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Larry Bober

March 2026

The Hallandale Beach-Aventura Rotary Club wishes to nominate Rotarian Larry Bober for the Rotary Hall of Fame 2026.

The Hallandale Beach-Aventura Rotary Club proudly nominates Rotarian Larry Bober for the Rotary Hall of Fame 2026. Larry Bober embodies the core ideals and values of Rotary through his unwavering service and leadership. Known for his impeccable character and the deep admiration of many, Larry's journey with Rotary began in his youth, accompanying his father, who was an Executive Director in the Rotary Club of Havana. This early exposure instilled in him a lifelong commitment to helping others.

Larry became an official Rotary member of the Hallandale Beach-Aventura Rotary Club in the 1970s and remained active for many years. Although his career took him away for a period, he returned to Rotary in 2001, continuing his legacy of service.

Larry was born in Havana, Cuba, on April 17, 1935. He will be 91 in April 2026. He studied and graduated with a degree in Engineering from the University of Havana. He came to the United States in 1960.

Later, he would become Vice-President of International Sales in Latin America, have many agents in that territory, and handle multi-million-dollar projects. He sold electric generators and associated accessories.

LARRY'S PERSONAL LIFE IS REMARKABLE.

In March 1968 in Queens, NY, Larry and his friend Frank were at a young professional's dance. Larry had been glancing at a small group of young ladies, one in particular. But being too shy to approach, he sent Frank to prepare the territory. Larry met a beautiful young lady called Francine. She thought he was from Spain. He thought she was Italian. Fran now says, "We were the ultimate Lucy and Desi. He with that heavy Cuban accent and me speaking English." They got engaged in September 1969 and married in March 1970. 56 years ago!

They are the proud parents of four distinguished sons: Bernie, an Attorney and now a Judge; Carlos, an Attorney and managing partner in his law firm; Danny, a Psychiatrist; and Peter, an Attorney with his own firm with his attorney wife. They also have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In closing, Larry Bober's nomination to the Rotary Hall of Fame is a testament to a life well-lived, dedicated to service, family, and community. His legacy is one of compassion, integrity, and unwavering commitment, inspiring all who know him.

A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Following in his father's footsteps, Larry has always been involved in community affairs and helping others. While an active member of B'nai B'rith and Hispanic Unity, serving on membership and interviewing speakers, he made many lasting friendships. One important connection was with a member of B'nai B'rith, Mike Mandel, who became his sponsor at Rotary in the 1970s. As life would have it, Mandel's wife Susan became Larry's sponsor in 2001 when Larry returned to the Club after being away for some time because his job was too far.

A LEADER IN ROTARY

His dedication and commitment to service is evident in the numerous roles he's taken on within Rotary; inviting motivational speakers, Social Director, Fund Raising, and as President of the Club in 2004. Even today, at 91, Larry remains an active and beloved member of the Rotary community.

A GLOBAL ROTARIAN

When he traveled, and he traveled a lot, he always proudly attended Rotary meetings in many South American countries. There, he established connections between those clubs and our Club, and encouraged others to pursue the Rotary Magic.

A MAN OF CHARACTER

Larry is famous for his jokes, gentlemanly manner, and sweet disposition. He is very protective and offers to help everyone. He is always ready with wise advice.

A DEDICATED FAMILY MAN

His sons recall the many trips Larry took with all the family. They lovingly and smilingly remember that their father would always take videos of their trips, always starting with the place and the date.



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WHAT HIS FAMILY SAYS

FROM FRAN (HIS WIFE):

Larry is a strong family man. He has many fine qualities, honesty, commitment, and perseverance. He is a bit more serious than I am, so we balance each other out. In all our years, neither one of us has changed in our values, and love has kept us together! We have weathered storms, the death of close relatives, job losses; but we bounced back. We are blessed.

Funny incident. We were on a family cruise and they asked Larry, who had a big belly at the time, to perform a dance wearing a tutu. Picture that! (Well, I think we all would like to see a picture of that.)

On another cruise, we were on their version of the Newlywed Game in the married-over-25-years category. All our children were in the audience and they put their hands over their ears when we responded to the question, "Where is the weirdest place you ever made whoopee?" Needless to say, it was embarrassing, but we won the game!

FROM SON DANNY:

It is a tremendous honor for my dad to be nominated to the Rotary Hall of Fame. Being a Rotarian has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of his life.

I can remember him attending Rotary Club meetings going back to the earliest parts of my childhood.

To me, he is the greatest dad in the world. He has always been there, whether it was a tee ball game, a Rotary Park, a birthday party, or a graduation; he was always present. Nothing mattered more to him than his family. Additionally, what I appreciate most about him is his ability to connect with people and the genuine interest he takes in making the world a better place. To me, this aligns with the core mission of the Rotary Club and is why I believe he deserves this great honor.

FROM SON PETE:

My dad, Larry Bober, is the living embodiment of Rotary's Four-Way Test. He does not even have to think about how to be thoughtful, honest, and forthright in his dealings with others. At 91 years old, it is encoded in his DNA.

While some members have trouble making it to Rotary meetings, my dad is steadfast in his commitment to the organization and his attendance at meetings. He brings good cheer, knowledge, and love of the organization to every meeting, wearing his Rotary pin with pride wherever he goes.

As his son, I grew up on the Rotary Four-Way Test because it was embedded in everything he taught me as a father and how to treat others. I credit his caring nature and service to others as the greatest factor in my interest in public service and, ultimately, becoming the Mayor of Hollywood, Florida. Without his leadership and the example he set, my greatest dreams may have never been realized.

FROM GRANDDAUGHTER MICHELLE:

My grandfather being nominated for the Rotary Club Hall of Fame is such a meaningful and well-deserved honor. He has always led with kindness, integrity, and a true commitment to serving others, quietly making a difference in countless lives over the years.

Some of my most cherished memories are the family trips we took together. Long drives filled with stories, laughter, and the simple joy of being with family. I'll never forget his big, affectionate kisses that would turn my cheeks bright red, yet somehow, I'd always go back for more because they were filled with so much love. That same warmth shines even brighter now in the way he adores his great-grandchildren, whose faces light up the moment they see him.

This nomination reflects not only his years of service, but also the deep, lasting impact he has had on his family and community alike.

FROM SON BERNIE:

I'm going to write about my Dad, Larry Bober. From the time I was a little boy, I have memories of my Dad stopping to speak with people. I have never met a friendlier, more social person. Whether it was his ability to brighten someone's day with his kind words or with his jokes, which he has a large collection of.

My Dad is truly a people person. When I was older, both my brother Peter and I ran for public office, and my dad was our biggest supporter. He was constantly out there talking to complete strangers, charming them with his big personality, and was a big part of our winning our elections. Years later, people still ask me how my Dad is doing because he made such an impression on them.

My Dad is truly an amazing man.

FROM GRANDSON SPENSER:

When I was in high school, my dad couldn't take me to school. I needed to get there on time, and we didn't have anyone else. Except Grandpa Larry. Without his help, I would have missed my morning class that day. Only he could drive as masterfully as he did to get me to school that day. Eight years later, I couldn't be more grateful for him.

FROM SON CARL:

Congratulations to my Dad, Larry Bober, on his well-deserved nomination to the Rotary Club Hall of Fame – a meaningful tribute in recognition of a lifetime of service above self.

Following in the footsteps of his own Rotarian father, our Dad has carried forward a legacy of fellowship, generosity, and dedication to community, always embodying the true spirit of Rotary.

Known by all for his warm heart and his endless supply of funny jokes, always laughing along no matter what, making everyone around him feel the joy.

This nomination is a beautiful reflection of the difference he's made – we're so proud of you and we love you, Dad – Your legacy shines brightly.

Your son and daughter-in-law, Carl & Keryn Bober.

FROM GRANDDAUGHTER KELLY:

My grandfather is the kind of man you always know is in the room, usually because you can hear him laughing, telling a story, or making a joke before you even see him. He brings people together, makes everyone feel welcome, and somehow keeps things moving forward while still making sure everyone is having a good time.

He has spent so much of his life giving bat time, energy, and heart to others through service and friendship, which is why this Rotary Hall of Fame honor fits him so well. To our family, he has always been someone larger than life, someone we look up to, laugh with, and rely on, and we couldn't be more proud to see him recognized for the incredible man he is.