



Gulf Beaches Rotary Newsletter Spring Edition 2024

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[April 1, 2024 President's Column](#)

As a native Floridian, April has to be one of my favorite months in Florida, for the exceptional weather, planting of spring flowers, and great beach sunsets. Like many of you, I have been hosting, as well as visiting, family and friends this spring and enjoying each moment of below-90 temperatures.

It has also been a great spring for Gulf Beaches Rotary, with completion of two major fundraising events (over \$20,000) for GBR annual contributions to local not for profits.

I wanted to thank each and every one of our members (2/3 of the total club membership) for volunteering at these events, buying tickets and attending the

events, sponsoring the events with personal cash donations or securing business sponsorships, donating items for over 50 auction baskets, donating liquor for spirit baskets, and just plain having FUN as volunteers!

I look forward to finishing my presidency year of 2023-24 on a high note and Celebrating our incoming president John Doctor on June 22th.

~ Pam

Speaker Bureau

- April 2 – Elizabeth Fields, Rotary Camp Florida
- April 9 – Ryan Dilkey, Eckerd Search & Rescue
- April 16 – Tom & Sue Zysk’s World Travels
- April 23 – Rotary Guess Who and Trivia: Run by: Ric and Danute
- April 30 – 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting at Pierogi’s Bar, St. Petersburg
Speaker: Roman Voloshyn, Sponsoring Revived Soldiers of Ukraine

- May 7 - Bernie Jacques – Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- May 14 - Peter Clark – Tampa Bay Watch
- May 21 - Kristen Downer
- May 28 – **No meeting- As Memorial Day is May 27th**

Rotary People of Action

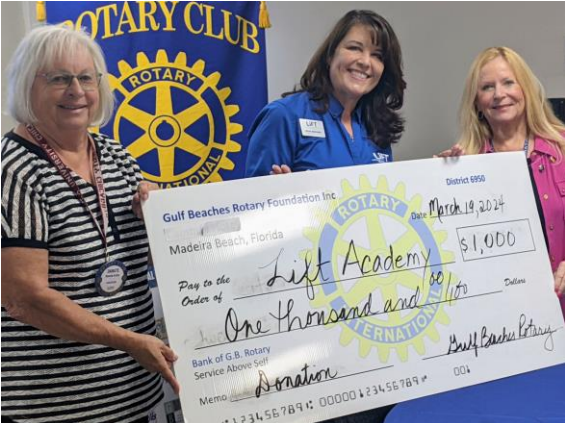
March 5th –
President Pam and
visiting Rotarian
from Newport News,
Virginia



March 12th –
 President Elect, John
 Doctor pictured with
 speaker, Brian Scott,
 Pinellas County
 Commissioner



March 19 – \$1,000
 Check Presentation to
 Julie Brecher,
 LIFT Academy



April 2, 2024 – \$2000
Check presented to
Elizabeth Fields,
Rotary Camp Florida



The 14th Annual Gulf Beaches Rotary Club Spring Break Waterfront Festival,

Hosted by the City of Madeira Beach and the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club took place at the Madeira Beach Recreation Complex & ROC Park March 14 through March 17, 2024.

The approximate \$50,000 proceeds will go back to the local community in the form of donations to local charities and non-profit organizations including Suncoast Voices for Children, the St. Petersburg Free Clinic's Residence House, Rotary Camp Florida, Pinellas County Education Scholarships, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Guardian ad Litem Program, Eckerd College Search & Rescue, local food banks, local children's summer programs and many other local charitable organizations.





Battle of the Bands
Legends in the Making winners.



Winners and other bands invited on stage.



Free Clinic Update



Rosemary delivered 117 pounds of hygiene products and diapers to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Thank you to those who donated and to those who helped to load her car after the meeting on Tuesday.

Tentative date for next donation day on May 21st.

[Save The Date - Rotary District Conference – April 26 - 28](#)

Register Here:  [Register NOW](#) for D6950 Conference & Hotel Reservations Link

Upcoming Events

- April 16 – GBR check presentation to City of Treasure Island at the TI Commission Meeting in the new Commissioners' Room. Total proceeds from 25th Annual Golf & Tennis Challenge = \$13,778. TI's share = \$5,665.
- April 18th-Rotary Board Meeting (moved up because of District Conference on April 25th)
- April 25-28th Rotary District Conference in Orlando
- May 21 – Free Clinic Donation Day
- May 23- 8.30 am Rotary Board Meeting
- June 22th -Installation Dinner for 2024 President John Doctor. TI City Center.

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Happy Spring Rotary Birthdays

April

Mike Braddy 4/1
Dennis Fagan 4/12
Danute Krebs 4/13
Tyler Payne 4/17

May

Fred Orr 5/2
Greg Siciliano 5/3
Chuck Coward 5/12
John Meagher 5/23
Mitchell Shenkman 5/24

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 8:30am at Madeira Beach City Hall.