



# ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



Club 4327  
Chartered 1966

## *Noontime News* *August 6th, 2020*

District 6960  
Area One  
Zone 34

### *President's Message*

Thank you Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, presenters and guests for attending our August 6th meeting via Zoom. Rotary is in the business of changing and saving lives. The World Needs Rotary & Rotary Needs You at whatever level you can serve. At our club meetings our goal is for you to come away learning something of value to you, networking with community leaders, & feeling inspired to help those in need.



As a reminder, Please fill out your membership survey and return it as soon as possible so that we may enhance your Club experience.

### **What are our Opportunities to Serve the Community in August?**

Send out the [Flags for Heroes](#) Opportunity Master E-mail I sent you to everyone in your sphere of influence to support this beautiful community event, honor our heroes, and raise money for the community's critical needs.

Save all your [wine corks](#) to raise money for Meals of Hope packing event. Drop off at 886 Park Ave #102, Sandlin Team Office, across from Veterans Park

Sign up for [Darcie's Flash Food Drive Team](#) to raise food and money for Our Daily Bread while celebrating our heroes

Call anyone you know that you think might be lonely to add sunshine to their day

Let me know if you are involved with serving the community in a venue that needs more [volunteers](#)

For the latest information on meetings, events and more, visit

[marcoislandrotary.org](http://marcoislandrotary.org)

Follow us on Facebook





## Upcoming Meeting And Event Information

**Aug 13-** Thursday- 5:00- Zoom Fund Raising Team Meeting

**Aug 19-** Wednesday- 5:00 – Zoom Board Meeting

**Aug 20** – Thursday- Zoom Club Meeting - 11:30 Social 12-1 Meeting. Paul Hiltz, CEO of Naples Community Hospital, featured speaker plus special report from Pat Ettensohn

**Aug 25-** 5:00 – Zoom Membership Team Meeting

---

This series offers you the unique opportunity to hear from some of the most dynamic speakers in Rotary. The topics focus on Rotary history, celebrations, challenges, vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation! As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is the series schedule:

August 28, 2020 - Rotarian Jenny Stotts, Boldly Leading the Way, Hosted by RI Director Peter Kyle and PDG Vanessa Ervin

September 25, 2020 - Past RI Vice President Dean Rohrs, Hosted by Past RI Director John Smarge and Zone 34 ARC Cyndi Doragh

October 30, 2020 - Very Special Guest Speaker, Hosted by RI Director Stephanie Urchick

---

### *Contributors this issue:*

George Abounador

Pat Rutledge

Linda Sandlin

### *Check Out “Noontime In The Media” on the Website for these new stories:*

George Abounador, Retired

New Members Michael and Deborah Passero

Jennifer Tenney Opens New Law Office

“Flags For Heroes”



(Copyright Coastal Breeze News)

## Guest Speaker August 6th



**“THE MYSTERY OF GIVING”**

***ALFRED C. CURRENT III***

**District Rotary Foundation Chair**

**3<sup>rd</sup> generation Rotarian.**

---

Chairperson Current started his presentation with a short trip down memory lane as he reminded us of the many significant differences that the Rotary Foundation has made in the world and locally, beginning with Polio Plus (World Polio Day will be celebrated on October 24) and concluding with Rotary’s efforts regarding the current pandemic.

Chairman Current looked back at the Rotary Foundation’s successes in serving others not to gloat but to remind us that together Rotarians can be powerful stewards of resources and an inspiration to individuals who continue to suffer from various difficulties.

Worldwide: 41% or 2.7 billion people suffer from a lack of clean water, 1 billion people are illiterate, 2.6 billion lack sanitation facilities, and 85,000 people a day die of malnutrition. These are just four of the many significant challenges with which humankind is faced today.

As he began to close his presentation, Chairman Current encouraged us to continue supporting the Rotary Foundation because it “gives a hand up, not a handout” to people in dire need and by doing so it encourages those who suffer to have hope. He concluded his remarks by reminding us of the Mystery of Giving: “THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE YOU RECEIVE.”



(Copyright Coastal Breeze News)

## Noontime Club Foundation Giving By The Numbers

**Alfred Current, District Rotary Foundation Chair, delivered an update as to the statistics for our club:**

We are an every Rotarian Every Year Club and Sustaining Club- every member gives \$100 + each year

Our club average giving is \$433 per member

We have 27 Paul Harris Fellows in the Club and 2 new Paul Harris Fellows today

We have 3 Benefactors in the Club and 3 Bequests Society Members in the Club

We have 2 Paul Harris Sustaining Members (Give minimum \$1000 every year)

---

## Upcoming Speakers



September 3rd, 2020

Sharon Lockwood, GM

J.W. Marriott



September 17th, 2020

Chris Byrne

Chief, MI Fire/Rescue

---

**Remember!** Snap a photo when community volunteering and send to Sue Haviland and Michelle Richards for Social Media and Ron Rutledge for the website/Newsletter.



(Copyright Coastal Breeze News)

## Spotlight on New Rotarian M. A.



M.A. shared an interesting look back at her life and career beginning in 1948 in Lancaster, PA.

Her childhood and high school years in York, PA were filled with sports, music and leadership roles in the community.

She majored in Math and Physics in High School, quite an accomplishment for a woman in the 1950s.

M.A. was introduced to Rotary while attending Penn State University when she was sponsored by the Rotary Club of York, PA. Thanks to that sponsorship she experienced international living through two months in Lucern, Switzerland.

After graduating Penn State with a BS in Education (women were not engineers back in the day), marriage and relocations followed along with a degree in Engineering from the University of Bridgeport. In 1981, M.A. was recruited by IBM as a Systems Engineer. After many different rolls and a successful career with IBM, M.A. retired in 2005.

Her life on Marco starting in 2000 was filled with volunteerism and a reconnection with Rotary. Thanks to a meeting with Charlie Horn, M.A. joined the Sunrise Rotary Club and became its President in the 2006-2007 Rotary year where she also served and a member of the Club's Board of Directors and the Foundation Chair.

Among M.A.'s passions are sailing and the Marco Island Yacht Club, Master Gardening and Marco Island Beautification, domestic and international travel and a host of other activities including ROTARY.



(Copyright Coastal Breeze News)

## Welcoming New Paul Harris Fellows



Jill Sandberg

Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.



M.A. Harlacker

At this week's meeting two of the Noontime Club's Rotarians were recognized with this honor. The first was Jill Sandberg whose husband, Arne, made a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in her name.

Joining Arne in the presentation were fellow Rotarians from his home Club; Sunrise Past President, Past Area 6960 Assistant Governor and District 6960 Governor Nominee Neil Snyder and Sunrise Foundation Chair Bob Thomas. Bob spoke about the history and significance of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition while Jill received the certificate, pin and medallion of a Paul Harris Fellow from her husband.

A very surprised Mary Ann Harlacker was the next Rotarian to receive her Paul Harris Fellow, this one presented by District 6960 Foundation Chair Alfred C. Current III.

Alfred also spoke about the importance of this recognition and all of the good that the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International does around the world. His tag line was "Every Rotarian doing good every year" through their support of the Rotary Foundation. He ended with "Who is the Rotary Foundation? You". Congratulations to Jill and M.A. on their Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



(Copyright Coastal Breeze News)

## World Polio Day



**The World's  
Greatest  
Meal**



PDG Rich Kirschner is our District 6960 PolioPlus Chair for this Rotary Year. Rich has an important message to share with you.

**'Saturday October 24th** is World Polio Day. Polio is a crippling disease that mainly affects children under age 5. It is borne by contaminated water. There is no cure for polio, but it is preventable with vaccines.

Since 1985, Rotary International has led the fight to eradicate this disease around the world. Rotary member volunteers, including some of you, have traveled the world at their own expense to immunize nearly 3 billion children. Rotary has partnered with the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control, the Gates Foundation, and committed nations to make the world 99.9% polio free.

Today, 2 countries remain endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan. I ask every club and member to help us continue our fight and pledge to complete this audacious goal: ridding the world of a disease. It is our dream for the world, and it began with us.

Polio is largely unknown in the USA and so we need to tell this story to our members and communities and remind all the leadership and help we need to finish the effort.

And so, I am challenging every club and member to plan a special activity to raise funds, educate, and tell our story. **I am challenging every member this year to pledge to set aside 25 cents every day to defeat polio.**

**Our District goal is to raise \$150,000.**

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Noontime will do its part to meet the challenge that our District has put forth. ***Stay tuned for updates on how we will raise funds, educate and tell our story to the Marco Island community.***