



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



Evening Edition
May 26, 2021

May is Youth Service Month

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Interact Clubs

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun. Interact clubs connect with leaders in their community and around the world to:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills. Our club sponsors an Interact Club at South Sumter High School. They should be back to regular meetings in the fall so if you would like to see them in action contact Karl K. and schedule a time to attend a meeting.

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Meeting

Another a good meeting with about 15 members attending in person and 5 on ZOOM. Dusty R. led with the pledge and then Tim T. gave the reflection which was a review of the Rotary motto, "Service above Self", and the Object of Rotary, "The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise". He went on to comment that our small club, with all we have accomplished, exemplifies both the motto and objective. President Gay reviewed some of the highlights of the past board meeting. If your

are interested in learning what has transpired at any board meeting you can request copies of the minutes from our club secretary. The meeting was then turned over to the chairman of the Service Projects Committee Gay D., to review our projects over this year.

Food Insecurity - Over the year, at our 3 food drives, we collected 13,000 pounds of food and \$9,300 in cash. We packed food bags at LovExtension providing about 1,200 meals,
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There are currently almost 15,000 clubs and 350,000 members throughout the world.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. RYLA Connects leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a weeklong camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. Exchange students unlock their true potential to:

- Develop lifelong leadership skills
- Learn a new language and culture
- Build lasting friendships with young people from around the world
- Become a global citizen

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And created the Rotary Rebators to purchase food for our projects at greatly reduced prices.

Smiles for Veterans Dental Program

We continue to receive donations to this fund which provides dental care to qualified veterans and have started a program to provide dentures through a matching program.

Harbour View Elementary School

Although limited by COVID restrictions we were able to accomplish;

- Provide masks for students
- Held a school supply drive
- Provided Christmas gifts through the Angel

Tree Program

- Provided staff appreciation gifts
- Providing weekly food bags for needy families

Hands On

- Collect items for Operation Christmas
- Collected towels for Lifestream
- Assisted at ForwardPath

Maternal Health

Held a "Baby Shower" to collect maternal items and donated to four local organizations in the area.

Mehta's Presidential Initiatives



Rotary International President-elect Shekhar Mehta will have three special initiatives for the 2021-22 Rotary year aimed at increasing our impact through service and expanding our reach by introducing new members to Rotary. Mehta is asking every Rotarian to make membership a responsibility through the Each One, Bring One campaign.

His initiatives are:

- Empowering girls. To address the inequities that girls face worldwide, members will be encouraged to launch a club-based initiative or be part of a district or global grant that improves the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls in their communities and ensures their access to resources.

- Rotary Day of Service. Clubs will be asked to collaborate to conduct hands-on service activities

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humanitarian efforts in their communities and around the world. Members should invite a friend to one event so they can learn about Rotary's work and be inspired to join us in our commitment to service.

For more information on the incoming Rotary International President go to the RI website.

Who you gonna call?

Not Ghostbusters, but rather Fred Robey. When our club wanted to continue funding our projects, and consider new ones for 2021-22, we realized that we probably wouldn't be able to raise enough cash through fundraising. To our rescue came long time member, and now Honorary Member, Fred Robey met with President Gay and Sue B. and reviewed a wish list compiled by President Elect Julie S.



Sensory Paths for HVES	\$3,000
Touch Screens for HVES	\$2,000
Family Meals for HVES	\$5,000
Food & School Supplies	\$5,000
Food Pantry Van	\$5,000
Scholarships	\$2,000
Youth & Peace in Action	\$1,000

This list totaled \$23,000. Not only did Fred cover the \$23,000, but he threw in an additional \$2,000 for unforeseen needs.



Officers & Directors

Officers

- President
Gay Ratcliff-Seamens
- President Elect
Julie Schmied
- President Elect Nominee
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Sue Bodenner
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Cindy Ivy
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- Service Projects
Gay Davidson
- Youth Services
Karl Keri
- Club Positions
- Sergeant-at-Arms
Dusty Rhodes
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Open
- Assistant Treasurer
Tim Treat
- Assistant Secretary
Open
- Programs
Jim Bodenner

Guests

- David Newell
- Kim Grassi
- Fred Robey

Notes and Announcement Fellowship

Nest week's after meeting fellowship dinner will be held at Arnold palmer at 7:00pm. If you want to go please contact Norm D. at 617-840-9279 or dpn4659@gmail



Congratulations



To Norm Davis for receiving his Paul Harris plus 2 at Wednesday's meeting.

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

Meeting ID 826 152 7480 and Password 84594

Meetings

Jun 2nd President Gay

Committee Meetings

Jun 9th Combined Board Meeting

Event

Jun 12-16 International Conference
Jun 26th District Picnic
Jun 30th Installation Dinner