

Meet Our Guest: Host Rotarian, Sheryl Davis, Guest Speaker, Michele Routh, Public Relations Director, St Pete / Clearwater Airport (Bio Pmailed)

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.

September 15th 5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting Bayou Club, all members are invited to attend.

Monthly Club Social, for the month of September only, meeting will be held on **September 17th** at Clear Sky on Park Blvd. 4 pm -7 pm. All club members, family and friends are invited.

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 26, 2026

PRAY FOR TODAY:

Dear Lord, I trust in you. I put my faith in you. I put my hope in you. Thank you for breathing new life into me each and every day. I love you. Amen.

("But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. — Psalm 13.5)

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In Loving Memory of Robert G. Castles
January 15, 1944—August 23, 2026

Bob joined the Rotary Club of Seminole in 1972 after graduating from Clemson University, where he was on the soccer team, and service with the U. S. Army in Italy and with a medical installation in Viet Nam He moved here to assist Lorena in the management of Seminole Garden Apartments which they successfully did, adding The Peacock Center, until retirement. He was president of our club in 1979-1980 and was named Mr. Seminole in 2006. Bob was Chairman of the Board for Seminole Bank and First Home Bank. He was involved in the establishment of the golf tournament and continued through the most recent event and even though his health was failing, participated with one of his partners for every tournament. He and Lorena were very instrumental in the charity auction and worked on every project throughout the past fifty-four years. Bob had a great sense of humor and loved practical jokes. He loved to laugh. We have lost a big part of the heart of our club. Pleasure keep the Castle family in your prayers. 🙏

Rotary Guest Speaker Michele Routh August 26, 2026



**Michele Routh, Public Relations Director
St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)**

Michele started as PIE's first PR Director at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport in 2004. She oversees communications and media, community relations, volunteers, customer experience, special events, education programs, and public art.

Michele has a diverse public sector background in the Tampa Bay Area. As the Executive Director of the Pinellas County Millennium Celebration, a project jointly sponsored by Pinellas County Government and St. Petersburg College, she directed the yearlong celebration in partnership with numerous Tampa Bay organizations and volunteers. She continued at St. Petersburg College, coordinating various special projects and events, including initially directing the City of St. Petersburg's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Previously, she worked in local governments in economic development, public relations, budgeting and capital programming, labor negotiations, human resources, performance measurement and special project management. Ms. Routh worked on the management teams of the City of St. Petersburg, Hillsborough County, and the City of St. Pete Beach.

Michele received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of South Florida, her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Florida and completed 2 years of doctoral studies at the University of Maryland in Psychology. She is a graduate of Leadership St. Pete and is actively involved in the community through chambers of commerce, education, and non-profit organizations. She helped found the Studio@620, an interdisciplinary arts venue, serving as its first President and 10th year President and served on the Florida Craft Art Board of Directors. Michele also served on the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Board for over 20 years and was Co-Chair in 2001. She co-developed the Big Brothers Big Sisters Workplace High School Mentor Program at PIE and served as a "Big".