

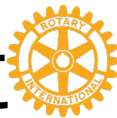


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This weeks speaker: Introduction by Shanna Johnston
Charles Garretson - President & CEO, Board of Directors
Sun Coast Community Center

Charles has deep roots in the Suncoast Estates community, having first moved to the area in 1968. In 1972, he became a member of Suncoast Baptist Church, where his commitment to service and community began to grow. After spending some time away, Charles returned home in 2007 and began volunteering at the Sun Coast Community Center—a decision that became a defining part of his life's work.

Today, as President and CEO of the Sun Coast Community Center and a member of the Board of Directors, Charles leads with heart, purpose, and a strong belief in unity. Over the years, he has helped shine a light on the pathway for the community to grow stronger, more connected, and more resilient.

In addition to his leadership at the Center, Charles helped organize the Suncoast Task Force, a grassroots effort bringing residents and local partners together to identify challenges and create lasting solutions for the community.

Charles believes deeply in teamwork, treating others with compassion and dignity, and creating opportunities for people to thrive. His greatest joy comes from empowering others and helping them realize their potential. With a servant's heart and visionary spirit, Charles continues to guide the Sun Coast Community Center in its mission to serve, uplift, and transform lives across Suncoast Estates and beyond.

PLEASE WELCOME CHARLES GARRETSON !!!

PLANNING AHEAD

October 10: Distribute Food at The Pantry - see David

October 11: Bike Night—see David

October 30: Feed the HFMHS Football Team - see Hugh

December 5: J Colin English Toy Project: Santa and Mrs Claus visit - see Dwight

December 10: J Colin English Toy Project - Package the Gifts - see Dwight

December 13: Christmas/Holiday Party - Magnolia Landing - see Judy

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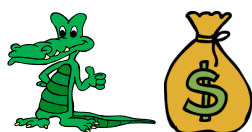
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May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place Service above Self in our daily endeavors. Amen.

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and Peace - through
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- First, is it the truth?
- Second, is it fair to all concerned?
- Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Of course it will, Now go out and live it!

Guest Speakers



Next week 10:09: Todd Everly & Ed Mathews - Lee Tech Colleges

Last week 09:25: David Newlan - Lee County School Safety

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Member	Birthday
Hugh McWhirter	10-06
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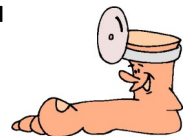
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