

# Cocoa Beach Rotary Club

64 years, 1958-2022



DISTRICT



May 18, 2022



ROTARY

- ★ Invocation...George Leonard
- ★ Pledge...Sean McCullough
- ★ Song...John Alexander

- ★ SERVICE ABOVE SELF
- ★ One profits most
- ★ Who serves best



**Did'ja know... May 18, 1920, Karol Jozef Wojtyla is born** in the Polish town of Wadowice, 35 miles southwest of Krakow. Wojtyla went on to become Pope John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century. After high school, the future pope enrolled at Krakow's Jagiellonian University, where he studied philosophy and literature and performed in a theater group. During World War II, Nazis occupied Krakow and closed the university, forcing Wojtyla to seek work in a quarry and, later, a chemical factory. By 1941, his mother, father, and only brother had all died, leaving him the sole surviving member of his family. Although Wojtyla had been involved in the church his whole life, it was not until 1942 that he began seminary training. When the war ended, he returned to school at Jagiellonian to study theology, becoming an ordained priest in 1946.

**Congratulations Lauren Loftis!**

## Upcoming Events

5/18: Stan Heinrichen-Woodstock '69 a Rotary function?

5/25: Dr. Lauren Loftis-Egyptian Adventures

5/23-30 National Beach Safety Week

**Happy Rotary Anniversary to:  
Peter Cunningham - 23**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/23 Dave Brown, Jewel (musician)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President Marcin opened with a Drown Zero update: we've had some more adoptions and the Melbourne Beach Rotary club is on board with stations being installed on their beach! He thanked Peter for chairing the scholarship committee with Guy & George. All the scholarships went to Interact students! Also as of 4/29 we have plenty of cash in the bank. He then introduced Wayne Justice, Port Canaveral Commissioner.

If you ever wonder how far you will have to travel to board world's largest cruise ship or to depart from a port that's as big as Miami, look no further, Port Canaveral has it! Wayne shared updates on the challenges, primarily financial and employment related, posed by Covid-19. However, things are on up and up and we're poised for explosive growth. We heard about the cargo (such lumber and gasoline) as well as the LNG that's brought by barge to fuel most advanced cruise ships. To close the meeting Wayne shared that the new aquarium project is on on track. Lots of great things are happening!

*Attending: John A., Dave, Peter, Guy, Kimberly, Dennis, Ken, John H, Marcin, George, Lauren, Liz, Bob, David, Tom Palmer (DC)*

Rotarian Jeanine Ploughman handed off 4-way to Rotarian Lee Romano,...all Rotarians need to stay brushed up

„Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.” Mark Twain