



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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### *Noontime News* *June 4th, 2020*

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

We had over 22+ in attendance at our June 4<sup>th</sup> “Zoom” Club meeting. Charles even joined us from overseas! Belinda Rodebaugh, was our featured District Speaker, who has an impressive list of credentials: Vice-President & Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Siesta Key, Florida, District 6960 DACdb Co-Chair 2019-21, District 6960 Communications Chair 2019-2021, District 6940 Secretary 2018-2019, President 2017-2018, Rotary Club of Tallahassee Southside, RLI Discussion Leader Sunshine Division, RLI Zone 33 Faculty 2014-2015- wow!

Belinda gave an excellent presentation on the how to's of our District and Club Database (DACdb) as well as [My.Rotary.org](http://My.Rotary.org). DACdb is an outstanding resource for finding all the contact info of your Rotary friends, calendar of District events and registrations. Belinda is happy to help you with any questions you have. Just email her at [rode2health@gmail.com](mailto:rode2health@gmail.com). Sue, Durell & Linda are also very happy to help you get comfortable taking advantage of the resources of this great Rotary website.

#### Upcoming Meetings

**June 9, 5:00** - Membership Team Zoom Meeting

**June 17, 5:00** - Rotary Board Zoom Meeting

**June 18, 11:45** - Zoom meeting featuring Durell's Year-End Wrap Up and the Installation of New Officers by District Governor, Rich Kirschner.

**July 2** - Zoom meeting with special 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Social Time begins at 11:30 and Formal Meeting from 12-1:00.

**July 7, 5:30** - Fund Raising Team Zoom Meeting

**July 15, 5:00** - Rotary Board Meeting location to be announced

**July 29** - Meals of Hope Social at Speak Easy (tentative)

**Our Club Meetings will continue every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month with specifics on locations to follow. Club Social Time will begin at 11:30 and Formal Meeting from 12-1:00.**

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## **June 20-26 - Rare Opportunity to attend Rotary International Convention online**

### **Schedule at a glance:**

**Saturday, 20 June: General Session “Together We Connect” 9:00 - 10:15**

**Sunday, 21 June: “Together We Learn” 9:00 - 10:15**

**Monday - Friday, 22- 26 June: Featured Break Out Sessions (details coming soon)**

**Each day, one breakout session will be offered at each of the following times:**

**9:00- 10:00**

**1:00- 2:00**

**6:00- 7:00**

**Go to the link below for more Convention Details and to Submit your email to receive registration info:**

**<https://www.riconvention.org/en>**

**Click on links: Learn More, Browse Topics, Check Out the Schedule. But most important input our email address and hit Submit to register for the Virtual Convention so you get How To notices.**

## **June 30, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm.**

**Join Rotarians from clubs throughout District to celebrate DG Rich Kirschner's leadership over the past Rotary year, and to witness the installation of Darryl Keys as incoming Governor, Andy Lyman as incoming DGE and Neil Snyder as incoming DGN. Joined by some surprise guests!**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712905743?pwd=YVBGBVo1SjE5aXdPZ3lrM3liVUZrUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 867 1290 5743**

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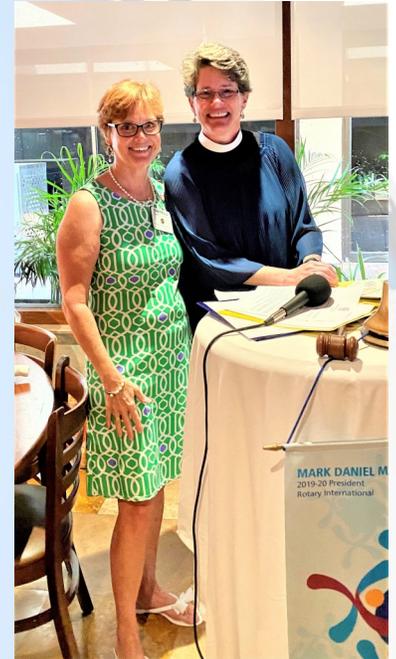
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## Spotlight on our Newest Rotarian, Reverend Jessica Babcock

Jessica is the new Rector at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She is a native of Anniston, Alabama, and a life-long Episcopalian. She holds a Master of Divinity from Sewanee, a M.S. in Adult Education from Georgia State University, and a B.A in English from The Centre College of Kentucky. Throughout her tenure as a priest, she has worked with multiple age groups from preschoolers to youth to older adults, led inter-generational programs, and promoted families serving together by creating new outreach programs.

Jessica and her husband Dwight met while serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in the North Pacific in 1988. They have 2 college age daughters, Emory and Adelaide. The family loves to explore Florida and the world camping, kayaking, hiking and birding.

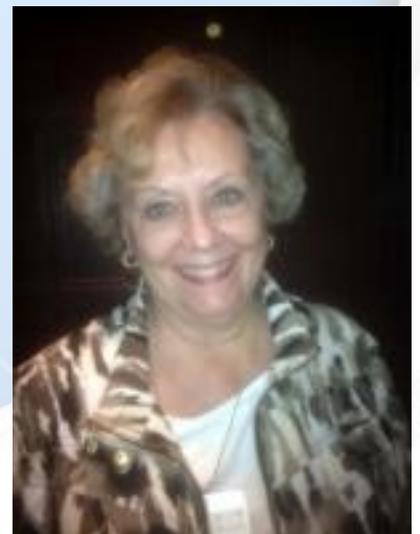
Our Rotary Club looks forward to getting to know the whole Babcock family. Jessica's passion to serve, many talents, and vibrant personality are a tremendous asset to our Rotary Club. "Jessica, Welcome to Marco Island and to our Rotary Club family."



## Spotlight on Patricia Ettensohn

Pat, we are honored to have you in our Club and can't thank you enough for the tremendous work you do for the club including Club Foundation Chair, Screenings & Allocations Chair, Scholarship Committee Chair, Kingfisher Chair and so much more.

For Pat's amazing story, please download the PDF attached to the newsletter email.





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## The Discovery of “Flags For Heroes” as described by Alan Sandlin



While attending the February Rotary President Elect Training in Orlando with Linda, I had the opportunity to focus on the Rotary Marketplace which offers ideas and opportunities for Rotary Clubs. A booth with a dramatic photo of hundreds of flags flying caught my eye. So I introduced myself and asked to hear the story. Steve Cropper, the Founder of Flags For Heroes, explained that he developed the “Flags for Heroes” idea 5 years ago and since that time it is being used in 20 states by over 250 Rotary and Lions Clubs, VFW’s, American Legions and Churches as a major successful fund raiser. He explained that Heroes are recognized by flying an American flag in their honor. Heroes come from all different walks of life: our Military, First Responders, Police, Fire- EMS, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Clergy, our Neighbors or Family. If you ask 100 different people who they would consider to be their Hero, you could get 100 different answers. There are so many heroes to thank in our lives- each deserving of our recognition. That is what Flags for Heroes does. For only \$50 a sponsor can bring Honor to the Hero of their choice.

I immediately thought, “Wow! What an amazing idea”. It goes along with Rotary’s “Service Above Self” motto in recognizing people’s service AND it is a beautiful patriotic community event to bring people together with the display of hundreds of 5’ X 3’ American flags on 7 ft masts. The big PLUS, it also would be a great fund raiser that could become an annual signature event netting more money each year to give back to the community’s critical needs. That’s where it all started... Linda and I talked in depth about the idea and the logistics of putting it together for the Marco Noontime Rotary... She introduced it to the Rotary Board and I am so pleased that the Club has taken ownership of this exciting event. \$350 in sponsorships has already been received by Linda and me just sharing with a few friends the form email about the project with applications attached. Most people are excited to participate -and even if they don’t they are impressed with the Rotary project. And Pat Etensohn reported today that an additional \$500 was just deposited thanks to the generosity of our Rotarians. It will be my privilege to not only sponsor my own heroes, but to help in the set up logistics any way I can to make the “Flags for Heroes” an anticipated, beloved annual event to benefit Rotary and support our local community.