



Gulf Beaches Rotary Newsletter June 2024

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June 1, 2024 President's Column

Wrapping up my Rotary year by giving a shout out to Gulf Beaches Rotary members who continue to impress with their dedication to Rotary and community service.

We started 2023-24 service recognitions, when on May 21st, Rotarian of the 2023-24 Program Year (a shared honor this year) was presented to Judge, Educator and Historian David Seth Walker and Attorney Joan Lobianco Walker,

This power couple has been a great addition to Gulf Beaches Rotary; from the Judge presenting weekly Rotary Magazine Questions (no easy feat following Rusty); even sending them over the summer from his mountain home; and providing us with history quizzes, in between delivery of the magazine.

Joan coordinated the last two rotary "fancy" dinners (starting with last year's Christmas party and the dinner for Tennis & Golf classic); with her committee handling invitations, menus, setup & decorations, etc. She has bought her own

classic stamp to evening events. She also represented Gulf Beaches at the All-Children's Foundation Annual event. We are very glad that Joan joined David here at Gulf Beaches Rotary in 2022.

Thanks again, and I hope to see you all at the regular June meetings, as well as the June 22th Installation Dinner for President-Elect John Doctor at the new Treasure Island City Hall.

Thank you for all your hard work and support during this Rotary Year. I look forward to serving as Past President and Rotary Foundation Chair in 2024-25.
~Pam



[Important Announcement from President Pam](#)

At last Thursday's Board May 23rd meeting, the Board voted to change the weekly Rotary meeting location starting on July 2nd.

The new location will kick off in 2024-25 with President John Doctor's first meeting in July 2024. We appreciate our VFW hosts over the last year at the VFW, but are moving to provide the convenience of on-site free parking for members, guests, and speakers, with no change in costs.

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Meeting time and luncheon cost remains the same. For our three June weekly meetings, we will still be at the VFW.

Members will be reminded at June meetings, as well as Facebook, Newsletter and DACdb emails to update the location on calendars for July and beyond. Six weeks' notice should be enough, but we will check to see who shows up in the wrong place on July 2nd (LOL).

~ Pam Brangaccio

May 23, 2024 – Pam wishes to share the updated annual foundation summary for this year with you. It's important for members to see how we used our money and where the donations went.

**GULF BEACHES ROTARY CLUB
 2023-24 ANNUAL GIVING SUMMARY**

	<u>23-24 Budget</u>	<u>23-24 Actual</u>
Take Stock in Children (Stavros)	9,000	9,000
Youth Connect (Stavros)	3,000	3,000
Suncoast Voices for Children	3,000	3,000
St Pete Free Clinic	2,000	2,000
Rotary Camp Florida	2,000	2,000
Metropolitan Ministries	2,000	2,000
All Children's Hospital Foundation	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	2,000	2,000
Guardian ad Litem (Hero to a Child)	2,000	2,000 (June mtg)
Eckerd College Search & Rescue	1,000	1,000
Lift Academy	1,000	1,000
PARC	2,000	2,000
CASA	1,000	1,000
The Kind Mouse	1,000	1,000
Mycro School	1,000	1,000
Carnival – Fishing-Wristbands	2,000	2,000
S4TL	2,800	2,800
LIFT (Lift Intervention Focus Team – TI)	1,000	1,000
Ready 4 Life	1,000	1,000 (June mtg)
Wesley Chapel (Bridging Freedom campus)	500	500 (Build That Home)
Positive Impact WorldWide Church	1,000	1,000
Treasure Island Summer Camps	1,000	1,000
Total	\$ 42,300	\$42,300

New GBR Members

Shawn Byrne's Sponsor/Mentor is Greg Tong. Shawn has multiple businesses on Treasure Island, including purchasing and selling commercial properties, and his family has lived on TI since 1985. He and his wife, Jennifer, whom he met 12 years ago, have two small children who attend Northside Christian School and are also involved in many local activities. His interests include boating, fishing, and racing. His strong skills are people communication, solving problems and financing business adventures with creative ideas. His wife is the current president of ICCA, and he volunteers as needed.

Shawn wants to join Rotary to get more involved in local charities along with Rotary activities to better our communities.

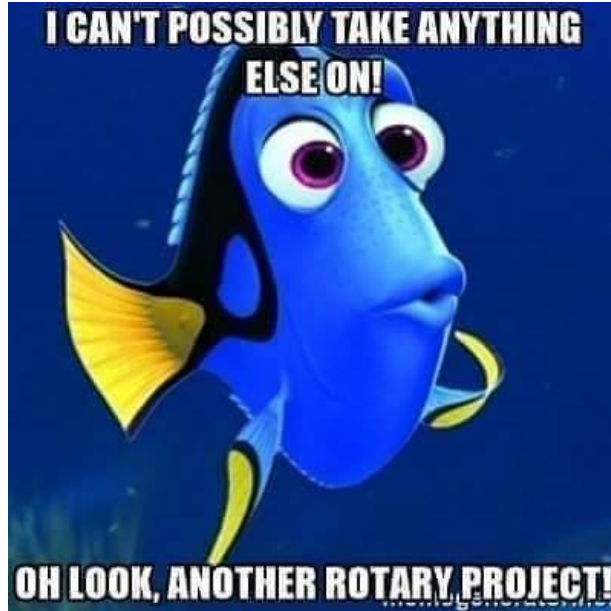
Jake Hornstein attended a meeting in March 2024 and Mitch is serving as his sponsor. Jake is Co-founder and COO of Our Children Have Rights (501c3).

Stuart Simm's sponsor is Greg Tong. Stuart is a resident of Treasure Island. He has served as a residential and commercial building inspector, and business owner, with experience with minor developments. He has a degree in construction management. He has been involved in numerous community organizations over the years, with community involvement being one of his main interests. His interest in joining Rotary "to help support and give back to our local community". Gulf Beaches Rotary Membership Chair Steve Carey is a reference for his membership.

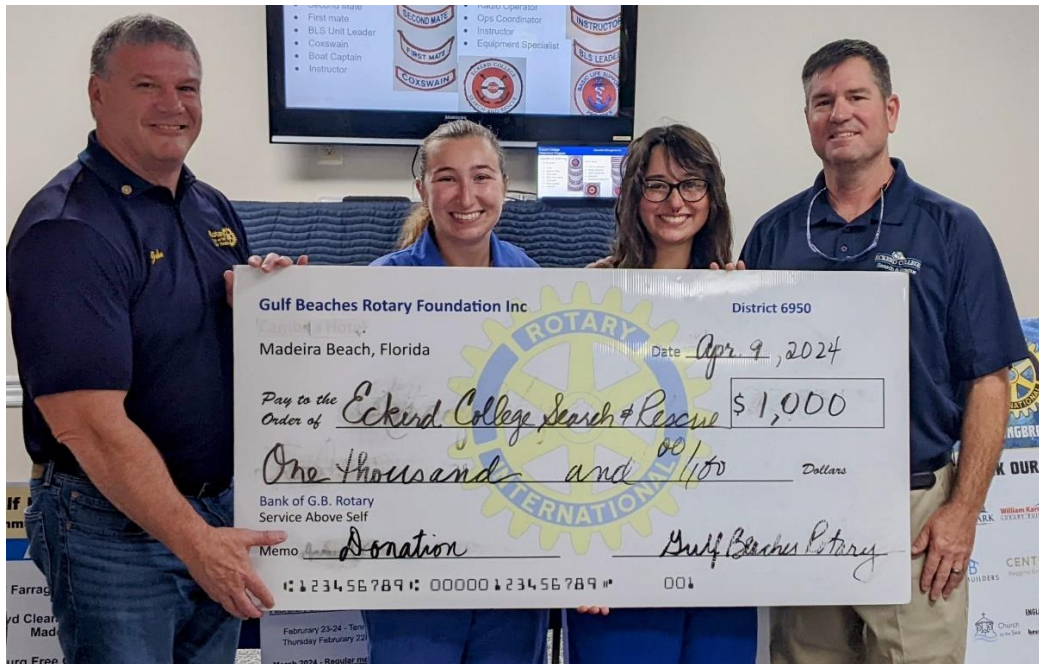
Speaker Bureau

- June 4 – Mario Farias, Shirley Procter Fuller Foundation
- June 11 – Erin Authier, Executive Director, Hero to a Child
- June 18 – Michelle Walag, Ready For Life
- June 25 – **No Meeting**

Rotary People of Action



April 9 – GBR presents \$1000 check to Eckerd College





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April 15, 2024

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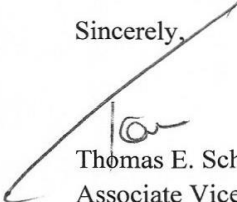
Dear Pam,

We appreciate the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club's \$1,000 gift to the Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team (EC-SAR) at Eckerd College. Your generosity supports students who go on to change the world—and their efforts toward transformation begin even before they leave our campus.

In the past year, our undergraduates have worked with professors to rescue coral and stone crabs from record temperatures in the Gulf, composted 24,000 pounds of food working on the College's community farm, met with the Ukrainian ambassador to the United Nations during Winter Term, and responded to over 400 maritime distress calls with the Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team. These students know classroom walls do not define their learning, and their inexperience does not limit their impact.

None of these opportunities would be possible without the support of generous friends like you. You are helping change lives and set the benchmark for what a liberal arts and sciences education can be—and for that, we thank you.

Sincerely,


Thomas E. Schneider
Associate Vice President for Development

*Thank you ! Your Gift
MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE
FOR OUR EC-SAR
TEAM!*

Unless otherwise indicated, Eckerd College (EIN 59-0859121) provided no goods or services in return for gifts shown on this receipt. Please consult a qualified tax advisor for final determination of tax deductibility. Please retain this receipt for your records.

April 18 – From the TI City Newsletter

Generous Donations



Thank you to the Rotary Club of the Gulf Beaches for their generous donations to the city of Treasure Island. At last night's City Commission meeting, they presented a \$1,000 check and a \$6,215 check to the city's Parks and Recreation Department. The second check was from the club's 2024 Rotary Golf and Tennis Challenge fundraiser this past February. These proceeds will be used for summer camp scholarships and the junior tennis programs.

April 27 – Admiral Farragut kids cleaning TI at 8:30 in the morning.
Editorial from Sue Zysk, “Nice kids.” 😊



April 30 – Luncheon at Ukrainian Restaurant, Perogy's





[May 8 - In Other News \(in case you missed it\):](#)

As ‘Gilligan’s Island’ turns 60, a look at Mary Ann’s Redington Shores home

CHRIS URSO/Tampa Bay Times/TNS

REDINGTON SHORES — Ask **Bee and Jim Everett** to show off their home of the last four years and they’ll boast of its restored terrazzo floors and recently installed boatlift.

“We painted it yellow because the house in old Carrollwood where I grew up was yellow,” Bee Everett said. “The color feels like home.”

A tour of their quaint, 1,200-square-foot Redington Shores waterfront house can be finished in about three minutes, but it includes the story of a three-hour tour, as in *the* three-hour tour.

A former owner of their beach cottage was the late [Dawn Wells](#), the actor who played Mary Ann on “Gilligan’s Island.” “Just sit right back and you’ll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip,” the theme song begins, ending with “the professor and Mary Ann, here on Gilligan’s Isle,” and sticking in your head for hours.

“Gilligan’s Island” premiered 60 years ago in September 1964.

The Everetts, both 65, treasure a peculiar part of their property: a slab of the old driveway. It’s etched with Wells’ autograph dated “8-18-88.”

They consider it as important a part of the home as the Jack and Jill bathroom, Bee Everett said. “Two potties. Two sinks ... Lots of privacy.”

Wells once owned two Redington Shores homes. Wells was a former Miss Nevada whose Hollywood career included more than 60 credits. But she will forever be known for playing wholesome farm girl Mary Ann on all three seasons of “Gilligan’s Island” and the three made-for-television movies that followed.

“I love the beach and the water, the casualness of the area,” Wells once told Visit Florida. “And when I look out over that ocean, it reminds me of how small we are in the scheme of things.”

In 1992, Wells spoke out against what she believed was the pending overdevelopment of Redington Shores. “What God has created, what we’ve managed to preserve, must be maintained,” she wrote in a letter published in the Tampa Bay Times. “Why would anyone want to overload the street and crowd the shores?”

[Wells died of COVID-19 in December 2020](#), two months after the Everetts purchased their home.

While first touring the cottage, Bee Everett noticed the autographed driveway and immediately recognized the name.

“We thought it was cool,” Jim Everett said.

That had very little impact on why they purchased the house, the Everetts said. They fell in love with the neighborhood’s serenity and “old Florida” feel. But they both said Mary Ann has always been their favorite character from the show.

“I could relate to her,” Bee Everett said. Asked for his reason, Jim Everett just chuckled.



<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/gilligan-island-turns-60-look-100000372.html>

Upcoming Events

- June 16th – Happy Father’s Day!
- June 22 – Annual Installation Dinner, TI City Center. (Congrats to 2024-25 President John Doctor- program year starting on July 2th)
- June 27th – Board Meeting
- July 2nd – First weekly lunch meeting at the new Elks location



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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 8:30am at Madeira Beach City Hall.