

Meet Our Guest: Host Rotarian, Stephen Basteri, Guest Speaker, John Messmore “76 years without a steady job”

July Birthdays and Anniversaries:
BIRTHDAYS

Wilda Whittle August 20th

Club Anniversaries

Gerry Miller	08/22/07	19 years
Rafael Palaganas	08/25/21	5 years
Brandon Tucker	08/06/23	3 years (Corporate Associate)
Mary Rifenburg	08/07/24	2 years (Corporate Associate)

CLUB EVENTS:

First Wednesday of the Month, President Jerry Klein will bring cupcakes to celebrate Birthdays of the Month. **(August 5th)**

August 13th - Club Social at Clear Sky, Park Blvd. 4 pm -7 pm. All club members, family and friends are invited.

August 18th - Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 pm at the Bayou Club

Save the Date Upcoming Events:

November 11.7.26 Food Drive details coming soon from Linda Miller

December 12.5.26 Toy Drive, details coming soon from Linda Miller

Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2026-2027

President	Jerry Klein	Sergeant at Arms	Stephen Basteri
President Elect	Michele Davidson	Bulletin Editor	Bernadette Homan
Secretary	Lorie Whitney	Past President	Robby Groover
Treasurer	Tom Limroth		

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Seminole Rotary Website - www.seminolerotary.org

Rotary Club of Seminole P.O. Box 3313 • Seminole, FL 33775-3313 Club Meetings held at the Bayou Club 7979 Bayou Club Blvd., Largo



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ROTARY 2025-2026

Club Number #4289

August 12, 2026

PRAY FOR TODAY:

Dear Lord. Thank you for coming along side me to encourage me and give me hope. You are my strength and I trust in you. Amen.

(Isaiah 41:10 “Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you...”)

PROGRAM THIS WEEK:

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HOST ROTARIANS FOR THE OF AUGUST

August 19th - Host Rotarian, Claude McMullen, Guest Speaker, Jerry Cachia, History of Seminole Mall

August 26th - Host Rotarian, Sheryl Davis, Guest Speaker, Michele Routh, Public Relations Director, St Pete / Clearwater Airport



Rotary Guest Speaker John Messmore, August 12, 2026. Host Rotarian Stephen Basteri.

Presentation “76 years without a steady job”



John Messmore, was born in Uniontown, Pa. In 1950 moved to Pinellas County. He graduated from Dixie Hollins High School, SPJC & Franklin University.

In the 1950's he worked at the Bath Club, in the late 1950's – early 60's he worked at the Tides Hotel. In 1961 he waited on Joe DiMaggio & Marilyn Monroe.

John worked for 57 years with the world-famous photographer Ozzie Sweet, photographing famous ball players for sport magazines and national ads.

In the 1970's John started developing restaurants and real estate development.

In 1989, John was introduced to Tony Robbins and has sat on the Anthony Robbins Foundation Board for 33 years.

“John is the owner of Sweet Sage Café since 2001. The café, located at 16725 Gulf Blvd., is a beloved local institution with a Key West-inspired atmosphere, a signature hollandaise-based Benedict menu, and a “Canine Cuisine” menu for pets I Love the Burg+1. The building, originally constructed in 1951, was destroyed by Hurricane Helene and later reconstructed by staff to preserve its charm. Messmore has described the café as “a time capsule of the area’s rich history” and a community hub” (I Love the Berg)

Today, John serves as N. Redington Beach Commissioner.