

Saturday 10 /24 /26

Thunderbird Club Event 8am-12pm – at the Polo Grounds

Fundraiser with the Rotary club for Alzheimer's

Most clubs in the Villages have a fund raiser cause; we have an opportunity to partner up with the Rotary Club of the Villages.

Almost everyone either has had a family experience or knows someone with this horrible disease! For me it's more personal; I lost Nancy a year ago with dementia, lost my first wife in March 2026 and my daughter's God Mother in February 2026 with Alzheimer's. Three wonderful women gone too soon!

Many of you may not know what Rotary really is and therefore don't know what an opportunity this is.

Rotary is 1.4 million men and women worldwide that believe in **Service above Self**: They are the movers, givers and shakers in their communities that make a difference for others worldwide!

Rotary was there for Katrina victims in New Orleans to the tune of \$25 million; Rotary was there in the Dominican Republic when the earthquake hit with 30 thousand shelter box units and volunteers. Rotary is here in the Villages with \$65 K annually for scholarships, and with books and computers for the middle school. It is here to build and help the Boys & Girls Club with an Aquaponics project. Rotarians raise money with events like the chili cook off – Home and Garden show- Over \$100K.

We will discuss and prepare for this event at the meeting on Oct 5, 10am -11:30am at Gio's Deli, Oxford. The goal is for our club to raise and donate \$1,000 to \$1,500 dollars. We have no dues and we raise money when needed by member contributions

I suggest 3 levels of donations: Bronze \$25 – Silver \$ 50 and Gold \$100. I will pledge \$100 to start us off. I will bring envelopes to the meeting to put your name, donations in it and list your car if you can & if you will participate by showing your car, 8am-12pm on the Polo Field. **You can also participate in the mile walk, also on Saturday 10/24.**

Your donation can be made in cash (preferred), check to the Alzheimer's Association or credit card alz.org/walk. If you do not have your donation at the meeting, you can bring it 10/24 with your Bird or send it to Ralph Cowell, 17056 SE 76th Caledonia Terrace, The Villages 32162. Mark the envelope with your pledged amount

Feel free to donate more if you are so moved! A \$100
donation gets you a purple Alzheimer T-shirt

We will have our new club sign so people know who we are!