



In This Issue:

- President Pam's Column
- Speaker Bureau
- Community Action
- Upcoming Events

President Pam's Column:

October for me is always a time for new beginnings, in my case the purchase of a new "OLD" house, that takes up all my time and cash. And for Rotary the start of our community events season with the District Governor's visit to our club on October 10th, Rotary being represented at the October 27th Treasure Island Trick or Treat, and the October 29th Barktoberfest.

After all, it's under ninety degrees this week, so we all know its Fall in Florida. But as we leave September, I wanted to thank two wonderful women that meant so much to Gulf Beaches Rotary.

Our dear friend, **Carol Coward**, leaves us with fond memories. Carol had a big heart full of generosity. She was the consummate community volunteer!

Carol joined Gulf Beaches Rotary in 1997 after having been an active member, President and Treasurer of the Rotary Club in Highland Ranch, Colorado. Suzanne Deady remembers her enthusiasm for the club. They served together as Treasurer and Secretary since 2000.

Carol was a Treasure Islette for over 25 years. She and Suzanne were board members of the T.I. Historical Society. Carol also served on the T.I. City Commission for Paradise Island.

She was a supporter of P.E.O, Peter Ellen Oscar, an organization which celebrates the advancement of women through scholarships, grants, and awards. Suncoast Voices for Children, and Johns Hopkins All Childrens' Hospital Guild, Beach Chapter were two of her passions as well as growing orchids, Book Club meetings and FreeFall theater productions, traveling with Chuck, and sharing a glass of wine with friends.

All the while, she was a wife, a mother of four, grandmother and great grandmother, good friend to many, and a very busy CPA!!

Carol was truly a gem! She and her sunny disposition will surely be missed.

At the September 26th meeting, Susan Zysk did a touching Rotary Minute for her sister-in-law **Stephanie Kruey**, who first brought Sue & Tom to Gulf Beaches Rotary. It follows:

Stephanie Kruey was a Chemistry and math major at UCONN, who started out teaching high school chemistry and then later, worked in the banking industry. She was a bank merger trouble shooter. Then she taught college banking courses and volunteered to teach math to adults trying to get their GED. Her Rotary career started 30 years ago. She was the president of two different clubs in NH. The Milford club had over 100 members. She chaired the 100 holes Ironman golf tourney with two other clubs. She was also the money chair for the largest Pumpkin Festival in NE. One year, she had us freezing, selling Christmas trees. And an all-time favorite, the cross country run through the countryside at Keene College. We camped there with Rotarians from all over Southern NE. One member ran a mile and a half leg of the run and then another member of the club got the baton. Steph's new address at memory care is 1255 Pasadena Ave. So., 417B, St. Petersburg, FL 33707; phone number: 727 289-5664. Her Birthday is Halloween to send birthday cards to Steph.

Speaker Bureau

October 3 - Phil Girardi - Treasure Island's Treasure Bay Tennis Director and Head Coach of St Petersburg College Women's Tennis

October 10 - Rotary District #6950 Governor Chris Casella--together we will make an impact

October 17 - Treasure Island Fire Chief/Asst. City Manager Trip Barrs – Emergency Preparedness and Post Storm Recovery

October 24 - Treasure Island Stacey Boyles Public Works Director, Resiliency Projects and Policy Considerations

October 31 - **Halloween- Club Service Day**

Rotary in Service - Community Action

September 12 – Gulf Beaches Rotary Club partners with the Lions Club to collect eyeglasses, as part of a Rotary International challenge for a joint service project.



Free Clinic Update

Here are the stats for our last collection: 39# of hygiene products, 57# of food. Next collection will be on **October 24th**.

Rosemary is hoping to drum up some interest before then! Please make every effort to support Rosemary and her work with this important cause. Thank you for your continued generosity!

October 24th is World Polio Day!

As [World Polio Day](#) approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease.

We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus
- 3 billion children immunized
- 125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why **Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.**

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. Together, we end polio!

Take Action: [Visit endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)

September 26 – GBR Hosts speaker, Sonny Flynn, Alligator & Wildlife Discovery Center. Pictured here with Robin Lopez, Madeira Beach City Manager and Clint Belk, Madeira Beach Fire Chief



<https://alligatorwildlife.com/>

Upcoming Events

HOT DIGITY DOG!!!!



This year's Barktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023,
from 11am-2pm

The event will take place at the
John Morroni Dog Park at Rosselli Park in Treasure Island
(11650 Capri Circle South)

Vendors have a paw-some opportunity to join us at no charge, just
provide a giveaway/prize

You could also be a sponsor of the event, or even just provide fun
giveaway items to promote your brand

We are working like dogs to create a convenient online registration this
year. In the meantime, email us if you are interested in joining us and
provide details of your involvement

Parks & Recreation
727-547-4575 Ext. 221
recreation@mytreasureisland.org

Vendor Registration is OPEN!!

Register as a [VENDOR HERE](#)

Register as a [SPONSOR HERE](#)

Register your dog for the [COSTUME CONTEST HERE](#)

Celebration of Carol Coward's Life



A memorial service will take place on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 at Memorial Park Funeral Home, beginning at 1:00 pm.

Memorial Park Funeral Home
5750 49th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

Please keep Carol's favorite charity in mind when planning your memorial to her, Suncoast Voices for Children. For more info, visit <https://www.suncoastvoices.org/>

Upcoming

- October 10th – District Governor Chris Casella GBR Club visit. Please make every effort to attend this important Rotary Meeting.
- October 24th – World Polio Day. [Visit endpolio.org](https://www.endpolio.org)
- October 29th – Barktoberfest
- November 16th – Evening with Stephanie Urchick, RI President 2024-25



Stephanie Kruiy 10/31

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 10th – Pancake Breakfast • December 16th – Christmas Dinner @ the Cambria 	<hr/> <p>Dylan Hubbard’s Words of Inspiration on supporting our community, “A rising tide rises all boats.”</p> <hr/>
<p><i>Rotary Club of Gulf Beaches</i> <i>PO Box 8805</i> <i>Madeira Beach, FL 33738</i></p> <p>Newsletter Contributors: Susan Smith, Publisher susanann5152@gmail.com</p> <p>Rosemary Thompson, Editor rollerrosie@gmail.com</p>	<p>Club Meeting Information Weekly:</p> <p>Every Tuesday at 12 noon We meet in person at VFW, Madeira Beach – John’s Pass</p> <p>All Rotary members are welcome to attend our board meetings which take place on the last Thursday of each month at 8:30am at the Madeira Beach Community Center, 300 Municipal Dr., Madeira Beach</p>