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As a resident of The Villages you need to be aware of the risk that lightning poses for you, your family, your pets, and your property and what you can do about it. Florida is the Lightning Capital of the US and typically leads the nation each year in fatalities, injuries, and property damage. All thunderstorms produce lightning that can be highly dangerous and unpredictable.

## **Lightning Protection For Your Home Due To A Direct Lightning Strike**

A direct lightning strike does not happen very often but it can cause substantial structural damage with ensuing fire. The chance that your home will be struck is very very low but it is not zero and is greater than winning the lottery.

Only you the homeowner can decide if you need a lightning protection system commonly called lightning rods. One way to think about it is assessing your own tolerance for risk. For example, if you have a **high tolerance for risk** you choose to do nothing, the odds are with you, the money stays in your pocket, and if the worst does happen you rely on your homeowner's insurance policy.

On the other hand, if you have a **low tolerance for risk** and wish to seek peace of mind to avoid the loss of your home, possessions, pets, vehicles and the stress of the entire ordeal to reconstruct and live in temporary quarters you may wish to consider a lightning protection system. Contrary to popular myth they do not attract lightning but simply give it a safe path to ground.

## Future Programs

09/05 Randy Mask

tax collector Sumter County

09/12 Nehemiah Wolfe

Division Chief / Community watch

Members: 29

Visiting Rotarians and guests: 7

Total attending: 35



## September Birthdays

09-02 Linda McMahon

09-03 Bob Jackson

09-15 Mi9ck Hall

09-15 Jeff Dauner

09-20 Henry Lubben

09-21 Rheda Schumate

09-22 Jack Donaldson

09-23 Tom Studer

09-23 Barbara Lubben

09-26 Jacqueline Tanner

if you do choose to install a lightning protection system be advised that there is no local, state, or federal oversight for residential properties and this can be a buyer beware marketplace. Many lightning protection system installers do police themselves by becoming listed by Underwriters Laboratories and employing installers who have passed a minimum of four exams to qualify as a Master Installer by the Lightning Protection Institute. Do not be misled by a potential installer telling you that all equipment used is UL listed. Although this may be true it does not mean that the system to be installed will meet nationally recognized standards. Here are the names of three firms that are known to be working in our area who currently meet the above criteria:

A-1 Lightning Protection Services, Inc., 1-866-465-0620

Central Lightning Protection, Inc., 407-380-6995

Triangle Lightning Protection, Inc., 352-483-7020

### **Lightning Protection For Your Appliances and Electronics Due to An Indirect Lightning Strike**

Indirect lightning may strike trees, flag poles, neighbors home, or some unknown nearby location. These are more common but usually less severe than a direct lightning strike.

Lightning-induced surges can damage control boards and computer chips, which are susceptible to even a relatively minor surge. Remember – Lightning Loves Technology!

To protect against damage to your sensitive electronic equipment such as computers, televisions, microwave ovens, telephone answering machines, games, refrigerators, garage door operators, irrigation controllers, motorized recliners & sofas, etc. you may wish to consider both primary and secondary surge protection.

### **Primary Surge Protection**

This is surge protection installed on your electric meter by your electric utility. For example, SECO will lease a surge protector on your meter for \$5.95 per month or purchase for \$349. It can also be achieved by engaging a licensed electrician to install a surge protector on a dedicated two-pole breaker on your electrical panel. This level of protection is to prevent surge damage to hard-wired equipment that you do not plug into a 120-volt wall outlet. This is not “whole house” surge protection.

## The Four Way Test

### Of the things

### We think say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
5. Will it be FUN?

### Make Up Opportunities:

Wildwood—Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Lake Miona Golf Club

Villages Morning-Thursday 7:00 AM

La Hacienda Recreation Center

Bellview Rotary — Fridays 7:30 AM

Jitter café– Summerfield

Leesburg Rotary—Wednesday 12:15

Leesburg Community Center

Villages Evening — 5PM

Lake Miona Recreation Center

E-Clubs login and follow instructions:

[www.rotaryclub34.org](http://www.rotaryclub34.org)

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

[www.rotaryclubcarolinas.org](http://www.rotaryclubcarolinas.org)

### Visit your Web Site:

[www.rotaryclubofthevillagesnoon.org](http://www.rotaryclubofthevillagesnoon.org)

## LIGHTNING SAFETY

The above is the current state-of-the art but safety is never absolute. It should be recognized that anything man-made can fail but the systems and equipment discussed above do function as designed a very high percentage of the time. As a homeowner, you should conduct your own due diligence for your lightning risk.

### Secondary Surge Protection

This level of surge protection is called point-of-use and the devices are sometimes referred to as “plug ins.” These surge protectors plug into a 120-volt wall outlet to protect microwave ovens, garage door openers, refrigerators. Power strips are another form of secondary surge protection for televisions and computers. These devices can be purchased from electronics, hardware, and big box stores.

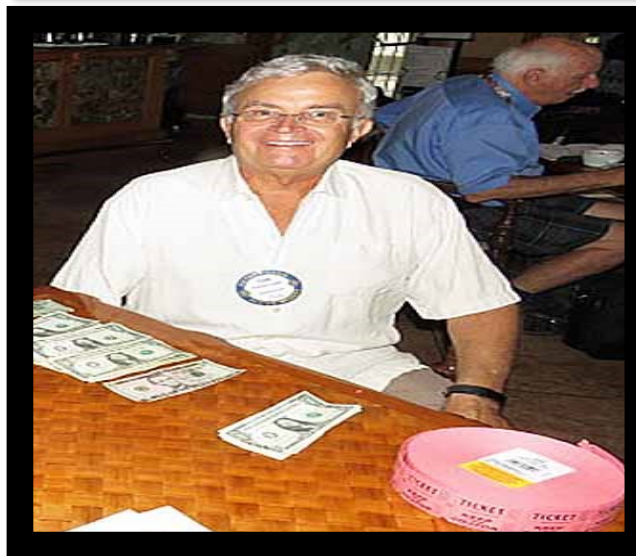
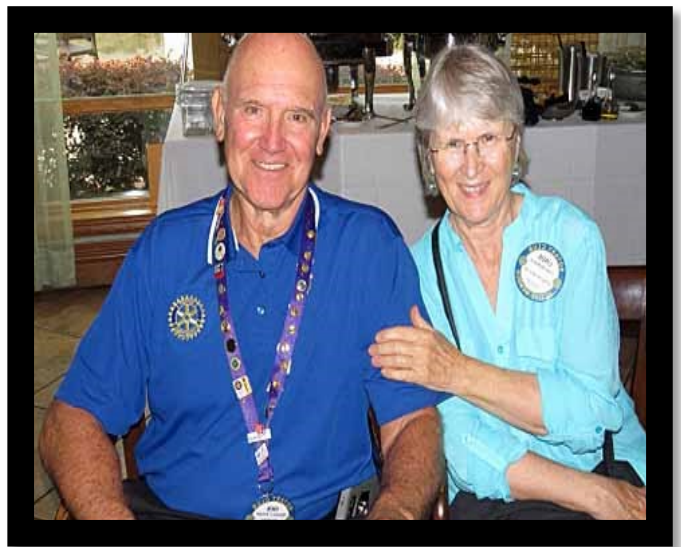
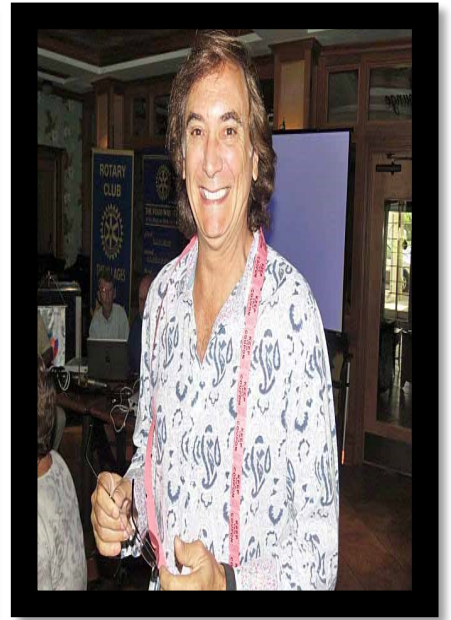
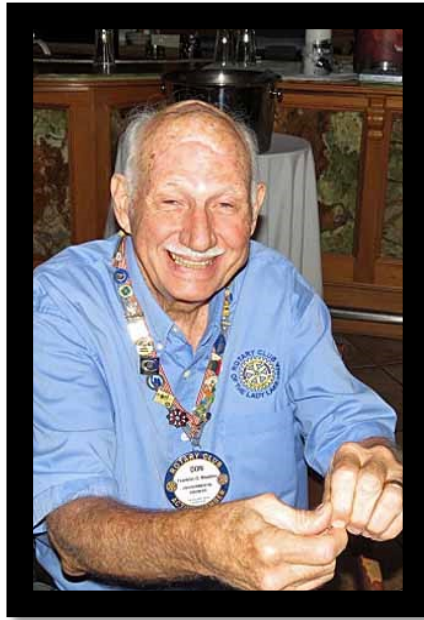
Surges can also enter your home from other sources such as telephone and satellite/cable TV lines. Therefore, it is vitally important that telephone lines to an answering machine or computer be routed through a secondary surge protector. This is also true for the coaxial cable line for a television.

### When Thunder Roars , Get indoors

If caught out doors drop to the ground and make yourself as small as possible like our agile Rotarian Danielle







The Pot Grows and the cards diminish, so if you want to miss a meeting, go ahead, that gives the rest of us a better chance to win.

**There are only 41 cards on the table that is all that is left between you and the pot, as Alex Santoriello draws a five of Diamonds, the Joker is still thee for**



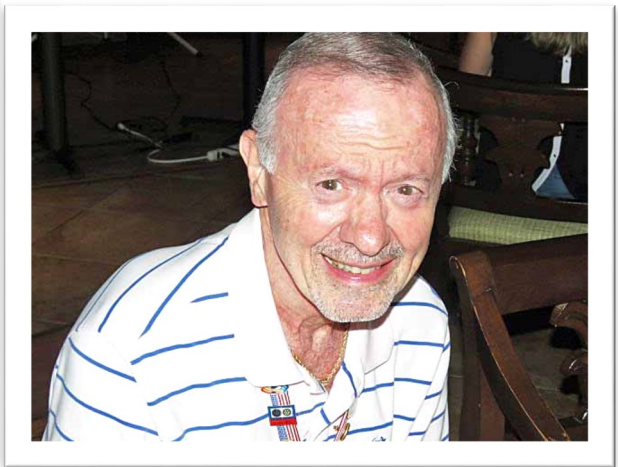
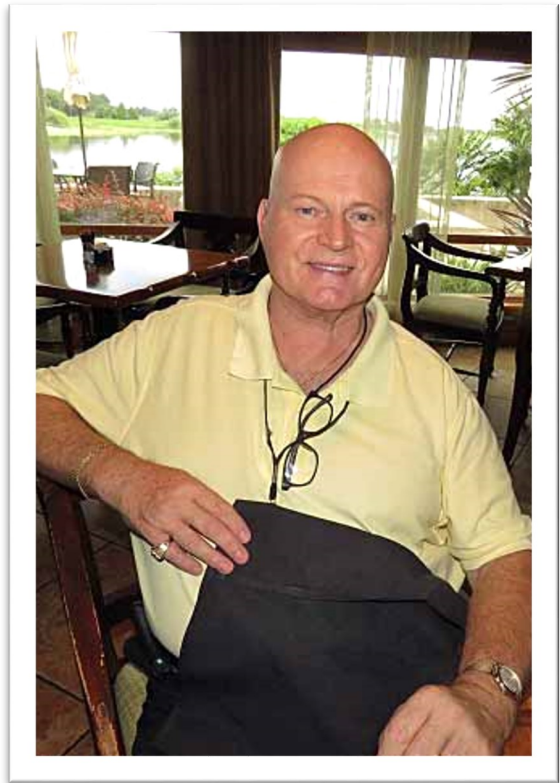
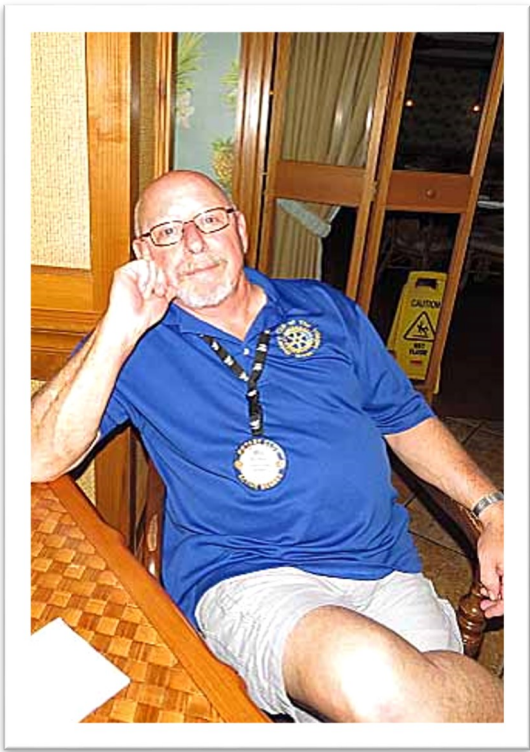
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# Rotary districts collect emergency funds for Hurricane Harvey victims

Rotary clubs along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, USA, are collecting emergency relief funds to help flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, which slammed into southeast Texas over the weekend.

Severe rainfall has caused historic flooding along the Texas coast, including in Houston, the fourth largest city by population in the United States. Deluged towns in the region are in desperate need of aid as thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes. About 6.8 million people have been affected by the hurricane, which made landfall on 25 August.

Several districts [located along the Gulf coast](#) in Texas and Louisiana have established disaster relief funds, including districts [5890](#), [5910](#), and [5930](#) in Texas, and district [6200](#) in Louisiana. You can find information about how to contribute to other district funds in Texas on district [5840's website](#).

“We know that a disaster of this magnitude will require our financial assistance for months into the future,” says District 5930 Governor Betty Ramirez-Lara. “Our disaster relief committee will provide support where we believe it can best be used.”

[ShelterBox](#), an independent charity and Rotary’s project partner, is also providing support to families displaced by the storm. Hundreds of light privacy tents will be deployed to evacuation centers throughout Texas for families to use temporarily.

“Our normal tents and ShelterKits are not appropriate for the conditions families are experiencing in Texas,” says James Luxton, ShelterBox operations team leader. “The flooding is covering large swathes of land, and is set to rise even further in the coming days, making indoor shelter the best option.”

If you have questions about how you can help, contact [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org).

**Our Rotary Club and District are putting together the monies from this area , please check with club before making any donation. Call President Donny or Dick Kanyan**



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**



## Random Thoughts.

**We Care !!!**

**How are you today, we want to know and I mean it.**

We at the Club are your family and if you are not well or need assistance, let us know.

Call Dean Razzano at 352-259-5485 or E-Mail him at

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