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The bulletin of the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club

July 25, 2024

2023 - 2024
District 6960 | Club 4347



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Greeter/Invocation: Greeter was Kevin McCarthy who also led us in prayer and pledge.

Attendance: Scott introduced a guest of our speaker.

Announcements: Please don't forget to collect the "Soap for Hope". This year's collections will be delivered to Family Promise.

Update on Downtown Putt Putt – Venice Mainstreet has offered to give us this event as a fundraiser for Rotary. The date is 10/12/24. Many of the materials and volunteers will be available to us. It will be branded as the "Rotary Open".

Bed Race for Sun Fiesta – Casey has already talked to Bikes International about having a stronger bed structure so we can win an award for speed instead of "most entertaining". This will be October 19, 2024.

District Conference was a lot of fun and informative. Thanks to Jack Kurschner for leading, it off carrying the flag. Also speaking at the conference was the chairperson of the CART Fund. She was inspiring and renewed the excitement about continuing to contribute to this cause. He thinks this would be a good future

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program for our club.

On Saturday, August 17th, Rotary Futures is hosting their biggest fundraiser, Dancing Under the Stars. It is at Plantation CC. Please consider buying a ticket and enjoying a fun night for a great cause. Please see Jackson Boone.

President Steve Boone will return on August 15th. The party/installation will be September 26th. On September 29th, the Wellen Park Rotary Club will be holding a golf tournament fundraiser. Please consider putting together a team. Casey will be doing so. They now have 28 members, and we look forward to working with them in the future on projects.

Programs are scheduled for 6 weeks in advance thanks to David Butler.

Julie asked if the Yacht Club will be closed. Doug told us the closures for our meetings will be Thursday, 9/5 and Thursday, 9/12. We will announce another spot very soon. We met at Plantation last year.

- 8/1/24 = Naomi Copeland with SW Florida Honor Flight
- 8/8/24 = Jerome Fletcher who is City Manager for North Port
- 8/15/24 = Scholarship winner and table discussion regarding programs and activities.
- 8/22/24 = Charlie Reith from Sarasota Bay Rotary Club who will be talking about the micro forest his club is doing in Venice at Center and Jacaranda.

PLEASE NOTE: A recurring zoom link will be sent next week and can be used for future meetings.

Cart Talk

Jane Mendola just got back from a vacation with her family including a cruise to Bermuda. It was a great time, but she is "back baby"! The club's report for 2023-24 is that we collected slightly over \$2,500. She reminded us that every 65 seconds someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other form of debilitating dementia. Jane told us about a neurologist diagnosed with dementia

through a DNA test. In 2012, he was tested. There were two copies of the apolipoprotein E (APOE) 4 allele. This greatly increases the risk of developing the disease. In 2016, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In 2016, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. His first symptoms were not memory loss. In 2006, he developed a declining sense of smell. It is known that this is linked to memory loss validated by research. Please be generous in the buckets today and if you have been away, consider a larger contribution to cover your absences.

Program

Patrice Strong with Babcock Ranch Rotary - SOLAR4UKRAINE

Pat presented a slide show and information about the ongoing project her club in partnership with Ukrainian club, district and RI to help UK Veterans get jobs, job training involving solar power installation and maintenance. This will also provide energy to critical facilities and services within the Ukraine which have been damaged or might be damaged in the future.

The host club in Ukraine is Kyiv Capital. The city council in Chernihiv and the business community are also on board and working with this project. Net Zero World Initiative conducted a feasibility study indicating Ukrainians in US employ who can help with communication and information. There are even two academic partners from the Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute. A professor whose classroom was destroyed and is now rebuilt works with students on the front line and job training for VETS.

There are four (4) phases.

- Phase 1 – solar work force is almost complete
- Phase 2 – establish a 600 bed hospital in Chernihiv on the northern central border. This is in progress now.

So far, the effort to use solar power to help hospitals and schools has even involved 30 high school Interact Students. They are pen pals and even have a zoom group to meet.

There are many opportunities for jobs in the Solar

industry in the Ukraine.

What are Solar jobs:

- Installation/maintenance
- Project development
- Site Assessment
- System Design/Engineering
- Marketing & Sales
- Community Solar

Job training is through the Polytechnic Institutes of Chernihiv and Kharkiv. It is a 3-month course of study. Entry level courses cover design sit assessment Community Solar Sales. Then there is field work with industry partners on jobsites.

Donations should be made to the Rotary.org annual fund. If you are already making monthly donations to RI, just contact the district governor and ask to have the amount assigned to this grant.

Jane asked about the sunlight in Ukraine and effect on solar power. Pat says that energy is stored in battery backups, which is a must for this plan.

WE NEED ESPRAY VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING ON THIS COMMITTEE. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE LESS OFTEN YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET IT DOWN TO ONCE EVERY 5 WEEKS OR SO. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE ONLY 3 OF US! YOU CAN DO IT FROM THE NORTH VIA ZOOM AND SOMEONE AT THE MEETING WILL RECORD IT AS WELL. PLEASE HELP. IT IS AN EASY WAY TO PARTICIPATE AND GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS.

50/50

\$1,175 to win. 30 cards left. Ticket # 0845. Ed Benson had the winning number but drew the 10 of hearts so the pot grows.

Pay The Lawyer

Jay Kasmark paid for believing that a blue ticket increases chances at 50/50

Jim Romano paid for say "this morning" when it was afternoon

Jeff Boone paid for the pleasure of having Wendy North at his table and fined the other gentlemen at the table as well.

Bruce Bency paid for causing an ice pitcher to spill.

Jay Kasmark and Ed Benson paid a "heard about you" fine.

Jim Renz fined for having to be reminded about the VYC closed dates in Sept.

Jack Kurschner fined for a greeting from the staff of a 3rd century palace hoping he was doing well. Kevin M. paid for being banished to the bar.

Matt Britton paid a late fine

Don Lazzaro paid a phone fine.

Mike Sundarim paid a phone fine.

Several members paid a Pittsburgh fan/home fine.

Jeff took this opportunity to read a notice from the government (that Roger B. shared) saying that older people are easier to catch and won't know how to get home.

Next week's program: Naomi Copeland, President of the Southwest Florida Honor Flight.

The meeting ended with the 4-Way Test!

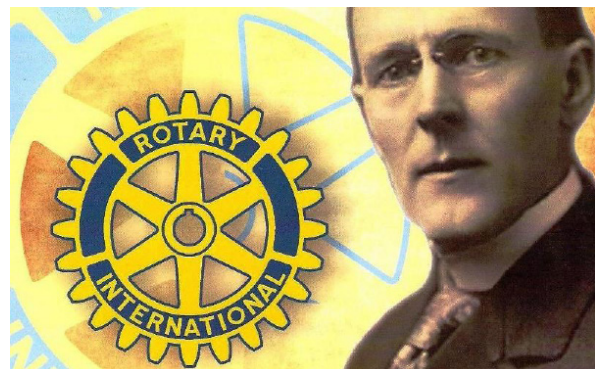
Paul Harris

Paul Harris Society members pledge to donate at least \$1,000 of their own money each year to the Rotary Foundation. That works out to about \$84 per month or \$2.74 per day. Donations can be made via credit card, bank charge, or with dues payments, and can be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. We invite you to become a member. *Please see Susan Hanks for more information.*

Paul Harris Fellows have made a total donation of at least \$1,000 (sometimes over month or years) to the Rotary Foundation. The 2nd \$1,000 donation level earns a Paul Harris Plus 1. The same for each \$1,000 up to \$9,000 which would be a Paul Harris Plus 8. At \$10,000 or more the recognition becomes a Major Donor. Please see *Susan Hanks for more information.*

Bequest Society members commit a legacy in their will to the Rotary Foundation. Recognition starts at \$10,000. *Please see Susan Hanks for more information.*

Benefactors pledge to leave at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.



The Rotary Foundation Donor Recognition Program

The Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)3 charity, needs your support to continue their excellent work in the United States and throughout the world. The foundation accepts, checks, credit cards, bank account charges, IRA distributions, and tangible assets such as stock transfers.

You can also donate with your dues payments. The Rotary Foundation enjoys an outstanding reputation and the highest ratings from companies that rate non-profit organizations, such as: www.charitynavigator.org

Below is some information about donor recognition awarded to donors to the Rotary Foundation.

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Doc Matson Awards

The Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club honors the memory of Rotarian Charles “Doc” Matson and his ideals by awarding two annual awards in his name. ‘Doc Matson served the Venice-Nokomis Rotary selflessly for almost 20 years and he held the world record for continuous perfect attendance of 67 years, 3 months, 3 weeks. The recipients of these awards should exemplify the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” and be the best possible example of living by the fundamentals of the 4-Way test.

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Is it **FAIR** to all
concerned?

Will it build
GOOD WILL and
better **FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club Past Presidents

Thank you to all of our past presidents who have fearlessly led the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club to greatness!

1947-48	James T. Blalock	1983-84	Clifton F. White, Esq.
1948-49	Robert S. Baynard, Esq. M.A.	1984-85	Robert E. Bowlin
1949-50	Braswell, Esq.	1985-86	Cavil Lee Linkous
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1951-52	Chidester Johnson	1987-88	Robert K. Coulter
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1962-63	Jay H. Lumley	1998-99	Daniel O'Hara
1963-64	Lauriston Rutherford, D.D.S. (moved)	1999-00	Mary Stanley
	George H. Wheeler, Jr. (completed year)	2000-01	Stephen J. Picazio, Jr.
1964-65	John Elkins Fraser (passed away)	2001-02	William D. Willson
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1965-66	Leon D. Terry, D.D.S.	2003-04	Elliot D. Dibbs, D.D.S.
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	Charles C. Smith (completed year)	2011-12	Doug Laudenslager
1973-74	Charles C. Smith	2012-13	Nevenka Kovcic
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1982-83	James B. Powell	2021-22	Susan Hanks
		2022-23	David Pankiw



Interact Club

Meets Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - during the school year

2023-2024 Club, District & RI Calendar

July 27 - Club Assembly
 Aug 3 - Kevin McCarthy classification talk
 Aug 10 - DG Alfred Current club visit
 Aug 17 - James Clinch, Venice Assistant City Manager
 Aug 26 - Rotary Futures Dueling Pianos
 Aug 26 - RLI - Woodland School
 Aug 31 - Karen Rose, Sarasota County School Board
 Sept 7 - Jay Kasmark classification talk
 Sept 14 - Tom Knight, former Sheriff of Sarasota Co.
 Sept 21 - Gina Taylor BBBS
 Sept 28 - Chris Johnson, United Way
 Nov 2 - Steve Young, CEO of HCA Florida
 Nov 4 - District Luau at Englewood Rotary Club
 Nov 9 - Interact Dinner
 Jan 20-21 - Art Fest
 Feb 17 - Foundation Banquet
 July 12-13 - District Conference

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2nd Thurs. of each month | 5:00 PM

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Area Meetings

DAY	PLACE	TIME
MON	Sarasota Southside: Libby's Restaurant Sarasota Gateway: Mulligan's- Bobby Jones Golf club	6:45 am 12:15 pm
TUE	Charlotte Harbor: Cultural Center Venice Sunset: Venice Moose Lodge Englewood: The Englewood Elks Lodge 401 <i>(1st Tues. of every month is at 5:30pm)</i> Sarasota Bay: Van Wezel Grand Foyer Sarasota Gulf Gate: Mattison's on 41	7:00am 7:15 pm 12 noon <i>(5:30 pm)</i> 12 noon 12 noon
WED	West Bradenton: Bradenton CC Placida: Rotunda Hills GCC Harbor Heights: Charlotte Harbor YC Sarasota: Marina Jacks North Port Central: Olde World Rest. Port Charlotte: So. Port Sq Gables 2nd fl	6:45am 7:00 am 7:00 am 12 noon 12 noon 12:15 pm
THU	Englewood/Lemon Bay: The Englewood Elks Lodge 401 Punta Gorda: Isles Yacht Club Lakewood Ranch: LWR Golf & CC Sarasota Keys: Hotel Indigo	7:00am 7:15am 12:00 pm 12:15pm
ANY	WWW.ROTARYCLUBONE.ORG	Ongoing

July Birthdays

Balsinger, Paige	7/05	LeRoux, John	7/18
Bench, Bruce	7/31	McCarthy, Kevin	7/02
Bond, Richard	7/03	North, Wendy	7/06
Button, Roger	7/06	Shepherd, Ron	7/14
Calka, Brian	7/16	Wefso, Jim	7/06
Laudenslager, Doug	7/05	Woods, Jim	7/29



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