



*Gulf Beaches Rotary
Newsletter
December, 2023/
January 2024*

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President Pam's Column:

Here we are in December 2023, during the Holiday Season and preparing for some of the busiest months of the Rotary year. I look forward to members volunteering for the December 9th Salvation Army Bell ringing at the Treasure Island Publix, and the December 10th Pancake Breakfast at the Treasure Island Community Center; sign-up sheets are available at the December 5th meeting; or text me #727-204-8095 or email me, pbrangaccio@cfl.rr.com

And then our club will celebrate together on December 16th, at the annual Holiday Dinner; thank you Joan, Deborah and Susan for organizing this year's event at the Cambria Hotel in Madeira Beach.

Our weekly meetings in December are the 5th, 12th, and 19th; with no meetings on December 26, 2023, or January 2, 2024. If a Rotary Board meeting is required for December 2023, it will be held immediately after the December 19th weekly meeting.

Enjoy your Holidays and thank you for supporting Rotary Club of the Gulf Beaches community building efforts.

~President Pam

PS – Please remember to let Pam know if you can ring the Salvation Army Bell on Saturday, September 9th at the Treasure Island Publix. One-hour shifts are available. pbrangaccio@cfl.rr.com, cell# 727-204-8095

A Special Message from your Newsletter Editors:

Rosemary and I decided to give ourselves the gift of time this month by combining the December and January issues into one. Enjoy!

~Merry Christmas, Susan and Rosemary

Speaker Bureau

- December 5 – Club Assembly
- December 12 – Mike Sutton, Habitat for Humanity
- December 19 – Sergio Fernandez, Vette Works
- December 26 – **no Meeting (day after Christmas)**

- January 2 – **No Meeting (day after New Year's Day)**
- January 9 – John Meagher, Bridge Building
- January 16 – Judge David Walker telling us all about Ben Frankin, Admiral Farragut speaker
- January 23 – Josh, Marine Biologist, Apollo Beach Research Facility
- January 30 - **No regular Meeting- Service Project- Field Day**

Community Action



Rotary assisting Old Salts at fishing tournament, November 17th.

Admiral Farragut Interact students and their school sponsors w/Mitchell & Rosemary



Update on GBR's donation to the Lions Club, from Tyler:

After attending the meeting where the Lions Club came to present about their eyeglasses program, I connected with them to offer assistance from my company. Their biggest bottleneck was reading prescriptions on the donated glasses. At IcareLabs, we have over 10 inspectors who do that task all day, every day. We often have some downtime, so this is the perfect activity to keep our employees busy while helping a great cause locally. We just finished our second bin of glasses (350) and have them ready for the Lions Club to pick up. To date, we have processed over 500 glasses. Our employees are loving the opportunity to give back to the community while staying on the clock and getting paid!

J. Tyler Payne, Esq., PHR | Executive Vice President, IcareLabs



Positive Impact Turkey Giveaway –
Hundreds of turkeys given were away to
the hungry in our Community.

A message to Mitchell from Suncoast
Voices for Children

“Andrew came to pick up clothes today
and gave me this lovely thank you for Gulf
Beaches Rotary’s sponsorship.”





Rotary in Service

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

It's that time of year again when GBR begins plans for our annual fund raising event. This is a joint event between GBR and the City of Treasure Island. Cathy Hayduke, her staff, Coach Phil Girardi and the St. Petersburg College Ladies Titan Tennis team work together ... providing the venues used for the events as well as the printing of fliers and applications for Court Sponsors and donation sponsors. Both GBR and the City solicit and collect monies as well as spending set up costs. These funds are justified at the end of the event and a 50/50 split is made. RECORD KEEPING IS VERY IMPORTANT. So, to ensure a successful event we need everyone to participate. Our primary need is for sponsors ...

A \$150.00 sponsorship will receive:

- Company/individual sign or banner on tennis court or golf course.
- Special recognition at the Friday evening preview & draw party.
- Extended advertising at Treasure Bay for one week before and two weeks after the event.

A \$200.00 sponsorship will receive all the above benefits, plus 2 dinner vouchers for the Friday evening event.

Please use your holidays to start finding sponsors. I will be arranging the fliers and sponsor sheets with Cathy Hayduke as soon as she recovers from two weeks of Sanding Ovations. Also, we need you to solicit Silent Auction donations. I will be reminding you of these things as the New Year arrives.

Your Friend in Rotary, Rosemary

A special message to Mitchell from Clothes To Kids:

Good Afternoon!

Just to let you know that the thank you letters were mailed out today. They should arrive in a day or two. Thank you again for everything! We are so very grateful for the generous donation of new clothing.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Christine Simpson

Store Manager - St. Petersburg
Clothes To Kids, Inc.
727-441-5050; ext.222
www.clothestokids.org

Upcoming Events

Everyone is invited to Ric & Danute's Annual Open House on December 8th.
Your invitation:




**Saturday, December 16rd
Annual Christmas Party @
Cambria Hotel**

5:30 – 6:15 Cash Bar
6:15 – 8:30 dinner

**Sunday, December 10th
Pancake Breakfast**

8:00am - Noon
Treasure Island Community Center Park

District 6950 **Rotary Night at the
Tampa Bay Lightning** NHL game on
January 9th at 7 pm

Secure your seats today by Clicking
here  **Register NOW** for **Rotary at the
Lightning January 9** or contact **PDG Gene Beil**
at kiwimate@msn.com or 727-992-2220



**Happy Rotary Birthdays
December**

Larry Butterfield 12/21
Steve Carey 12/23
Suzanne Deady 12/29
Mark Hubbard 12/29
Sue Zysk 12/29

January

Amy Davis 1/19
Mark Paschke 1/22
Mary Maloof 1/24

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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 the office of Carol A
Lenz CPA, 151 - 107th Ave, Suite
2, Treasure Island, Florida –
33706 (right above Captain Bills
Kitchen restaurant)