

Start an Earth-Friendly Habit this July

Did you know that half of plastic created globally goes to create single use packaging? Less than 10% of the single use plastic in the United States gets recycled, and a lot of plastic ends up in our oceans and beaches. It breaks down into smaller and smaller particles that persist as microplastics in our soil, rivers, oceans and even our bodies. And yet, Plastic Packaging use is increasing, and it is estimated that by 2050, the amount of plastic in the ocean will outweigh all the fish.

Plastic Free July is a global movement asking us to think about the plastic packaging items that we use and look for replacements. Food and Beverage Containers are an easy place to start. Clean personal containers from home can be taken into restaurants and used for leftovers, and reusable beverage cups can become your go-to choice. I have found that with a little effort and changing

some of my habits, I can cut down on the waste that I create while saving some money in the process. What can you do to provide a cleaner world for future generations? Try a new habit in July and see if you can keep it going!

Rolling Readers:

Rolling Readers is a nonprofit organization that connects children with books and caring adult volunteers to foster a lifelong love of reading. Since 2022, our Rotary Club has funded the program in 33 first- and second-grade classrooms at Roosevelt and Cape View Elementary Schools.

Each volunteer is paired with a classroom and spends 30 minutes each week reading aloud to students. Research shows that regular read-aloud sessions build vocabulary, improve listening skills, and model fluent reading. Just as importantly, the weekly visits create positive relationships and give students—and their teachers—something to look forward to each week.

“If you set your goals ridiculously high and it’s a failure, you will fail above everyone else’s success.” -James Cameron.

Recent Club Highlights:

At the end of the school year, every child receives a hardcover book to take home and keep.

Kimberly and Narayha currently volunteer with Rolling Readers, and Marcin and Dave have volunteered in past years. For more info, check out <https://www.rollingreadersspacecoast.org/>.

Help Wanted:

We Want you to get involved!

Program Chair- Schedule speakers for our weekly meetings

Social Chair- Plan Happy Hours and Service Projects

Rescue Tube Chair- Track the Rescue Tube Station patrols and sponsors

Assistant Treasurer- work with Guy to learn the Treasurer role

Assistant Secretary- work with Ellen to send out messages to the club and help with the monthly bulletin input

Guy Demoret- 2 Truths and a Lie
Which of the following is NOT true?

1. I have three children. Two girls and a boy.

2. I have had three different colored United States passports: blue, red and black.

3. I have been to Antarctica on a Viking Expedition cruise.

Save the Date!

August 4 Giving Tuesday at the Pig and Whistle

September 19- Coastal Clean up Day

October 17-18 Songwriters Fest CB Main Street

December 2 Captain’s Party

December 12 Christmas Boat Parade

February 27- Night at the Races

Rotary Anniversaries

Ron Usher

and

Melissa Shimmin

Happy Birthday

Liz Norwood	07/27
Lauren Loftis	07/29
James Szczybor	07/31

Recent and Upcoming Speakers:

07/08	Dr. Anshu Chandra, Haiti Eye Care Director Global Eye Project, Niskayuna Rotary Club
07/15	Club Assembly, DACDB, plans for the year
07/22	Kayla Manning, Assistant Governor Update
07/29	Jen Quartz, Neighbor Up Brevard