

GULF BEACHES ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – CHUCK'S CHATTER

Hello again Rotarians....we venture on as we Serve to Change Lives.

At our October Board meeting we accepted three new members: Tammy Vasquez, Bill Karnes & Jeff Beggins. We donated \$2000 to Metropolitan Ministries in support of the winter holiday's food bank and we adopted revisions to the Club Leave of Absence policy. I will have complete details on the latter in the December Newsletter. We also discussed a proposed new policy which establishes criteria for donations that are made from the Gulf Beaches Rotary Foundation. These will be discussed by the entire Club and emailed to each member before final action by the Board in December. Please look them over carefully and make your thoughts known to any Board member.

One other thing....get yourself ready and in the right frame of mind for our ALL OUT community and club service activities during the second week of December. I know the "holiday season" can be overwhelming, but not for Gulf Beaches Rotarians. Be ready for:

Sat, Dec 4 - Salvation Army Bell ringing at Madeira Beach & Treasure Island Publix's stores

Sat, Dec 5 - Rotary Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the Treasure Island Community Center

Tues, Dec 7 - No regular meeting/ rest up

Thurs, Dec 9 - GBR Board meeting

Sat, Dec 11 - Rotary Holiday Party at Cambria Hotel with a special Rotary Jeopardy Game and the Madeira Beach boat parade.

Have a wonderful family Thanksgiving and be Happy in your Rotary work!!!!

TELLING ROTARY'S STORY... COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

POP the Trunk Food Giveaway

Every third Saturday at the former Tangerine Plaza, on 18th and 22nd in St. Petersburg. For those who wish to help but have conflicts; they are welcome to help on any Saturday between 9-12 noon.

Saturday, October 16

Quote from Dennis Fagan:

“ The 4 “guys” and 3 “gals” worked hard today to serve the community. For those of you who worked in the sorting/packing area... I wish you could have seen and heard all of the sincere appreciation from the families that received the much needed groceries. We were all blessed many times Over. I love serving with my Rotary family. Thank you!!”!



November Birthdays!

November 1 – Rosemary Thompson
November 27- John Doctor

Rotary Happy Hour!
Every third Thursday of the
month! 4-6PM
Crabby's on the Pass



Our first one..... great weather, great group, good conversation....



Sharing Corner!



St. Pete Free Clinic WISH LIST:

Food items:

Beef Jerky, Beef Stew, Breakfast bars, Canned Fruit, Canned meats, Canned pastas, crackers, Fruit cups, Granola bars, Instant coffee, nuts, protein drinks, protein bars, single serving cereal boxes, trail mix, Tuna/salmon in a pouch

Residence Wishes:

Bath mats, bath towels, individually wrapped toothbrushes, pillows, men's body wash, men's shampoo, shower curtains, small appliances, toothpaste, women's body wash (body wash full size)

Hygiene and Health Items:

Alcohol wipes, bar soap, Benadryl, deodorant, diapers (Size 5/6), disposable razor, facial tissues, feminine products, fingernail clippers, iron, Monistat, Neosporin, Pepcid/Tums, Preparation H, Probiotics, Reading glasses, Saline spray, Salonpas, Shampoo, Stool softener, sunscreen, toilet paper, Tylenol/Motrin, Vitamin C, Wet wipes



ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On Thursday, October 28, we collected 312 pounds... 165 pounds in food, 7 pounds for the pets and 150 pounds for hygiene and diapers. Above is a list you can keep handy for future collections!

Our next drop off is Thursday, November 18.

Club Meeting Information!!!!

Weekly: Every Tuesday, at
12:00 Noon

We meet in person at the Cambria in Madeira Beach (15015 Madeira Way) off of the third floor lobby.

All Rotary members are welcome to attend our board meetings which take place on the last Thursday of each month at 8:00 am at the Cambria. Breakfast is provided.

Happy
Thanksgiving

**Next Rotary Happy Hour
Thursday, November 18!**

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Get Ready for December!!!!

December 4 – Bell Ringing – Salvation Army



December 5 –



December 11

Rotary Holiday Party



Future Event:



Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis
Challenge
February 25 and 26

Speaker Bureau

November – Greg Tong and John Doctor

November 2 :Bill Karns, Jeff Beggins –
Christmas Events and Charities

November 9 :Mad Beach Trash Pirates

November 16 Chuck Coward – Club Assembly
#2 FINANCES!

November 30 CASA - Bonnie Harris



Krebs
Holiday
Open House
Friday
December 17
6-9pm
All are
Invited!



Welcome! NEW MEMBERS!

Tammy Vasquez

Title: Realtor with Century 21 Beggins - Madeira Beach

Professions and personal: I was raised right here on the beautiful beach of Treasure Island.

I have been a successful business owner for over 25 years in the pet industry. We work with pet rescues across the county. My husband and son carry on in the family business, Bark Life Inc, and that allowed me to follow a different path.

In 2020 I ran for the office of Pinellas County Commissioner, Countywide and lost by .46%. Not bad for my 1st. time running.

After the election I decided to get my Real Estate license and become a Realtor.

Hobbies etc.: I am a water bug! I love to boat, fish, go to the beach, anything that involves water. I am also a foody! I love to go to locally owned restaurants around town. Visiting and buying from local business is always what we always try to do.

Bill Karns

William F. "Bill" Karns was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and has been a builder, developer and entrepreneur his whole life. He started his career in the building business in Detroit as a teenager building everything from room additions to custom homes. In 1997, he relocated to Florida to join his father in creating the William Karnes Enterprises, Inc. (WKE) a general contracting firm focusing on residential construction with offices currently in Madeira Beach.

In addition to his construction and development business, Bill partnered with others to create and operate Frabotta's Beach Kitchen, The Saltwater Hippie Beach Bar and the Brass Captain bar and Barbeque Joint, all in Madeira Beach.

In 2013, Bill's son Billy passed away and became the inspiration for Bill and his family to develop and construct, in conjunction with the City of Madeira Beach and private donors, R.O.C. (Remember Our Children) Park, a waterfront children's memorial park located in the city's municipal complex. The Park offers families the opportunity to memorialize children who have left us too soon.

Bill has been married to Diane for 40 years and they live in Treasure Island with their boxer, Ace. They have two daughters, Nikki, a Nurse Practitioner living in Madeira Beach and Paige, a general contractor living in St. Petersburg. Bill loves boating and golf and is a big fan of the Tampa Bay Lightning and Tampa Bay Bucs.



Turkey Tidbits...

Here are some gift-worthy books recommended by a few GBR friends:

Books by Louise Penney, Canadian author. Her mysteries are set in Quebec. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, the Surete du Quebec, and the Village of Three Pines are the centerpieces of her 17 (now 18 with the latest co-authored by Hilary Clinton) suspense-filled novels. The frigid snowy landscapes were particularly soothing during this hot summer in Florida!

Tom Gribbin, of musical group, Tom Gribbin and the Salt Water Cowboys, is a new local author whose book, *The Last Florida Boy*, is touted as “a pirate looks at reality”. Anyone who lived along Florida’s beaches during the 70’s and 80’s has heard of local fishermen making easy money by bringing in “wet bales” of marijuana at night on their boats, only to later wind up in prison. Tom brings these stories to life in a colorful, fast-reading adventure.

The Gift of Rain, by Tan Twan Eng, takes place during early WW II on a Malayan Island and relates a web of wartime tragedies of loyalties and deceptions.

The Last Days of Night, by Graham Moore, tells about the battle between Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, and Nikola Tesla to bring electricity and their disparate theories to America.

RE THANKSGIVING

New GBR member, Susan Smith, relates that the highlight day in November for her is 11/25. It is the birthday of her firstborn daughter, Heather Suzanne. She now lives in Geneva, IL, and Susan will miss her this year as her birthday lands on Thanksgiving Day.

Rick Krebs shared a story about a Thanksgiving turkey that cooked too quickly! What should one do when the dinner isn’t to be served for another few hours?! Some suggestions were: Make sandwiches and eat right away. Just make sure that everything else is hot especially the gravy. Have a couple of stiff drinks and it won’t matter!!

When my Mom was still alive, many family members would come to my house for Thanksgiving dinner. This one year the tables were set for 24, when my cousin called from the airport. “Rosemary, do you have room for 4 more?!” There were no left-overs that year, but we sure had a good time!

**Let's go Team! Let's go and sell these tickets! It's a winner!
Make sure you get extras tickets from Tom Zysk! Go Team Go!**