



Service Above Self...Serving the
Lakewood Ranch Community and Beyond.

Rotary Club of Sarasota Lakewood Ranch AM
8047 Royal Birkdale Circle
Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202

Our Meeting Schedule is:

7:30 AM Mondays at the Holiday Inn Lakewood Ranch, 6231 Lake Osprey Drive, Lakewood Ranch.
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**Need a Make-Up? Visit these Greater
Sarasota-Bradenton Area Clubs.
They're looking forward to meeting you.**

Monday
Bradenton, 12:15 p.m., Holiday Inn Riverfront.
Sarasota Sunset, 6 p.m. Cafe Baci, Sarasota.

TUESDAY
Sarasota Bay, 12:15 p.m. Sahib Shrine Temple, 600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota.
Palmetto, 12:15 p.m., Bradenton Yacht Club, Snead Island.
South Venice, 7:15 a.m., Southwest Florida Retirement Center.
Arcadia, NOON, DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY
West Bradenton, 6:45 a.m., Broadway Cafe, Manatee Avenue West.
Sarasota Gulf Gate, NOON, Red Lobster, 6747 N. Tamiami Trail.

Sarasota, NOON, The Waterside Room at The Quay.

THURSDAY
Anna Maria, NOON, Beach House, Bradenton Beach.
Lakewood Ranch, 12:15 p.m. Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club.
Sarasota Keys, 12:15 p.m., Sarasota Yacht Club.
Sarasota AM, 7a.m., Denny's Restaurant, Bee Ridge Road.
South Manatee, 12:15 p.m., El Conquistador Country Club, Bradenton.
Venice-Nokomis, NOON, Grace United Methodist Church, Venice.

FRIDAY
Longboat Key, 12:15 p.m., Longboat Hilton.
Sarasota Sunrise, 7:15 a.m., Der Dutchman Restaurant, Bahia Vista, Sarasota.



District 6960



The 4 Way Test

- ◆ Is it the TRUTH?
- ◆ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ◆ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ◆ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

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The motto of Rotary International 2003-2004 President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe.

Ranch Rotary Reader

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"Speaking About Rotary Fellowships..."

Dirk Khouw of The Gulf Gate Rotary Club

Enthusiasm is contagious. When Dirk Khouw speaks on the benefits of rotary fellowship one can not help, but feel the joy and camaraderie he feels by participating in Rotary Fellowship activities.

there are differences between counties and cultures. For example, the German Rotary he attended had a very interesting handshake. The rotary in France served a four course meal with lots of wine (he discovered that he really needed to pace himself at this particular meeting!).

"ROTARY FELLOWSHIP IS FUN!"

One of the key points that Mr. Khouw stated, "No matter where I have gone there is always someone available to translate. I have been to many Rotary's abroad and in Africa and all have found a way to make it possible for me to participate in the meeting." His key question that he asks when attending another Rotary is "What do you do for a living?", saying that it was the way he opened the door to find something in common with the other person.

In being a member of any Rotary you have the opportunity to join in with people of common outside interests. (See attached insert for a complete list) Mr. Khouw is a member of the

Flying Fellowship, which has pilots of all types that get together and share their experiences with the world of flying.

There are approximately 78 different Rotary Fellowships you can join. Please take a moment to look over the vast opportunity for you to become more involved in your life as a Rotarian!

Over the years he has found that Rotary provides the way to make international connections both personally and professionally. He love to travel with his wife Connie and has discovered that even though all Rotaries use the same agenda

Meeting Agenda for January 26th

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Four-Way Test
- Queen of Hearts tickets available from Andrew Reynolds
- Introduction of Vistors: Mike Searcy, Sergeant at Arms
- Happy \$\$\$\$\$, Fines: Mike Searcy
- Rotary Projects: Jeff Orenstein, President
- Queen of Hearts Drawing: Andrew Reynolds
- Adjournment

ABOUT US

We are a young, diverse club with an average age in the late thirties, more women than men, and members who have come from all over the United States (including Florida, of course), Scotland, England, South Africa and Kenya.

Our goals are lifelong learning and, in support of that, we have "adopted" the new Gilbert McNeal Elementary School and are supporting the building of a community library and grassroots participation center at Lakewood Ranch, among other projects.

We are currently 27 strong and are looking for a few good people of all ages who would like to join us as we share some fantastic fellowship, develop leadership skills and make a positive impact on our growing community.

If you would like to join us for a meeting, please call our membership chairperson, Ginny Orenstein and she will be pleased to arrange a place for you at our bountiful breakfast table

Rotary Celebrates Centennial Feb. 23!!!!!! Stories from fellow Rotarians

Child's Play
Aalok Mehrotra, Rotarian, Mussoorie, India

My hometown is a hill-station (tourist resort) in the mighty Himalayas, North India. I spent my childhood here and...during winter vacations, my schoolmates and I used to spend most of the day trekking in the nearby hills. ...During this time I made friends with a boy of my age named Jhumru from the nearby Jhalki Village. He was an enthusiastic cricketer, had a perfect aim with a raw sling, and could climb trees like a monkey. When I asked him, where he studied, he said that they did not have a school in the village and moreover he had to go five miles everyday to fetch water, so he couldn't go to school. Hearing his story, I spent some sleepless nights, but I could not do much.

Time passed and...I came in contact with Interact in school, Rotaract in college, finally graduated in law, and was inducted in Rotary. One day, an almost tattered man came to meet me in my office. It took me two minutes before I could recognize Jhumru. He was happy that I remembered him. He told me that he was a casual labor earning daily wages. He was accompanied by his son who was about 6 years old, who also was as frail as he was. Jhumru said that he wanted his child to study in school, but he couldn't afford to send him to school due to the same old reasons. He was literally in tears and wanted to educate his child so that his life story would not be repeated.

...I resolved at that very moment to do whatever I could through Rotary. I talked to the club, and all the members seconded the idea. I became the president of Rotary Club of Mussoorie in 1991-92, when the RI theme was "Look Beyond Yourself" by RI President R.K. Saboo from our own District 3080. I corresponded with governmental authorities and convinced them to open a school in the village. We organized a Drinking Water Project for the village and other nearby villages and registered the same under the World Community Service program of RI. Our project was approved and we got a matching partner from the United States. The project was completed in record time and dedicated to the villages, by none other than our own RI President Raja Saboo.

Since then, the literacy rate in the village has steeply increased because now no child has to walk miles to get potable water... Jhumru often comes to meet me, accompanied by his son, who is now studying in class VIII, and prays for the prosperity of Rotary.

Thanks to Rotary that has fulfilled the dreams of the villagers and helped us to help change the lives of so many people. Ω

2003-2004 Officers and Committee leaders

President: Jeff Orenstein

President-Elect: Paul Adamson

Executive Vice Pres: Frank Willett

Secretary: Marcia Dorfman

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Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Searcy

Rotary Foundation (TRF) and International Service: Pat Schmoranz

Fund-Raising: Paul Adamson

Charitable Contributions: Virginia Orenstein and Heather Weber

Red Badge Program: Catherine Brown

Club Service: Peg McKay, Mark Hughs

Meeting Programs and Speakers: Julie Parker

Vocational Service: Catherine Brown

Social Committee: Terry Kirrane and Peg McKay

At-Large Board Member: Valerie Stafford-Mallis

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Help Add to our Roster: recruit new Rotarians

Help Membership Officer Virginia Orenstein recruit people who might be interested in joining the Rotary Club of Sarasota Lakewood Ranch A.M. President Jeff Orenstein's goal is to have 40 members by July 1. Talk to Virginia about the procedures for inviting guests to attend a meeting.

EVENTS

New Rotarian Welcomed into Lakewood Ranch AM!

Renee Shopoff

Guest to Lakewood Ranch AM!

Steve Brown
 Cindy Lewis

Rotarian Minute

First Rotary Project was building restrooms in Chicago.

Rotary Invocation:

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place service above self in our daily endeavors.