



Gulf Beaches Rotary Newsletter Summer 2024 Edition

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President John's Column

I want to thank all the folks that attended the Gulf Beaches Rotary Installation Dinner on June 22. I am looking forward to a fantastic year.

Over the last 30 days, I have had the opportunity to meet with the Chairperson of each of our three largest fund-raising events. As we are all aware, the Golf and Tennis event, Spring Carnival and the Pancake Breakfast raise the lion's share of the funds distributed by Gulf Beaches Rotary. I don't mean to leave out the "The Big Game Ticket" sales. Jack Kunitz has done a great job of selling the "Big Game Tickets". I am confident that we can continue to grow each of these fund-raising opportunities.

Our Former District Governor, Chris Casella and his staff worked hard last year to increase the visibility of our Clubs and our mission. The best way to increase Rotary's visibility is through membership growth. Steve Carey has volunteered to be this year's Membership Chair, but

Steve cannot do it alone. Please keep an eye out for great candidates for Rotary membership.

Best Regards,
John Doctor
President, Gulf Beaches Rotary

June 22, 2024. GBR installs John E. Doctor, Club President



Immediate Past President Pam awards her team with personalized gifts



2023-24 ADG Liz installs our new President





Speaker Bureau

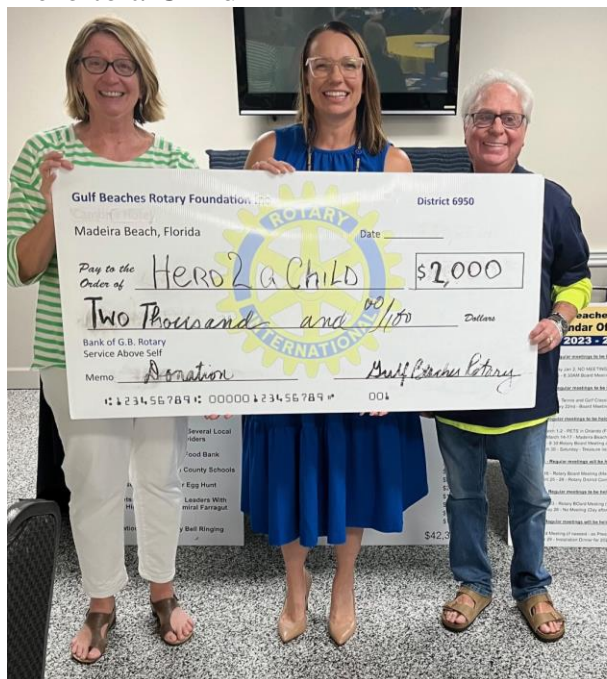
- July 2 – Ukraine Refugee Task Force – Chuck Oldanie
- July 9 – Our Children Have Rights – Jake Hornstein
- July 16 – Faith Youth Services - Chris Davis
- July 23 – Retired CIA and Military Intelligence Operative, Tom Hofer
- July 30 - Suncoast Voices for Children – Amber Slusser

August Speakers TBA

- August 6 – Fire Chief of Treasure Island, Tripp Barrs
- August 13 – RJ Meyers from Shumaker Advisors. Lobbyist for local cities and more. (Date TBA)
- August 20 – Stuart Simm, owner of Milestone Inspections and incoming member. (Date TBA)
- August 27 – Brian Scott County Commissioner.

Rotary People of Action

June 11th – GBR presents \$1000 to Erin Authier, Executive Director, Hero to a Child



- **June 18th** - \$1000 presented to Michelle Walag, Ready for Life




- **Wednesday, June 19th** – District 6950 Rotary Social, a fun-filled evening of networking and celebrity guest bartenders at Fitzgerald's Irish Tavern in New Port Richey as we rose money for *End Polio Now*. Pictured here with Susan Smith – DG Chris Casella, DG Elect, Derek Pontlitz.



- **Tuesday, July 23** – Rosemary will be collecting donations at the meeting. Please see the attached flyer for their List of Needs.

July dropoff - 7/23 - to Rosemary




Ready for Life
Changing Lives Beyond Foster Care

Hurricane Season 2024

Emergency Needs

DONATE



Help Ready for Life prepare 200 former foster young adults and their children for the 2024 Hurricane Season.

When a storm threatens our area, Ready for Life prepares the youth we serve by providing emergency food and water, supplies like flashlights and batteries, gift cards and gas cards, and assistance with making evacuation and shelter plans. See below for our list of needs!

<h4>Shelf Stable Food</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Vienna sausages <input type="checkbox"/> Canned tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Canned ham <input type="checkbox"/> Spam <input type="checkbox"/> Canned ravioli & spaghetti <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers <input type="checkbox"/> Velveeta cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit cups <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit snacks <input type="checkbox"/> Individual packs of snacks & nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Beef jerky & beef sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey jerky and pepperoni <input type="checkbox"/> Granola bars <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal bars <input type="checkbox"/> Pop tarts <input type="checkbox"/> Individual boxes of cereal <input type="checkbox"/> Larger boxes of cereal <input type="checkbox"/> Shelf stable milk <input type="checkbox"/> Juice boxes <input type="checkbox"/> Gatorade <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water 	<h4>Emergency Supplies</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small first aid kits <input type="checkbox"/> Push lights with batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Clorox wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Manual can openers <input type="checkbox"/> Gallon-size ziploc bags <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks (for evacuation) <input type="checkbox"/> Solar cellphone chargers <input type="checkbox"/> Board games <input type="checkbox"/> Children's activity books, small packs of crayons, etc. <h4>Gift Cards</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 gas cards <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Walmart gift cards
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Pick items that do not need can opener, please.

Schedule a drop off at the Skill Center at rflp.info/drop
2300 Tall Pines Dr. #100, Largo, FL 33771

Questions? Or want to plan a Hurricane Supplies & Food Drive with your company, club, or group? Contact Michelle Walag, SVP of Strategic Partnerships at mwalag@readyforlifepinellas.org

Upcoming Events

- July 23rd – Ready for Life Donation Drop-off to Rosemary
- Saturday August 17th – Rotary Day with the Rays. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/tropicana-field-st-petersburg/rotary-rays-day-xxiv/25108405032136623/> for details. See Sue Zysk to purchase your tickets.
- August 20th – Free Clinic donations collected by Rosemary
- Mitchell is working on our next exciting Social in September. Stay tuned for details.

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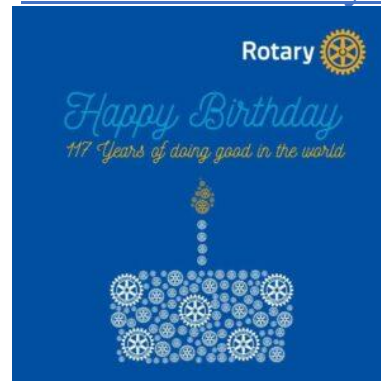
Susan Ann Smith

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Summer Birthdays



July

- Jake Hornstein 7/20
- Joan Walker 7/27

August

- Jim Everett 8/10
- Tom Zysk 8/20
- Chuck Frazier 8/27
- Ric Krebs 8/30
- Jack Kuntz 8/30

Club Meeting Information Weekly:
Every Tuesday at 12 noon, we meet
at

**ELKS LODGE #1912
14111 E Parsley Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708**

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.