saturday between 9-12
noon.



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Cambria Hotel Lunch

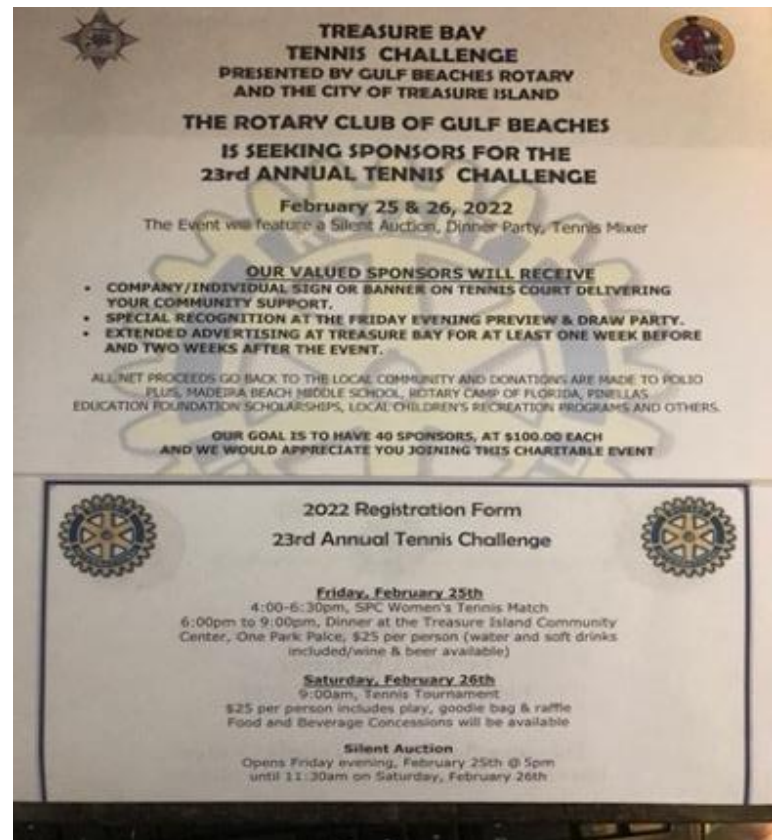
Menu

February

*2/1 Chicken Piccata and
fresh vegetables*

2/15 Shrimp Scampi

2/22- Pizza



23rd Annual Tennis Challenge Feb. 25-26, 2022

How can you be a part of this major fundraiser?

1. Be a sponsor for \$100.00 or find a sponsor
2. Donate or find a donor for the Silent Auction
3. Play in the Tournament
4. Come to the Friday night dinner
5. Bid on Silent Auction items

(check with committee members* for current already committed donors)

(*Rosemary, Danute, Susan Smith, Jim Everett, Vanessa Manings, Pam Brangaccio)



Bill England – February 7



Why should a business sponsor this event? The Gulf Beaches Rotary Club has been supporting the needs of our local community for over 60 years. This club contributes approximately \$50,000 each year to local and international efforts to make the community and world a better place in which to live. This is the 12th Annual Spring Break event and it has drawn over 10,000 participants during each 4-day period. The event is organized and managed by volunteers. All of the proceeds are deposited into the club's foundation. Every dollar in the foundation is directed by the Board to help those in need including: St. Pete Free Clinic, Eckerd College Search and Rescue, Metropolitan Ministries, All Children's Hospital, Guardian ad Litem, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Pinellas Education Scholarships, Voices for Children and many other very deserving organizations.

Most businesses have budgeted funds for contribution to charitable causes. What better place could those funds be directed than to this event. Not only will the contribution be redistributed by an established and reputable organization, they will also have the benefit of promoting their business to thousands of potential customers. It's a "no brainer".

Our goal will be to double our charitable donations and would like your help as a sponsor. We have 4 levels of sponsorship to choose from:

GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000

- Company name in all advertising, in all printed material and an on stage banner (provided by sponsor not to exceed 5x10)
- Company name and logo on the sponsors stage banner.
- VIP Seating, includes food and beverage for 50 guests
- Company announcements between musical performances throughout the weekend
- 10x10 company vendor space
- 10 one day ride passes
- Company name and logo on all advertisements
- Company name and logo on flyers, website(with link) and social media posts

SILVER SPONSOR \$2,500

- Company name/logo in all printed material and an on stage banner (provided by sponsor not to exceed 4x10)
- Company name and logo on the sponsors stage banner.
- VIP Seating, includes food and beverage for 25 guests
- Company announcements between musical performances throughout the weekend
- 6 one day ride passes

BRONZE SPONSOR \$1,000

- VIP Seating, includes food and beverage for 10 guests
- Company name and logo in all printed material and on the sponsors stage banner
- 4 one day ride passes

FRIENDS OF ROTARY \$500

- Company name and logo on the sponsors stage banner

For additional information contact: John Doctor (727)214-7583
 Gulf Beaches Rotary Foundation: P.O. Box 8805, Madeira Beach, FL 33738
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Now is the time to find a business or business associate who would sponsor the Springbreak Festival. More sponsor flyers are available. Reach out and touch someone.... Find a sponsor.... We need them!



New Member - Robin Gomez

On Dec 6, 2021, the Madeira Beach City Commission appointed Robin to serve as the Madeira Beach City Manager. Since his first workday on Dec 20, 2021, Robin has been meeting all City staff, business owners, and numerous residents to ensure the City continues providing exceptional services to all who live, visit, work, and play in Madeira Beach.

Robin previously served as City Manager in Clarkston, GA and Fairmont, WV, with similar responsibilities overseeing daily operations. Prior to those 2 work locations Robin spent 21 years at the City of Clearwater, FL, with the last 16 serving as the City Auditor.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from the University of Miami and a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Florida. A native of Mexico, Robin migrated with his family to the US at the age of five when his physician father joined the US Air Force. Subsequent moves landed Robin in Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Florida, Georgia, and West Virginia.

Robin loves spending time with Julie, his wife of 22+ years, and two daughters, Shannon and Angelina.

You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams. Dr. Seuss

Come grow old with me. The best is yet to be. William Wordsworth

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles M Schultz

Love is a promise, love is a souvenir, once given never forgotten, never let it disappear. John Lennon

Without Valentine's Day, February would be... well, January. Jim Gaffigan