

Monthly Newsletter



Message from Mike:

As we begin the new Rotary year, we're encouraged to choose an area of focus that can make a meaningful difference in our community.

This year, I've chosen to focus on supporting senior citizens. They are our neighbors, friends, parents, grandparents, and mentors—people who have helped build the community we enjoy today. As they age, many face challenges such as loneliness, health concerns, or a lack of support. Through Rotary, we have an opportunity to give back by offering friendship, encouragement, and practical help where it's needed most.

While there are many worthy causes we could support, I believe focusing on our seniors allows us to make a real and lasting impact while showing gratitude to those who have given so much to all of us. This is something I believe our club can wholeheartedly embrace.

Mike

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Oktoberfest is
Coming!

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Other Happenings:

• Pints With a Purpose:

- Jim and Dee Fabry volunteered to sell Pints With a Purpose at the Bonita Springs 4th of July celebration.
- We enjoyed a fun Summer Social at Riptide with several members from the morning club joining our own members.
- Kaleidoscope Beer Company, one of our sponsors, unfortunately went out of business. We appreciate their willingness to support our fundraiser and are sad to see them go.
- Although we have raised over \$10K over the last two years, due to a lack of volunteers, we have had to put Pints With a Purpose on hold for the 2027 calendar year. Maybe we can start it up again in the future.



- **Oktoberfest** - planning has begun for our club's 10/10/26 biggest fundraiser at Riptide Brewery. As such, member participation is critical.
 - Teams have been formed to share the workload and benefit from our collective ideas and expertise. If you haven't joined a team, let Mike Prioletti know how you'd like to contribute.
 - The PR team has already been busy creating flyers, press releases, etc. When you receive them, please share them with friends, family, business colleagues, communities, etc. We want to get the word out to as many people as possible.
- **Joey D's Italian Restaurant** - a number of club members got together for a fellowship lunch on 7/30/26 since there was no club meeting.



Wishing all the best to:

8/4 - Dee Fabry
8/12 - Barb Meyer
8/31 - Dan Martens

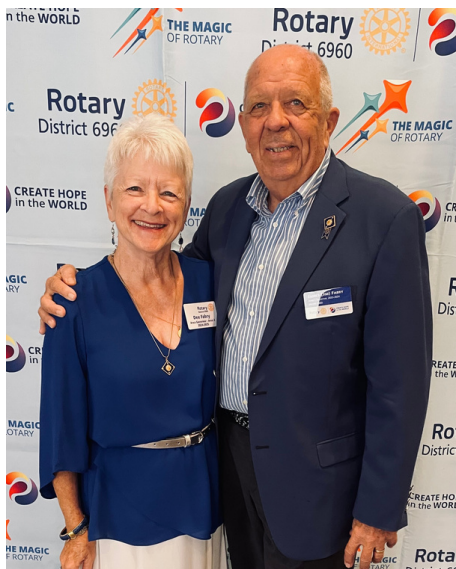
"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate" ~ Oprah Winfrey



Happy Anniversary

8/4 - Chris Magnus
8/11 - Ed Ries

"Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time."
~ Paul Harris



Wishing Jim & Dee All The Best!

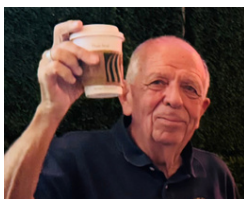
Losing one club member is hard enough — losing two at once is tough — but losing both Jim and Dee Fabry at the same time feels unimaginable. Their selfless dedication to our club and to Rotary has been extraordinary, and their shoes will be nearly impossible to fill.

Between them, Jim and Dee have given more to this club than most of us will ever fully know. Each has served as Club President and District Area Governor, and each has poured their individual passions into the roles that mattered most to them. Dee's love of teaching shines through everything she's done — as District Learning Chair, Club Books for Kids Coordinator, RotaKids leader, and champion of our Little Libraries program. Jim has been the steady hand behind so much of our club's work, serving as Rotary Foundation Chair, Co-Chair of the Wheelchair Foundation, Administrative Chair, Outreach Food Packing and Pints With a Purpose ~ to name a few.

But beyond the titles, what we'll miss most is simply them — the two people who were always first to raise their hands, who quietly kept things running smoothly, who stepped up without being asked, and who made this club feel like a special place to belong.

As they begin their next chapter in Ocala, FL this September, we send them off with full hearts and deep gratitude. Rotary District 6970 is lucky to have them — and we'll miss them more than words can say.

**Join us at The Brass Tap on 9/9/26
to wish Jim and Dee all the best
in their new home in Ocala!**



Upcoming Speakers & Events

- **8/6** - No Meeting
- **8/13** - Mark Beland - Baker Senior Center
- **8/20** - No Meeting
- **8/27** - Crystal Gomez - Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Pints Summer Socials:**
 - **8/12** - Palm City Brewing
 - **9/9** - The Brass Tap



SAVE THE DATE

10/10/2026

**We will need
everyone's
participation in
our 2026
fundraiser.**



Member Spotlight – Paul Hanysz

Paul joined the East Lansing Rotary Club in June 1990, continuing a lifelong commitment to community service that began years earlier as a member of the Kiwanis Club.

For many years, Paul chaired the club's Vocational Excellence Award, an honor recognizing two to three outstanding individuals in the community each year. His dedication to the club's mission led him to become President in 2023, and he's always cherished the camaraderie of club meetings — along with the chance to make a difference both locally and internationally, especially through Rotary's polio eradication efforts and looks forward to collaborating with Janet DiBenedetto on this effort. He is also a Legacy Donor to further support Rotary's Polio and Clean Water initiatives.

Professionally, Paul practiced as a General Dentist for 35 years in the greater Lansing, Michigan area. These days, he spends his summers at his lake house in Northern Michigan, on what he considers the most beautiful lake anywhere.

Ask Paul what he's most proud of, and he won't hesitate: becoming a father at 45 and helped raise his daughter, Payton.

One of his most memorable experiences was standing on the field at Tiger Stadium, singing the National Anthem with the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club — on the very day the Detroit Tigers won the 1984 World Series.

These days, Paul is thrilled to split his time between the two places he loves most — 5 months in Northern Michigan and 7 months in Southern Florida — truly enjoying the best of both worlds! Paul joined the Rotary Club of Bonita Naples last December, and has been very active, attends events, and joined the 2026-2027 Board as Club Director.

ROTARY CLUB OF BONITA NAPLES	MEETING THURSDAYS AT NOON
BonitaNaplesRotary.com	The Stage Restaurant 9144 Bonita Beach Rd Bonita Springs, FL 34135



Following the success of last year's inaugural event, our club is thrilled to host the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest 2026: Prost with a Purpose—bigger, better, and more festive than ever!

**Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at Riptide Brewing Company, 28120 Hunters Ridge Blvd., Bonita Springs,
for an authentic Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration.**

Enjoy live entertainment from the 20-piece Hafenkapelle German band, along with traditional German food, craft beer, and plenty of dancing in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

Hosted by the Bonita Naples Rotary Club, this event continues our longstanding tradition of giving back to the community. Every dollar raised supports charitable organizations serving the Bonita Springs and Naples area, helping us make a lasting difference while celebrating a beloved German tradition.

Raise a stein, celebrate with friends, and Prost with a Purpose!

For Tickets, go to Eventbrite or click on <https://shorturl.at/s5zlj>