

Meet Our Guest: Host Rotarian, Claude McMullen, Guest Speaker, Gerry Cachia, History of Seminole Mall

August 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.

Welcome to our newest member - Laurie Vaughn Grantges

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

What do you get if you cross August with a snowman?
A meltdown!

Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2026-2027

President	Jerry Klein	Sergeant at Arms	Stephen Basteri
President Elect	Michele Davidson	Bulletin Editor	Bernadette Homan
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Bayou Club 7979 Bayou Club Blvd., Largo



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SIGNALS**



ROTARY 2025-2026 Club Number #4289 August 19, 2026

PRAY FOR TODAY:
Lord, today I choose to place my hope in You. Lift my spirit when I feel weary, and help me walk in Your strength. Teach me to trust Your timing and Your ways. Amen.
("But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." — Isaiah 40:31 (NIV))

PROGRAM THIS WEEK:
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HOST ROTARIANS FOR THE OF AUGUST

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





Gerry Cachia moved from New York to Pinellas County in 1969 with his parents and three brothers and has called Seminole home ever since. A graduate of Bishop Barry High School, Gerry was deeply involved in student leadership, serving as Student Council President, Key Club President, Pep Club President, and Prom King. He earned an AA degree in Broadcasting from St. Petersburg Junior College and later a BA in Advertising and Marketing from the University of Florida.

Gerry built a successful career in shopping center promotions and management, beginning in 1977 when he was hired as Promotions Director for Seminole Mall. Over a 12-year span, working at the mall during three different tenures, he became a driving force behind community engagement, launching initiatives such as the Seminole Mall Community Teen Board, Teen Disco Dances for local youth, and the area's first live entertainment venue, ShowOffs Theater. When Seminole Mall was reborn as Seminole City Center, Gerry was asked in 2021 to return to the mall as its Event Coordinator, a position he holds until this day. His work helped connect local businesses, families, and youth through innovative programming and entertainment.

After a brief stint as VP of Sales with a national event planning company, Gerry joined William Clare Entertainment in 2000, where he combined his marketing expertise and passion for live entertainment. Over time, his leadership and vision propelled the agency forward, and he ultimately became the owner, guiding William Clare Entertainment into one of the region's most respected entertainment agencies.

A longtime community advocate, Gerry, has served on the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where he was instrumental in launching Seminole's Holiday Night Parade. His many honors include Chamber Champion (2004), Chamber Merit Award (2005), Seminole Chamber Business of the Year (2015), and being awarded the Chamber Merit Award for a second time in 2024. He was also named Paul Harris Fellow in 2012 prior to joining Rotary and was proclaimed Rotarian of the Year in 2018.

Gerry is a dedicated member and past President and board member of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake and has been instrumental in signature events such as Rocktoberfest, First Fridays, the Haunted Graveyard, and the Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade. In 2015, he founded The Red Sled Initiative to benefit foster children in Pinellas County, which has raised more than \$600,000 in toys, gifts, and cash.

Married to his wife Rene' for 47 years, Gerry is a parishioner at St. Jerome Catholic Church, a member of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, and was honored as the 53rd Mr. Seminole in 2018. His lifelong commitment to leadership, entertainment, and service continues to shape the Seminole community he has proudly supported for decades.