

# Rotary



Rotary Club of  
North Port  
Central #24681

The Worlds Best Rotary Club

June 1, 2022

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## Our Monthly Bulletin

### Upcoming Events

**June 1**, Bernice Pelea will talk about Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia.

June starts the new Summer Schedule.

June 8, No Meeting.

June 15, No Meeting.

June 22, No Meeting.

**June 29**, The 35th Installation Ceremony and Banquet will be held at 6 pm at the Heron Creek Golf and Country Club.

July 6, No Meeting.

**July 13**, Speaker Meeting - Speaker to be announced.

Speaker Meetings for the summer season are only held on the second Wednesday at the Heron Creek Golf & Country Club, 5301 Heron Creek Blvd. Meetings are from noon to 1 pm.

Social Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. They are held at various venues around town and are from 5:30 till 7:30 pm.



### June is Fellowship Month

The final month of every Rotary year is Fellowship Month. This is a fitting designation since fellowship is mainly at the forefront, with changeovers being the priority in June.

Fellowship is, of course, one of the five core values of Rotary, the others being service, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Rotary DEFINES Fellowships in many areas are based on a close association of people who share a common interest, or more broadly, as a group of people meeting to pursue a shared interest or aim.

Rotary Fellowship Groups are designated as autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their Rotary experience

There are nearly 70 formal Rotary Fellowships catering to interests from Chess to Cricket and Stamps to Skiing. The following link will give you more information about how to join or start a Group:

(<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/form-rotary-fellowship>)

Paul Harris was looking for friendship when he conceived the idea of Rotary. He wanted to develop friendships that went beyond the cordial relationships of business connections. It



# ROTARY YEAR 2021-2022

## Board of Directors

President:	Maria Lara
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## Committees

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Youth Services/Interact Chair:	Laura Ansel
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Media/Fundraising Chair:	Sonia Owens
Chamber of Commerce Chair:	Paul Patterson

Every Rotary Member is invited and encouraged to attend Board Meetings to give ideas and comments; however, final voting is left to the Board of Directors.

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was, of course, a very different society in those days and people typically socialized by joining special interest clubs or sporting associations. Paul Harris's idea was a club based on "a very simple plan of mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages." It was also based on the expectation of reciprocal trade between the best single representatives of each business. As Rotary grew, so did the sense of special relationships. Again, it is hard for people in 2014 to imagine life in 1914, but a Rotary meeting and Rotary service were pervading. The Rotary lunch and the closeness of Rotarians and their families meant a special kind of fellowship, in which all those definitions of fellowship applied.

Networking has been suggested to represent better what is intended by the word fellowship. If I have been able to define adequately fellowship, it will quickly be seen that networking is, in fact, only

a part of what fellowship is about. In fact, it is a more self-serving aspect of fellowship. An accepted definition seems to be the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions, specifically: the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business.

Whatever word individual Rotarians may feel most comfortable with, fellowship is alive and well in Rotary. It will be celebrated most demonstrably over the next month and into July as club officers change over and all Rotarians recommit to Service Above Self.

Dennis Shore

District Governor 9800

Rotary District 9800 encompasses the City of Melbourne, the Melbourne CBD, surrounding and bay-side suburbs, and country clubs that stretch as far as Echuca Mama on the Murray River in northern Victoria.



It's hard, when you're up to your armpits in alligators, to remember you came here to drain the swamp. *Ronald Regan*





# Avenues of Service



Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.
- **Career Avenue** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. Rotarians can support International Service by sponsoring a project in another country, seeking international project partners to support projects in their communities, or by personally volunteering at an international project site.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities such as RYLA, Rotaract, and Interact service projects and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.
- **Membership** Rotary clubs are membership-based; hence there are many opportunities for members to cultivate membership. One of the primary responsibilities of every member is to recruit like-minded individuals who want to perform community service together.
- **Fellowship.** While Community Service is the driving force, members remain Rotarians because of the formed friendships. The Fellowship or "Friendship" Avenue of Service encompasses a wide variety of activities that foster meaningful personal relationships between members.



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## 5 Great Reasons To Join The Rotary Club of North Port Central

1. **Friendship:**In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one, of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:**Rotary is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all occupations. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:**Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:**Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:**Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.