



# ROTARY CLUB OF MARCO ISLAND NOONTIME



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INSPIRATION

Club 4327  
Chartered 1966

**Noontime News**  
January 24th, 2019

District 6960  
Area One

*Our Club Meets at DaVinci's Restaurant,  
599 S. Collier Blvd, Marco Island  
Thursdays at 11:30 AM*

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

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### Upcoming Club Meeting Dates

**January 31, 2019**

Invocation: Lynne Minozzi  
Speaker: Kathleen Passidomo, State Senator

**February 7, 2019**

Invocation: Gwyn Steiner  
Speaker: Keith Dameron, Step Smart Collier

**February 14, 2019**

Invocation: Prem Advani  
Speaker: Bob Mulhere, VP Hole Montes

(See our website at [www.marcoislandrotary.org](http://www.marcoislandrotary.org)  
for convenient meeting makeup locations)

### Board of Directors Meeting Dates

(606 Bald Eagle Drive Suite 500)

- February 6, 2019
- March 6, 2018

### Upcoming Events

**February 23, 2019**

Rotary Leadership Institute  
Keiser University, Fort Myers

**February 26, 2019 7:00am**

Joint meeting with Sunrise Rotary at Stone-  
wall's—Speaker is Tarek Ayasun

### Newest Paul Harris Fellow



Pat Rutledge presents Durell Buzzini with her first  
Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and pin.

**Congratulations, Durell!**

### Message from the President

Two important events that fund our ability  
to help those in the community that need  
us most are the Seafood Festival and Spir-  
it Awards. As members of the Noontime  
Club your support, participation and vol-  
unteerism are essential to their success.

**Please sign up for multiple Seafood Fes-  
tival volunteer shifts and support our  
Spirit Awards through sponsorships and  
donations.**



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## Our Rotarian Al Bismonte



On his medical mission to  
the Phillipines



A True “Rotarian at Work”

## The Tradition of the Bell

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS “Victory”, Admiral Nelson’s vessel at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings.

- The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags.
- The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him or her, reminds those present of his or her authority.
- When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.