

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Flagler

A 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Member Club

Tuesday 7:45 AM • Chesterfield Hotel • 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach

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July, 2017

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Gail Coniglio	Honorary Member
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Philip Whitacre*++	Honorary Member

* Past President + Paul Harris Fellow ++ Multiple PHF

July Speakers – John O'Neill, Speaker Chair

Tues 4 th	NO MEETING – Happy 4th of July!
Tues 11 th	John D. O'Neill, Esq.; Keith L. Williams, Esq; and Richard J. Hewitt, Esq.: Town of Palm Beach Underground Utilities Project: "The 10 Things You Need To Know"
Tues 18 th	Presentation of PBFRC Foundation Grants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope- El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center- Habitat For Humanity Of Palm Beach County
Tues 25 th *	Presentation of PBFRC Foundation Grants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Holy Ground Shelter For Homeless- Literacy Coalition Of Palm Beach County- Milagro Center-

*Club and Foundation Board Meeting immediately following our regularly scheduled weekly meeting.

From the President

My fellow Palm Beach Flagler Rotary members: I am honored that you have elected me to be President for the upcoming year. We held our first annual induction banquet on June 27th with 34 participants. We said "farewell and thank you" to past-President PJ and I was honored to be sworn in as your President for the second time. The areas of focus for this year are:

1. Continue to enhance our already strong community service activities;
2. Create an annual fundraising activity in partnership with a non-profit;
3. Continue to strengthen and energize our club with new members; and
4. Continue our tradition of strong social activities which helps us both recruit new members and have lots of FUN!

I look forward to a very exciting and active year for our club. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Ozzie



Celebrations

Member Birthdays:

6th - Dusty Dodge
25th - Bruce Heyman



Member Anniversaries:

29th - Nixon & Marie Lajoie



Rotary International (RI) News: Rotary International has designated certain months of the year as times for Rotary clubs to emphasize the involvement of all Rotarians in designated activities or to highlight specific Areas of Focus. Clubs are encouraged to plan special programs on the appropriate topics during these months. **July is the beginning of the new Rotary fiscal year and the first month we embrace our new RI Theme.** Each year, the incoming President of Rotary International chooses a “theme” for his or her Rotary year and encourages each club to emphasize its actions in promoting that theme.

Rotary District 6930 News: Need to “make up”? Try one of our local neighboring clubs: (1) ***Palm Beach*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at The Chesterfield); (2) ***West Palm Beach*** (Tuesdays at Noon at Kravis Center); (3) ***Lake Worth*** (Wednesdays at Noon at Brogue’s Down Under); (4) ***Singer Island*** (Fridays at 12:15 pm at Sailfish Marina); (5) ***Northern Palm Beaches*** (Tuesdays at 7:30 am at the Double Tree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens); (6) ***Jupiter-Tequesta*** (Tuesdays at Noon at Mangrove Bay, Jupiter); (7) ***Royal Palm Beach*** (Thursdays at 7:30 am at Wild West Diner); and (8) ***Wellington*** (Thursdays at 12:15 pm at the Wanderers Club).

2017-18 Rotary Theme: Making a Difference

2017-18 Rotary International President-elect, Ian H.S. Riseley, has made the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary’s goal of sustainable service. Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, at this year’s Rotary International Assembly.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. “They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda,” he said.

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN’s High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, “The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary’s concern. It is, and must be, everyone’s concern.”

The president-elect has challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on July 1 and Earth Day on April 22, 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

Rotary Theme (continued)

“It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring,” Riseley said. “I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself.”

“Some years ago, a new acquaintance asked me, ‘*What is Rotary?*’ Rotary is too large and complex to easily define. We are a member-based organization, a club-based organization, and a service based organization; we are local, regional, and international; we are community members, businesspeople and professionals, working and retired, active in nearly every country in the world. Every one of our 1.2 million members has a unique set of goals, experiences, and priorities; every one of us has a unique understanding of Rotary.”

In 2017-18, we will answer the question “What is Rotary?” with the theme Rotary: Making a Difference. However each of us chooses to serve, we do it because we know our service makes a difference in the lives of others. Whether we are building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people’s lives — in ways large and small — for the better. Whatever motivation each of us had for joining Rotary, it is the satisfaction we find in Rotary that causes us to remain, the satisfaction of knowing that week by week, year by year, we are part of Rotary: Making a Difference.

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