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Fleming Island Rotary Club president Larry Johnson recently opened an account with the Blood Alliance to help a friend who needed transfusions. The club is holding a community blood drive on Wednesday.

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The Rotary Club of Fleming Island will host a blood drive in conjunction with The Blood Alliance.

The blood drive will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the Eagle Harbor Golf Club parking lot. Donations are welcome from everyone in the community, not just club members. Interested donors can call 394-5918 to make an appointment, but walk-in donors are also welcome.

The Rotary Club of Fleming Island, which meets at the Eagle Harbor Golf Club at 7:15 a.m. Wednesdays, is sponsoring this initiative to further the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.

"I opened an account with The Blood Alliance because I learned firsthand the importance of donation when a dear friend of mine entered a regimen of cancer treatment that required regular

transfusions of platelets and/or packed red blood cells," said club president Larry Johnson. "It is a critically important cause, and in line with our club's mission to serve the community."

Potential donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more and be at least 17 years of age. Those interested in participating must pass a health and lifestyle screening and bring a photo identification. For additional information about donating blood, visit www.igiveblood.com.