

# 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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## Members:

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alex Anderson             | Foreign Service                      |
| Al Burlando               | Manufacturing                        |
| Peter Cruise              | Exec. Dir., Public Ethics Academy    |
| Elizabeth DeBrule         | Community Leader                     |
| Edie Hall Friedheim       | President/Charitable Foundation      |
| Martin Gibbs+             | Attorney: Banking                    |
| Edwin Gordon <sup>^</sup> | Head of School, PB Day Academy       |
| Bruce Heyman              | Civic Volunteer (Business, ret.)     |
| Nixon Lajoie              | General Contractor                   |
| Daniel Kahan*+            | Architect                            |
| Elssy Oms                 | Psychiatrist                         |
| Michael Reinert           | Director of Marketing/Estate Jewelry |
| Ruby Patterson            | Executive Assistant                  |
| Jon Roberson              | Boutique Manager, Worth Ave.         |
| Marvin Rosenberg++        | Periodontist                         |
| David Sarama              | Consultant                           |
| Thomas "Mac" Skelly+      | Trust Administration (retired)       |
| Bruce Taylor*+            | Computer Consultant                  |
| Frederick Wright, Jr.     | Real Estate Investor                 |



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| Gail Coniglio      | Honorary Member |
| Jack McDonald*+    | Honorary Member |
| Philip Whitacre*++ | Honorary Member |

\* Past President + Paul Harris Fellow ++ Multiple PHF

<sup>^</sup> Corporate Membership

## March Speakers – Peter Cruise, Speaker Chair

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| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Mark Bannon, Executive Director<br>Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics           |
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>   | John Carey,<br>Inspector General, Palm Beach County                                 |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> * | Alan Johnson, Chief Assistant State Attorney,<br>Ethics Division, Palm Beach County |
| Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Michael McAuliffe, Former State Attorney for<br>Palm Beach County                   |

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

## March Community Service Project

### **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hope Rural School Annual Dictionary and Reading Project**

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| WHERE:               | Hope Rural School, Indiantown, FL  |
| MEETING<br>LOCATION: | We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot in front of Café Chardonnay, which is the NW corner of PGA Boulevard and Military Trail in Palm Beach Gardens, just West of the I-95 PGA exit |
| TIME:                | We leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. in order to arrive at Hope Rural by 10 a.m. We will be back at PGA prior to 12 Noon   |
| PROJECT:             | We will donate dictionaries to all of the 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students, thesauruses to all of the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students, and we will read to several pre-K and K classrooms     |
| RSVP:                | to Lee Gordon at <a href="mailto:LBG2000@aol.com">LBG2000@aol.com</a>  |





### Celebrations

#### Member Birthdays:

11<sup>th</sup> - David Sarama  
29<sup>th</sup> - Jon Roberson



#### Member Anniversaries:

-none known-



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

**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. **March's Area of Focus is Water and Sanitation. In addition, March 7-13 is observed as World Rotaract Week.** Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. There are over 7800 Rotaract clubs in 158 countries. They are usually community-based or university based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club, making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family.

**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).

### St. Patrick's Day is March 17th

The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn. When he was 16, he was sold into slavery and sent to Ireland where he was a shepherd for 6 years. While in captivity he studied and turned to religion. He escaped slavery and later returned to Ireland as a missionary, determined to convert Ireland to Christianity.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17th in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as "St. Patrick's Day" ever since. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

### St. Patrick's Day (continued)

One traditional symbol of the holiday is the shamrock. This stems from an Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston. Today, customs include parades (the largest of these, held in New York City since 1762, draws more than one million spectators each year), wearing of the green, and drinking green beer. One reason St. Patrick's Day might have become so popular is that it takes place just a few days before the first day of spring. One might say it has become the first green of spring.



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