

## SWFL Rotary and SWFL Interact Host “Hack the Future (The Right Way)” AI Education Event at The Hatchery in Babcock Ranch

An inspiring evening of innovation, leadership, and learning took place at The Hatchery in Babcock Ranch as **SWFL Rotary** and the **SWFL Interact Club** came together to host a joint initiative titled “**Hack the Future (The Right Way)**.” The event focused on empowering young people to understand and use artificial intelligence responsibly and strategically as they prepare for the future. 🤖 ✨

The initiative was led by **SWFL Rotary Sustainability Chair Laura Gent Felker**, whose vision and leadership helped bring the program to life. Her commitment to equipping the next generation with the tools and awareness needed to navigate emerging technologies made the event both impactful and inspiring.

The evening also highlighted the leadership of **SWFL Interact Club President Hailey Herren**, who played a key role in bringing together students from across the region. Participants traveled from **Fort Myers, Cape Coral, and Babcock Ranch** to attend the interactive session.

Held at The Hatchery, the gathering created a collaborative environment where students engaged in thoughtful discussions about how artificial intelligence is transforming education, careers, and the broader global landscape. Attendees explored practical ways to use AI responsibly, strategically, and confidently while asking insightful questions about the technology shaping their future.

The event exemplified the powerful collaboration between Rotary and Interact—two organizations dedicated to developing young leaders and creating meaningful opportunities for learning and service.

“This program is exactly the kind of initiative that prepares students for the world ahead,” organizers shared. “By fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and responsible technology use, we are helping equip the next generation to lead with confidence.”

Through initiatives like “**Hack the Future (The Right Way)**,” SWFL Rotary and SWFL Interact continue to demonstrate their commitment to leadership development, innovation, and community impact.

As the evening concluded, one thing was clear: the future is bright—and these young leaders are ready to help shape it. ✨

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