



# Gulf Beaches Rotary Newsletter October, 2022

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## *Danute's Dialogue:*

Greetings!

Well... we didn't get to say goodbye to Cambria officially but what a great beginning at the VFW on Tuesday! We will work on the parking lot situation and I think we have the table set up figured out for future meetings. Thank you for helping out with the cleanup afterwards. If we could ALL make sure we pick up our paperwork and push in the chairs at the table – we will be helping them out! Thank you.

Our next Board meeting is October 27, but in the meantime the Board did approve a \$2500 donation made out to the Rotary District Grant SING OUT AND READ PROGRAM! This would allow FIVE students to completely participate in this wonderful literacy program initiated by Midtown Rotary Club. We had a presentation about it last year and I hope to ask them to return to give us an update in the spring.

Glad everyone made it through the hurricane safe and sound. We will continue to help hurricane victims in any way we can.

~Danute

**In case you missed his latest emails:**

***Important Hurricane Ian relief information from Chris Casella, DGE***

**Control + Click this link to view the Flyer**

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10159889716061075&set=gm.10160125860544634&idovanity=47117229633>

We are on our final approach to what could be one of our largest combined efforts in recent history. Our Hurricane Supply Drive for SWFL has gone viral and people are pitching in from all over the Tampa Bay Region. Governor Troy is handling the Truck Packing at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, 1900 Gandy Blvd N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702

**We are in desperate need of boxes...** If you have boxes that are in **GOOD shape** or would like to purchase a few boxes, please bring them with you.

**Tomorrow Saturday 10/08 11am...** Governor Troy needs some volunteers to meet him at the church and drive to Maus Nissan New Port Richey to unload the truck. (*Maus Nissan New Port Richey will be our District's Central site for packing if you are interested in helping there, please be there no later than 2pm*). Please text Troy if you are planning to help. His number is 727-481-2011.

Thank you for getting uncomfortable this week and giving of your time, talent and/or treasure... Together we will make an impact.

~Chris

PS – there may be other ways our members can contribute past tomorrow. Please check *The Beach Beacon* for a list of other places to drop your donations.



### *Speaker Bureau*

**October 4** - Col. Sean Corrigan, Executive Vice President,  
Special Operations Warrior Foundation

**October 11** - Treasure Island Police Chief John Barkley

**October 18** - Terry Collier, note: He is also a member of the Seminole  
Rotary noon club.

**October 25** - Trudy Beeler, Veterans Community Partnership Specialist,  
Suncoast Hospice

*"WANT AD for TREASURER"...* - HELP!!!!

*Carol Coward has been the backbone of our Club's "Treasury Department" for many, many, many years. She wants to retire and she deserves to do so! This is her last year in the position of Treasurer and we need a replacement!*

*If anyone has the interest to transition in to this important position, please let me know. You will need a knowledge of QuickBooks or any other form of accounting system. There are some collecting and recording duties required after each meeting as well as preparing a monthly financial report. Carol has offered to help with the transition.*

### *Telling Rotary's Story - Community Service Projects*

#### St Petersburg Free Clinic October Report

Please remember to bring your Free Clinic donations to the weekly meetings, however, for the month of October, we will forward your kind contributions to the Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief effort. Thank you for your continued generosity!



CART Update from Randy Nilsson, District 6950 CART Chair

*(Note our Club's special recognition!)*

"I wanted to share a quick update on the support of CART around our district as well as a few upcoming opportunities to shine a light on Alzheimer's Disease as well as provide needed funding to The CART Fund.

**Did you know that 6.5 million Americans of ALL AGES have Alzheimer's disease and as of today, there is no cure?**

Here are some other facts about Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia:

- By 2050, this number is projected to rise to nearly **13 million Americans**
- **1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's** or another dementia. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- In 2022, Alzheimer's and other dementia will **cost the nation \$321 Billion.**
- By 2050, these costs could reach nearly **\$1 Trillion.**
- More than **11 million Americans provide unpaid care** for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

So far this Rotary year, **our district has contributed \$2,032.98 to The CART Fund**, a Rotary service project dedicated to finding a cure for this dark and devastating disease.

THANK YOU to the following clubs for their gifts to CART so far this year:

**Dunedin North - \$1,000**

**St. Petersburg - \$400**

**Gulf Beaches\* - \$225**

**Downtown Inverness - \$125**

**Hudson - \$105**

**St. Petersburg Sunset - \$100**

**Pinellas Park - \$50**

**Wesley Chapel - \$27.98**

**\*Gulf Beaches has found a very creative way to support CART this Rotary year that I wanted to share. This club began honoring each of their weekly guest speakers by donating \$25 to The CART Fund. This is AWESOME and so very appreciated!**

**November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month**, which will be a perfect time for our next District CART Challenge! 100% of every dollar that you donate goes directly to fund the research grants that will hopefully lead to a cure. Together as Rotarians, we can make a significant impact in this fight so that our loved ones do not have to suffer. On behalf of the The CART Fund and our District, I want to thank you for your help and support ALWAYS!

Yours in Rotary service, Randy Nilsson, District 6950 CART Chair

**Two New Paul Harris Fellows,  
Susan Reiter**



**& Bill Matthews,  
Diamond Pin & \$10K Award!**



**Upcoming Events**

**Happy Hour Thursday, October 20th at  
CRABBY'S on the Pass**



**5-7 PM**



**Bill Karns 10/5**

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**Club Meeting Information  
Weekly: Every Tuesday at 12 noon**

**We meet in person at VFW,  
Madeira Beach – John's Pass**

**All Rotary members are welcome to attend  
our board meetings which take place on  
the last Thursday of each month at 8:00am  
at the office of Carol A Lenz CPA,  
151 - 107th Ave, Suite 2,  
Treasure Island, Florida – 33706  
(right above Captain Bills Kitchen restaurant)**

