



Happy Easter

Gulf Beaches Rotary Newsletter March 2024

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March 2024 President's Column

I thought it would be fun this month to share with Gulf Beaches Rotary members, the level of monthly reporting that each president is required to prepare for District #6950.

Below is the March 1, 2024, Report to be reviewed on a monthly ZOOM Call (March 4th) with the Assistant District Governor for our area, Liz Williams, with the area Presidents.

Membership –

Our Club Roster is now 43; one member has resigned in 2024, citing work schedule conflicts- Steve Lambert; of note he still wants to support the club through the Cambria Hotel and when he can, working monthly Positive Impact Food Pantry w/four members (Dennis, Mitch, Mike, and John D).

Meetings –

We had four meetings in February 2024. Feb 8th- Maderia Beach Fire Chief Clint Belk; Feb 13th- Dan Zsido National Drug trends; Feb 20th- Capt. Mike Leiner of PCSO and Feb 27th- Maderia Beach Planning Staff on the Johns Pass Activity Center Zoning

Monthly Meeting Attendance was 53.4% of our total members.

27 guests and 7 first timers to Rotary

Club Admin Business –

The slate of officers for 2024-25 was approved the February 20th meeting; John Doctor will be the 2024-25 President (and will be at PETS in early March) and Dennis Fagen will be 2025-26 President. Our 2024-25 Treasurer and Secretary are Continuing from 2023-24; Ric Krebs and Robin Gomez.

S4TL –

We sent a check for \$3,200 for reservations for four delegates. Two from Admiral Farragut and two from Osceola High School. Bill England sponsored a red/white shirt for \$500 for the June event.

Special Events –

The 25th annual Treasure Bay Tennis & Golf Classis was held on Feb 23 & 24th; this is major fund-raising event for GB Rotary Foundation annual grants; through sponsorships and a silent auction. We also host a tennis and golf event with the City of Treasure Island on the Saturday morning, as well as host the Women's Tennis Team of St Peter College on the Friday night at the main Dinner.

Upcoming in March –

Our weekly Happy Dollars will be CART donations from the Club to Rotary International.

We will have four meetings, with the March 5th meeting a Club Assembly.

March 14-16th is our second major fund raiser this year, featuring a carnival, battle of the bands, vendors, food, etc. in Maderia Beach. Thousands attend the event, and proceeds are split ½ with the City of Maderia Beach.

We will host an annual community Easter egg hunt on March 30th, with our interact club from Admiral Farragut's assistance (setup and the Easter bunny costume). We expect at a minimum one hundred children for the event at the Treasure Island Community Center and Park.

~ Pam

Speaker Bureau

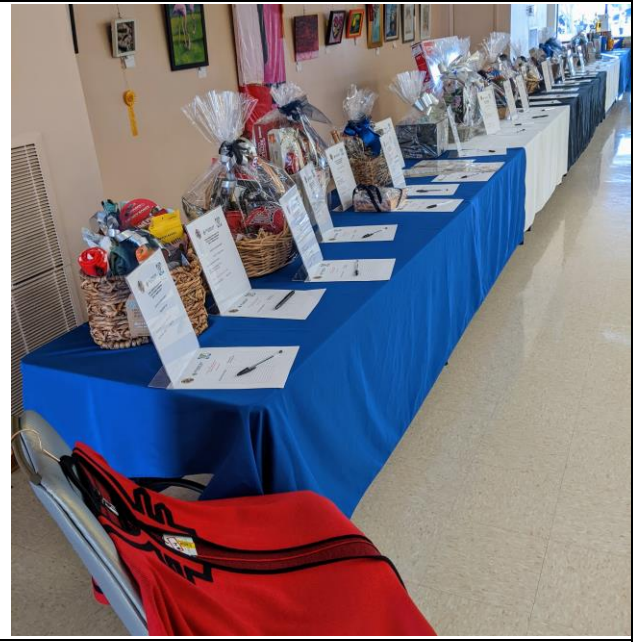
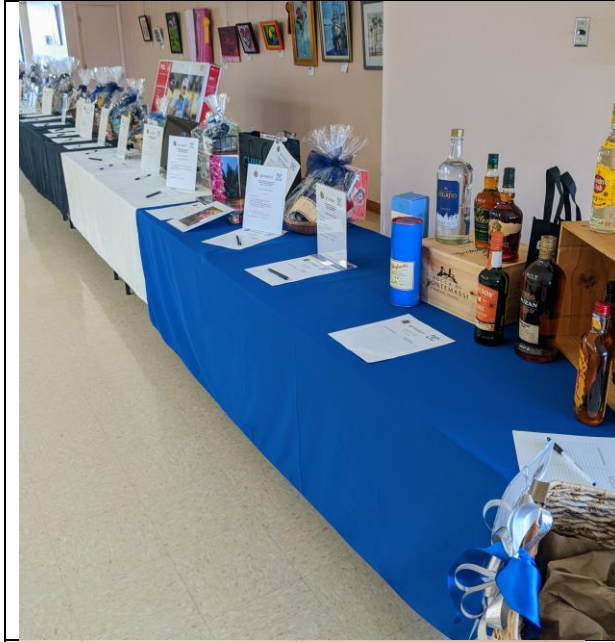
- March 5 – Club Assembly @ regular meeting
- March 12 – Brian Scott, Pinellas County Commissioner
- March 19 – Julie Brecher, Lift Academy
- March 26 – Ray Beliveau, Seminole CERT Program

Rotary People of Action

25th ANNUAL GULF BEACHES ROTARY GOLF AND TENNIS CHALLENGE FEBRUARY 23-24TH

Silent Auction Initial accounting: \$3685.00





Rotary in Service

Presenting the 2024-25 Officers and Board, voted in unanimously by the Membership on February 20th

John Doctor- President

2025-26 President ELECT Dennis Fagen

Pam Brangaccio- Past President & Foundation Chair

Robin Gomez- Treasurer

Ric Krebs- Secretary

Current Board Terms:

Steve Carey, Membership Chair (joined in 2023-24)

Nancy Hodges (joined in 2023-24)

Mary McKeown (2022-25)

Mark Patzschke (2022-25)

New Board Terms:

John Meagher (current board member- new term 2024/25-25/26)

Larry Brutlag (new Board member term 2024/25 – 2025/26)

[Free Clinic Update](#) 🌹

Next donation drive – March 26th. Details to follow.

February 6 Speaker – Clint Belk, Fire Chief, City of Madeira Beach & Team



February 14 – Annual Carnival Contribution check to City of Madeira Beach



...And, is it Fun?



February 22 - Dedication of memorial plaques to long-time members Carol Coward and Harry Black.



February 27 - Long range plans for John's Pass Activity Center presented by Maderia Beach city staff



Just for fun read...

Hi Pam,

I sent the photo from last week's meeting to my club in Canada and thought you might like to see our newsletter where the photo was included. Bob and Milka, from my club, really enjoyed the meeting here.

Richard Rosenthal



The 14th Annual Gulf Beaches Rotary Club Spring Break Waterfront Festival, hosted by the City of Madeira Beach and the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club will take place at the Madeira Beach Recreation Complex & ROC Park located at 300 Municipal Drive from Thursday, March 14 through Sunday, March 17, 2024. This 4 day, fun-filled event will feature a selection of carnival rides, midway games, live entertainment and some awesome food vendors showing off their local fare.

The proceeds 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.

Please volunteer to assist with the Beer/Wine concession (The Beer Truck) or the VIP Room. **No experience necessary.**

If possible, please choose multiple slots.

To volunteer for the Beer/Wine concession, please click on the following link.

[Beer Tent - Rotary Spring Break Festival 2024](#)

To volunteer for hosting the VIP Room, please click on the following link.

[VIP Room Host - Rotary Spring Break Festival 2024](#)



- Visit from the Easter Bunny (arrives at 9:45 a.m.)
- Egg hunt
- Easter hat & bonnet contest
- Ages 10 & Under

MARCH 30 • 10 A.M.

TREASURE ISLAND COMMUNITY PARK

For more information: 813-220-1036



Save The Date - Rotary District Conference – April 26 - 28

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

Upcoming Events

- March 1 – 2nd PETS in Orlando (for President Elect)
- March 14-17 – Madeira Beach Rotary Carnival
- March 28th – 8:30 Rotary Board Meeting at Madeira Beach City Hall
- March 30th, Saturday – Treasure Island Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31 – Easter Sunday
- April 25-28th Rotary District Conference in Orlando
- June 22th -Installation Dinner for 2024 President John Doctor



Happy Rotary Birthdays March

Greg Tong 3/4
Susan Smith, March 12

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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.