

April 2019

# BIG PINE & LOWER KEYS ROTARY

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

## Presidents Message:

Well it is here. The peak of season and the Snowbirds and Tourist are here. Personally I *am glad to see them* ( *mainly because all of you have already heard most of my jokes*). They bring a fresh energy and money into our area. That is what I need to talk to you about now. This is the time that we need to make some money for the club. There are a variety of ways for us to accomplish this. For our scholarship fund we are selling raffle tickets for a great vacation or staycation (which ever the case may be). If you don't have tickets to sell please get together with Heidi at the UPS store on Big Pine and pick some up and you can also purchase tickets from her. Next to raise money for the Fire-works, we are going to be distributing change boxes for re-tailers to put on their counters (if you have a store and can do this once again let Heidi Know). We also have Celebrity Bagging coming up on April 20th ( the Day before Easter) and the more of us that show up the more money we can make. I know that this is a lot to toss on everyone but where we live you have to make hay while the Sun shines. Last but not least the Kids Bridge tournament is this April 7, and it's free for the kids to enjoy

### Join us at our April meetings

April 5th

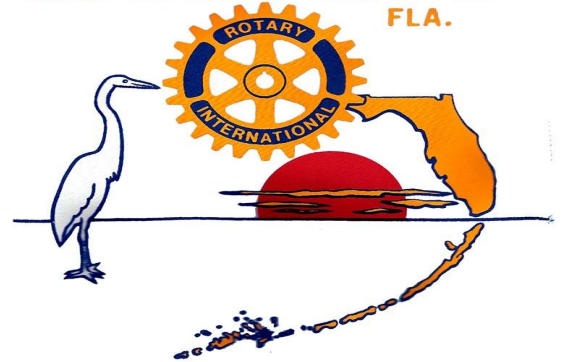
April 19th

Milagro Restaurant and Bar

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### Upcoming Events

Kids Fishing Tournament April 7th

Easter Egg Hunt April 20th

Celebrity Bagging April 20th

### Ongoing Meetings

Monthly Board meeting-1st Tuesday of the month

### Volunteer Opportunities

4th of July Committee

Raffle Sales

Kids Fishing Tournament

Celebrity Bagging

### Your 2018 Rotary Board

President- Steve Miller

President Elect— Heidi Morris

Vice President—Steve Estes

Secretary—Darcy Wadsworth

Treasurer—Sheila Moyer

**If you are interested in volunteering for any of the opportunities please speak to your Rotary secretary Darcy.**

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## Kids Fishing Tournament

Our annual fishing kids fishing tournament will take place April 7th at the Old Wooden Bridge on Big Pine. Registration will be from 9am-10am, fishing will take place from 10am-Noon.

Food & Awards begin at noon. Not only will each child leave with a free fishing pole combo, there are also prizes awarded for the biggest fish in the boy and girl categories, 5-8 years old and 9-12 years old.

This event is co sponsored by the Monroe County Sherriff's Office.

## Bingo!

Thank you to Coldwell Banker Schmitt Foundation for supporting us at their Tuesday night Bingo at Boondocks. We raised over \$1000 and had a great time!



## Celebrity Bagging

Have you ever wanted to be a celebrity? Now is your time! Once again Winn Dixie will be hosting us on Saturday April 20th to help bag groceries to raise money for our 4th of July celebration. This is a great opportunity for Rotary to be seen by the community so they can see what we are all about.

Not very good at bagging groceries? We are also selling Staycation Raffle tickets, we will have a table located at the entrance of Winn Dixie.

Please see Darcy to sign up to volunteer or see the sign up sheets at the meetings during April.

## Fireworks Celebration

Wednesday, July 3rd 2019

With our biggest event of the year is fast approaching, any help with this event is greatly appreciated.

We are currently working on getting Sponsors and Vendors. We have options that allows everyone to help continue this patriotic event. Please help spread the word about our Sponsorship and Vendor options.

**Please contact Heidi Morris if you would like to help in anyway with Fireworks**

## Volunteers &

## Sponsors

Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors. We have a busy month of April with special events and could not make it possible to continue to give back to community without each and everyone of you.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Rotary is co-sponsoring the 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Big Pine Community Park on April 20th at 10am. There will be prizes for all 3 age categories, 3 & under, 4-6 years old and 7-10 years old.

Special Appearance by The Easter Bunny!

Volunteers & individually wrapped candy are needed to pre-fill 7000 eggs. Please see Steve Estes if you are able to help in anyway.

# Future Guest Speaker

4/5/2019-Rick Ramsey

4/19/2019 Keeley Final-Park Specialist, Bahia Honda

## Interested in learning more about our future guest speaker?

### 4/5 Rick Ramsey-Monroe County Sherriff Office

Sheriff Rick Ramsay's strong desire to serve his community led him to attend the Florida Keys Institute of Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Academy Class of 1987. Upon graduating in November of that year, he began his career with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office as a road patrol deputy. During his career with the Sheriff's Office he was promoted through the ranks serving in patrol, investigations, special operations, corrections, and South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). He was promoted to undersheriff in 2004 under Sheriff Rick Roth and in 2012, he ran for sheriff and was elected with an overwhelming majority of the vote.

### 4/19 Keeley Final-Bahia Honda Park Specialist & Friends of Bahia Honda

Honda State Park, Inc. is a non-profit corporation which will function as a citizen support organization. The corporation's function is to generate and employ additional resources and support for and in the best interests of Bahia Honda State Park. This will be done through, among other events and activities, such as the following: special work projects, special programs, special events, outreach programs, educational activities, guided tours and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund-raising activities and events, as well as those activities or events which are designed to meet the additional areas of park needs identified by the division of Recreation and Parks or the Park Manager of Bahia Honda State Park.

## The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

# Big Pine & Lower Keys Rotary Club



Presents  
**Ultimate  
Key West  
Staycation  
Raffle**

Proceeds Benefit the Rotary  
Scholarship Fund to support  
Take Stock in Children  
college scholarships

## Grand Prize Package:

2-night stay at the Luxurious Ocean Key House Resort  
Dinner at Hot Tin Roof (Excluding Drinks and Tips)  
Dinner (up to \$200) La Trattoria Oceanside  
Lunch (Up to \$50) Turtle Krawls  
Lunch (Up to \$30) Harpoon Harry's  
And: A Free Sunset Cruise  
on the Fury Commotion on the Ocean

- Tickets are \$10 each
- Winner will be drawn at the annual Lower Keys Independence Day Celebration on Big Pine Key  
Need not be present to win



## Second Prize:

A trip on the Yankee Freedom to Dry Tortugas National Park  
and Dinner for Two at Mangoes (Excluding drinks and tips)

Tickets may be purchased at First State Bank Big Pine Key  
Branch, Keys Federal on Big Pine Key, Centennial Bank on  
Big Pine Key, The UPS Store on Big Pine Key

Like us on Facebook for more information on where  
and how to purchase your tickets



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