



THE ORANGE PEEL

ROTARY CLUB OF GULFPORT - ORANGE GROVE

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Rotary
District 6840



Club Calendar


- 7/20/20 Virtual Rotary Meeting
Laurie J. Toup, Executive Director,
Main Street Gulfport
- 7/20/20 Tyler Green Birthday
- 7/30/20 - Virtual Gulf Territory
Open House with District
Governor Elizabeth Van Sant
- 8/3/20 - Virtual Rotary Meeting
Michael Wilson, Executive
Director GCCM
- 8/4/20 - RLI Second Registration
- 8/17/20- Virtual Member Meeting
Dr. John Kelly, Chief
Administrative Officer, City of
Gulfport

JULY IS

NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
- Winona Chavohall


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**TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO CREATE LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES**

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

LEADERSHIP



**IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS
TO DREAM MORE, LEARN
MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME
MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER.**

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Zoom Etiquette 

Mute yourself!	Be on time!	Turn on video!
Come prepared!	Sit still!	Be respectful!
Find a quiet place!	Raise your hand to talk!	No eating!

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Club of Gulfport - Orange Grove

Message from Club President Stephen Howard

President's Message for July 20, 2020

Greetings Rotarians!

Please join us Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM for our regular meeting with Laurie Toups, Executive Director of Gulfport Main Street as our guest speaker. Her bio and meeting links are in Tyler's article below.

This past week you all received your tickets for the Big Game Raffle. There are 40 prizes with 40 winners including tickets to the Saints home games, LSU home games, tickets to the Pelican games, and a multitude of restaurant gift cards. The club makes \$5 for each ticket we sell. So please try to do your part. All unsold tickets must be returned to Angie Crawford. Drawing is August 20, 2020 at 12 Noon at the Metairie Country Club

Make sure that you sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) before August 4, 2020. One of our club goals is that each member has graduated from RLI this year. It is important for the future of your club. The club will reimburse the \$60 fee when you submit the expense form to Harry. Again, all board members are required to attend as agreed. Details below!!

Your leaders have planned an exciting year, with some of our plans being created to support our new environment created by the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be meeting virtually with great speakers at each meeting. We will be able to reach out further to bring in speakers who would not normally be able to travel to our club but can visit us virtually.

If you have speakers you would like to hear, please provide a name and a positive contact to me, and I will try to get them scheduled. We are already booked thru September.

Our Board meetings will all be virtual, eliminating travel time and hopefully increase participation of all our board members.

We plan more social gatherings when we can gain access to local restaurants, including some morning coffee hours. Our Service Projects will include the Dictionary Project, Christmas for Kids Project, our new Regina Lawrence Buddie Backpack Project, and we are working on a grant to supply Harrison County Schools with PPE.

In addition, we hope to ring the Salvation Army Bell, continue our support of Gulf Coast Community Ministries, and do at least one project to protect our environment, Rotary's seventh and new area of focus. Other plans are being developed and will be announced soon.

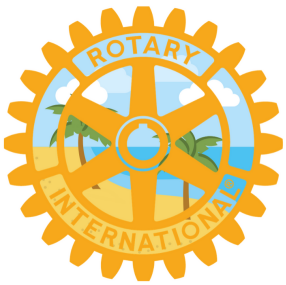
Are you sharing our Facebook posts on your personal page?

Yes, we have amazing opportunities this year brought to us under very trying circumstances. But Rotary has survived many world tumults in the past and we will survive again, coming out a stronger and more vibrant Rotary internationally and here in Orange Grove!

Please check out the member area of our club website and update your profile. If you need help with access, please contact Tyler or myself.

So onward we move! Rotary Opens Opportunities! Be a part of it! Be involved! Be there! This is your Club!

Steve



CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

By President-elect Tyler Green

Virtual Member Meeting

ROTARY MEETING—Our next virtual Rotary meeting is tomorrow, July 20, 2020, at 1:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7281060410>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k90I48rQH>

Our guest speaker is Laurie Toup, Gulfport Main Street Director. Laurie is no stranger to the coastal community. Growing up between New Orleans and Gulfport, she attended schools and has family in both locations. She completed high school in New Orleans at St. Mary's Dominican and attended William Carey College here on the Gulf Coast majoring in Business with an emphasis in Economic Development.

Laurie moved back to New Orleans in 1995, where her creative visualizations were implemented in her work as executive director of both the French Quarter Festival and North Rampart Main Street, among other endeavors.

Laurie returned to the Coast more than five years ago as the city's Main Street Director, and is working with her board of directors and the City of Gulfport to help move the business community into a creative economy.





Facebook



Hopefully you are all viewing our club Facebook page

It is important that as many people see our page as possible as this is how we get the word out into the Orange Grove community of who we are and what we are doing. Tyler has also added a link to our webpage which he now beginning to update. It is also the page that we will use for our virtual fundraisers! So what can you do to help?

DO NOT JUST 'LIKE' OUR PAGE, BUT SHARE OUR PAGE ON YOUR PERSONAL PAGE OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PAGE.

We are inviting the likes to join our page. These are potential new members!! The more people see us and what we are doing, the better chance we will have to grow our membership!!!!

New membership opportunities!

RCGOG is now offering new membership opportunities! The three new membership plans are Corporate, Dual, and Partner memberships. Corporate and Dual memberships must be active, dues paying members of the club and must meet all the regular requirements for membership. The price for a Corporate membership is \$750 per year plus a \$50 initiation fee.

This will allow for a primary corporate member and THREE additional members. Corporate members are subject to board approval and must be employed by the same organization.

The Dual membership is a membership designed for individuals in a relationship or marriage that would like to split the cost of a membership. Both members must be active, dues paying members of the club and Rotary and must meet all regular requirements for membership. Membership is subject to board approval and the cost is \$450 per year plus a \$50 initiation fee.

The Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove offers a partner membership program for businesses and other large organizations, government entities, professional practices, and educational institutions. The corporate member will not be an active, dues-paying member of the club and of Rotary International, but a club partner who could participate and support meetings, socials, fund raisers, projects and be acknowledged through the club social media and website by name or logo, a real estate sign and decal for business indicating "RCGOG Partner", and acknowledged in fund raisers as a partner. The Board of Directors established the dues for Partner Membership at \$150 per year (as of July 2020).

Second Rotary Leadership Institute

A second Rotary Leadership Institute is being held virtually this year starting on August 6, 2020. Click this link to read about RLI:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/Gen/Accounts/50136/EventPlanner/23d782eb-1d50-4ac6-a96e-df76e9e9238f/16725/2018brochure.pdf>

Copy and paste this link to register:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50136/Event/second-cohort-virtual-rli>

This is an amazing opportunity to learn the ins and outs of Rotary and how to be a Rotary leader in our club. This is all new material, so if you have been before, this is totally different. Rotary has changed so much over the last 5 years, it is almost unreal, and the changes being made in the past three months is almost stratospheric. I want you to be a part of the change, and this is how you learn to do it. Rotary has not been cancelled, it is just different and the RCGOG is going to embrace these changes. Do not be left in the dust of the past!!!! We have endless opportunities to grow in Orange Grove!!! Sign up and become a part of the change!!!!



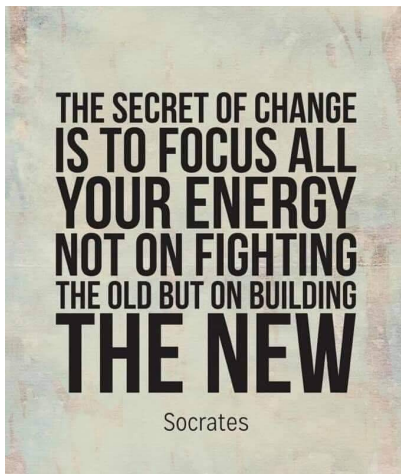
The Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove's theme for 2020-21

JUST ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN ROTARY!

HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY AND TO GROW ROTARY IN ORANGE GROVE

Each of our members is encouraged to reach out to one friend, one family member, one fellow church member, one fellow employee and invite him or her to one of our meetings and to encourage them to join our Rotary family! It is important that we renew our efforts to grow our membership if we intend to maintain a presence as a club in the Orange Grove community. We need help to continue our dictionary project, Christmas for Kids project, providing scholarships to worthy high school students, maintain our Interact clubs, and to provide the multitude of other service projects that we do in our community each year. **ROTARY IS NOT CANCELLED—IT IS JUST DIFFERENT!!!** And stay tuned for new membership initiatives to be launched in the near future. It is Easier than Ever before as we begin to have more bi-weekly virtual meetings, in person after hours and before hours socials, new membership promotion materials, a new membership dues structure, a new service project! **JUST ASK!!!!**

Building a new Rotary Club of Gulfport Orange-Grove



Traditions are important, and the Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove has many fine traditions that need to be carried forward. But Rotary is different today than when our club was chartered on May 10, 1985. And the way we do Rotary today is certainly a lot different. Technology has allowed us to reach out further into the world by providing even closer connections, more rapid changes in a shorter period of time, and improves our ability to make things happen a lot differently than before. We cannot stay in the past. Projects and scope of projects have changed. How we raise funds for our projects has and must change. Being able to reach out to anyone who has a passion for service and giving back to others has and must continue to change. We must fight to bring in more new technologies, more changes, and do whatever we need to do to improve our product and encourage more people to become Rotarians. Holding on to the past does us no good. We must totally rethink how we do business and then put those plans into action by working together. We cannot be afraid of change, but must support it in every way we as individuals can. By doing this, we can grow the Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove into a major influence in changing lives in our community. Be a part of the change, not a relic of the past. Be Bold, be brave! Help us build the new Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove!!

MEMBERSHIP!

August is Membership month in Rotary. During this month we will celebrate the great Rotarians that make up RCGOG, but we will also remind you that our club is only as strong as its membership and adding new members brings new energy, ideas, and fellowship. If you have ideas for adding members or want to add someone you know please reach out to our Membership chair Angie Crawford!

Gulf Coast Community Ministries

Earlier this year RCGOG was able to partner with Gulf Coast Community Ministries to help install a washer/dryer set at their HQ. This was a tremendous project that couldn't have been done without the help of many of our RCGOG Rotarians. Thank to COVID 19 everything scheduled was thrown all out of whack, but this past week we were finally able to present the \$1000 check to GCCCM courtesy of RCGOG. Pictured below is Kathie G. Short, Past District Governor of Rotary District 6840 and President of Rotary Club of Gulfport - Sunset presenting the check to Michael Wilson, Executive Director of GCCM



Philippine club mobilizes transportation for front line coronavirus health workers

COVID-19 forces lockdown on public transportation in Manila. Members bring vans, accommodations for hospital and lab workers.

By Ryan Hyland

It didn't take long for members of the Rotary Club of Makati West to take action once the deadly coronavirus entered the country. Shortly after the local government announced the first case of COVID-19 in January, the club in Makati City, Philippines, called a series of emergency meetings to quickly assemble resources and direct aid.

"The pandemic was a battle cry for our club," says club president Enrico Tensuan. "We are Rotary, and with that comes problem-solving. We focused our efforts on how to bring immediate assistance to frontline health workers." A surge in cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, led to a government-mandated lockdown starting 15 March. On the island of Luzon, home to half of the Philippines' population, the new rules closed most businesses and shut down public transit.

As a result, many health workers and other essential employees faced daunting commutes to their jobs – up to two hours each way on foot, Tensuan says.

At times like this, even the smallest of gestures can make a big difference. Enrico Tensuan, president of the Rotary Club of Makati West, Philippines In response to the need for safe transportation, club member Elmer Francisco – chief executive and chair of Francisco Motor Corp. and 1111 Empire Inc., which manufactures jeeps and other vehicles – donated 10 vans to transport frontline health workers to hospitals in and around Makati and the capital city, Manila. Francisco coordinated with officials at the Department of Transportation to obtain permits to operate the fleet and plan the most convenient routes for riders.

Since March, the vans, which carry up to 30 passengers each, have operated 24 hours each day from four designated pickup spots and local hospitals, including the Philippine General Hospital, one of the country's biggest health care facilities.

The club paid for the fuel, and members handed out snacks to exhausted passengers. In addition, the initiative paid the salaries of 17 drivers, all of whom had temporarily lost their public utility jobs because of the transit shutdown. The club expects the project to operate at least until the end of May.

"The dedication of these frontline workers and our drivers is awe-inspiring," Francisco says. "Walking two hours each way is simply unforgiving. They are already risking their lives fighting COVID-19. This was necessary to keeping them safe."

Hospital workers in the Philippines are being transported for free to and from work thanks to an initiative by the Rotary Club Makati West, Philippines.

Helping lab employees shelter near work Members of the Makati West club also worked to provide lodging for medical professionals. They helped secure 30 days of accommodations at area motels for nearly 50 lab technicians and workers at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, which conducts COVID-19 tests. The employees work long hours and the nearby facilities provide much-needed relief, Tensuan says.

The club planned to pay for the rooms, but local officials, inspired by the club's actions, funded the workers' monthlong stay. Members prepared bags of toiletries and snacks for institute workers and motel employees. "They were small bags with just a few things, but they brought big smiles. At times like this, even the smallest of gestures can make a big difference," Tensuan says.

The club also raised funds for Fashion for Frontliners, an effort by a group of fashion designers in the Philippines who have produced thousands of items of much-needed personal protection equipment (PPE) for hospital workers. And club members have donated thousands of dollars' worth of PPE, including masks, gloves, and gowns, using Francisco's fleet of vehicles to deliver the equipment to hospitals. Tensuan, who leases properties, personally donated three laundry machines to the Philippine General Hospital so that workers can wash their clothes and PPE.

"I'm proud of how our club responded so far," Tensuan says. "But we have a long way to go. We will use our club's resources for as long as the virus is a threat."

Better together

**A need to connect with different age groups is woven into our genes
by Diana Schoberg photography by Frank Ishman**

It's nearly Valentine's Day. Seated around a table are five older adults and four children under age four, the decades between them bridged by the heart-filled sheets they're coloring together. One boy holds up his creation. "Look at mine!" he says. Everyone at the table claps, and Bob Husslein offers some grandfatherly words of encouragement: "In the lines, too!" One by one, the kids show off their artwork. "I can't believe you did that all by yourself," Husslein says to a little girl. "Are you going to give it to your mommy?"

The art room at St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care on Milwaukee's south side is a homey hodgepodge of donated craft supplies: cups of paintbrushes, stacks of colored paper, and bins of beads organized by color. The room is open to participants in the center's adult care program who want to do crafts, and when the children who attend day care join them, the room buzzes with energy. "In the time I've been volunteering here, I can see the difference in how they feel and work with each other," Husslein says.

"I help them paint if they need help with painting," says George Murray, one of 200 adults who take part in the center's program. "Some of them get frustrated and upset. You just have to calm them down. You have to show them they matter to somebody. They look up to an older person." And, he adds, the benefits go both ways: "They show you stuff you don't know. Some of these kids are pretty smart."

To read the rest of the article visit the link on our RCGOG webpage!

<https://www.rotary.org/en/better-together>

3D Printers to the rescue

Rotary members join 3D print enthusiasts to make personal protective equipment in short supply due to the COVID-19 pandemic

By Arnold R. Grahl

An army of hobbyists and educators equipped with 3D printers are producing face shields and other personal protective equipment (PPE) to help frontline health care workers battle the coronavirus.

Among them are two Rotary members, who are using their knowledge and resources — along with their Rotary connections — to tackle the shortage of PPE caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rest of article is available on our RCGOG homepage!

<https://orangegroverotary.org/page/show/homepage/>

CLUB OFFICERS 2020-21

President 2020-21 Stephen Howard
Immediate Past President 2018-20 Regina Lawrence
President-elect 2021-22 Tyler Green
President-elect Nominee/Vice President 2022-23 Wilson Eaton
President-elect Nominee Designee 2023-24 Elected in December 2020
(Open)
Secretary 2020-21 Regina Lawrence
Executive/Assistant Secretary 2020-21 Angie Crawford
Treasurer 2020-21 Harry Piascik
Greeter 2020-21 Open
Board of Director Elected 2020-22 Ralph Anderson
Board of Director Elected 2020-22 Robert Raybourn
Board of Directors 2019-21 Wilson Eaton
Board of Directors 2019-21 Kevin Gaines
Foundation Co-Chairs 2020-21 R. Lee Flowers/Ralph Anderson
New Generations Chair 2020-21 Rachael Holt
Public Relations Chair 2020-21 Tyler Green
Service Projects Chair 2020-21 Angie Crawford
Dictionary Project Chairs 2020-21 Angie Crawford/Steve Pitzer
Christmas for Kids Project Chairs 2020-21 Wilson Eaton/Kevin Gaines
Regina Lawrence Backpack Buddy Chairs 2020-21 Stephen Howard/Angie Crawford
Membership Chair 2020-21 Angie Crawford
Fund Raising Chairs 2020-21 Stephen Howard/open
Newsletter, Facebook, and Website Chair 2020-21 Tyler Green
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MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Ralph Anderson	Communications Specialist Retired
Bevin Brewer	Public Relations/Advertising
Eddie Brewer	Pest Management Executive
Angie Crawford	Administrative Assistant, Coast Electric
Ron Dougherty	Electric Company Owner/Electrical Engineer
Wilson Eaton	Lawyer/Pension/ Employee Relations/Benefits
R. Lee Flowers	Personal Financial Planner
Kevin L. Gaines	Retail Store Management
Tyler Green	Residential Energy Manager, Coast Electric
Rachael Holt	Senior Member Services Representative, Coast Electric
William (Bill) Hough	Building Supply/Owner
Stephen Howard	International Consultant/CEO
Carolyn Ladner	Chamber of Commerce Executive Retired
Regina Lawrence	Bank Executive/SVP/Director Consumer Lending Risk
Jay McKnight	Realtor/Broker/Mississippi State Representative
Barbara Nalley	Insurance Broker
Harry Piascik	Bank Executive/SVP/Commercial Lending
Steven Pitzer	Electric Coop Executive/Electrical Engineer
Michael Prestia	Lawyer/Personal
Robert Raybourn	Business Owner/Contractor/Retired

Honorary Members : Leonard Ladner, Dhullis Adudell, Trang Bham, Rui