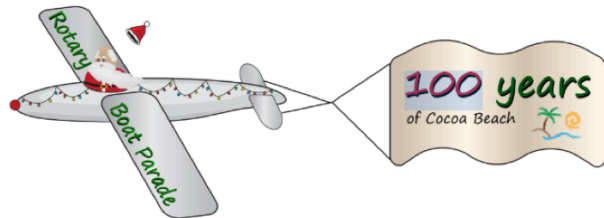


Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach

District 6930 • October 2025

SERVICE ABOVE SELF — One profits most who serves best

Boat Parade Logo



Our Club Members continue to partner with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School. Recently, Digital Arts students were challenged to create a logo for this year's Christmas Boat Parade, with the theme of "100 years of Cocoa Beach." Digital Arts teacher Cheyenne McCully told us that this year's theme was more challenging for the students than last year's "Santa in Paradise," but the students worked hard and she was happy with the results. The winning result is above. Ellen will present certificates to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners- reach out to her if you want to come along for the presentation.

Rotary's Polio Plus Initiative:

October is World Polio Month. For every \$1 donated by Rotarians, the Gates Foundation donates \$2 to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotarians who

donate \$100 per year become members of the Polio Plus Society.

Rotary International launched Polio Plus in 1985, after Rotary President James Bomar Junior participated in a vaccination campaign in the Philippines. Rotary became a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, when global polio cases were around 350,000. Since then, Rotary and its partners have overseen the immunization of over 2.5 billion children with oral polio vaccine. Many countries around the world are now polio free as a result of these efforts. Today, only Yemen, Algeria and Afghanistan are reported to have confirmed cases of wild polio virus, and global cases are down by 99.9%. However, immunizations need to continue until the disease is completely eradicated, or there could be a resurgence of this crippling disease.

Fundraising Update: We are looking for Fundraising Committee Members. Please contact Ellen if interested.

Host Families needed Ingrid Marin will be our speaker on November 5 and will fill us in on life in Italy and her experiences here in Cocoa Beach. She is a great

Recent Club Highlights:

student, enjoys the swim team at school and is eager to try new things. Ellen Cruise and Bill Senge have hosted her since August 6, and she will move to her 2nd host family, Kelly and Pam Guldi, in mid-October through January. Host families can be empty-nesters or have children of any age at home. Hosting duration is 2-6 months and it is a fun and rewarding experience. If you or anyone you know would like more information on hosting, talk to Ellen, Ron or Jo.

First Quarter Billing: Since the Rotary year begins on July 1, the first quarter just ended on September 30th. Please bear with us as we transition to the new billing system. Ignore the invoice that you received on 9/24 and look for a corrected invoice to arrive this week. Please make sure to fill in the lunch list every week at the meeting to make sure you are billed correctly.

Save the Date!

October 1 Food packing at Children's Hunger Project, 5:30- 7:30 PM

October 4 Kiwanis Masquerade Ball
October 8 offsite meeting at Beachside Hotel and Suites (Azteca closed)
October 11 RLI Rotary Leadership Institute at Port St. Lucie (RLI 1, 2, and 3)
October 16 Happy Hour at the Pig and Whistle, 5-7 PM
December 3 Captain's Party at Beachside Hotel and Suites
December 13 Boat Parade

Rotary Anniversaries

Mary Lou Toolan
3 years

Leigh Wartella
4 years

Wedding Anniversaries

Brenda Mullberry to Gerry
42 years

Liz Norwood to Jim
26 years

Happy Birthday

Cynthia Forbes 01 Oct.
Mary Lou Toolan 16 Oct.
Deanne Charpentier Griffiths 19 Oct.
Geoffrey M Gross 22 Oct.
Clifford Phillips 27 Oct.
George Leonard 27 Oct.
Joshua K. Marquis 28 Oct.

Recent and Upcoming Speakers:

10/1 Dr. Jaya Prakash, Space Coast Science Center
10/8 Charles Berry, CEO of TotalCareIT
Referred by Brandi Kemper, Admin for EDC of Florida's Space Coast.
10/15 Rev. Rosalie E. Norman-McNaney, Chaplain
Managing Grief, VITAS HealthCare and Hospice
10/22 Angela Dunn, St. Francis Hospice
10/29 Pastor Mark Reynolds, Why Family Promise and THE BRIGHT Organizations are important to our Space Coast Community

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." — Lao Tzu.