

Rotary

Club of Cocoa Beach



District 6930 • November 2025

SERVICE ABOVE SELF — One profits most who serves best

Cooler of Cheer- Bottles of Cheer needed!

Shane and Narahya Byrne are generously donating a Yeti cooler to raffle off at the Captain's party. Now we need to fill it up with Cheerful Libations! Please bring in a bottle of your favorite liquor or wine to donate. Shane will collect them.

Captain's Party and Boat Parade Update

We are looking to grow the Captain's Party on December 3! Can you help get donations from local businesses for raffle items? Please let Kyle know if you have any ideas or items to donate. We will need help at the event- please save the date!

Rick Sickles- 2 Truths and a Lie

Which of the following is not true?

1. Rick was a concert pianist at 15 who competed in a city-wide contest to play with the Orlando Symphony Orchestra.
2. Rick had a horse at age 12 named after his girlfriend Jill.
3. Rick was a computer sales account manager for IBM.

The Dictionary Project:

A big thank you to Narahya and Shane Byrne for their excellent work with the Dictionary Project. They delivered 154 of our Dictionari-

es to 3rd graders and a few teachers in our local schools.

RYLA- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Thanks to the efforts of Kimberly Demoret and Narahya Byrne, 8 RYLA candidates were identified at Cocoa Beach Jr/ Sr High School. Our club sponsored 4 students, and we got help for 4 more students from the Rotary Clubs of Merritt Island, Titusville and Palm Bay. Our Italian Exchange student, Ingrid Marin, was one of the students. We look forward to hearing about her experience and about her exchange on November 12.

Important Thanksgiving Conversation, by Lauren Loftis:

Thanksgiving can be an opportunity to celebrate life's blessings and enjoy fellowship and delicious food with family, friends, and neighbors. It also provides an opportunity to discuss how people might care for you if a medical issue prevented you from communicating your preferences. Identify an adult who can speak for you if you are incapacitated, and make sure that person knows that you are asking this and is comfortable doing so. Discuss your preferences (one example is the "5 Wishes" at www.fivewishes.org). Make sure they know where copies of any

Recent Club Highlights:

legal documents are stored, and provide copies of living wills and advance directives or names of attorneys, financial advisors, and CPAs. Unplanned medical emergencies can create significant stress and trauma for your loved ones. Please consider breaking the ice about these important topics during the Thanksgiving holiday. Let's be thankful for our loved ones and be brave enough to give them the gift of peace and comfort if they are ever asked to speak on your behalf.

Surfing Santa's Parking Fundraiser:

Please invite friends and family to help us out on December 24 to get visitors parked at Lori Wilson Park. 14 volunteers are needed. We also need reflective vests and 2 signs. Please let Ellen know if you can help!

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!

November 13 5-7 Happy Hour at Fish Camp Grill
November 22, District Foundation Seminar in Port St. Lucie
December 3 Captain's Party at Beachside Hotel and Suites
December 13 Street Parade and Boat Parade
December 20 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Publix
December 24 Surfing Santa's Parking at Lori Wilson Park- 14 volunteers needed
February 14-21 Trip to Ak'Tenamit School in Guatemala

Rotary Anniversaries

Steve Gates
2 years

Guy Demoret
4 years

Timothy Powers
2 years

Wedding Anniversaries
Dick Charpentier to Pauline
31 years

Happy Birthday

Micks Graham 15 Nov.
Jo Avecilla 26 Nov.

Recent and Upcoming Speakers:

11/5 Dr. Jaya Prakash, Space Coast Science Center
11/12 Ingrid Marin, RYLA, Italy and Rotary's Foreign Exchange Student Program
11/19 Michael Goodnight-- Geopoint, All about surveying
11/26 Thanksgiving week- combined meeting with Kiwanis, Share ideas and appreciation

"That which does not kill us makes us stronger." — Friedrich Nietzsche.