



**Invocation: Happy  
Pledge: Holidays!**

### Club Officers



**Sam Hall**  
*President*

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*President-Elect*

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*President Nominee*

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*Immediate Past President*

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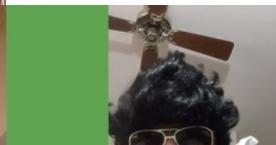
### Board Members

**Jon Blauvelt**  
**Ed Dalton**  
**Wayne Gordon**  
**Todd Hickey**  
**Sherry Mahoney**  
**Doc Renuart**

*Appointed*  
**Toni Boudreaux**  
**Toni Chrabot**  
**Beverly Flanagan**

I think we can all agree that 'Rotary Around The World' was a heartfelt way to help up celebrate all the joys of the holiday! We began with beautiful music followed by fun conversations with our RYE. Rotarian and Rotary Youth Exchange program leader **Mary Marx** introduced previous exchange students **Yoren** who joined from Belgium, **Matus** who joined from Slovakia, **Katie** who joined from her college dorm (exchanged to Brazil), **Birgit** who joined from Norway, and **Jignesh** who joined from India. Next club President **Sam Hall** recognized members of TBRCITW originally from other countries; **Heidi** from Germany, **Norwin** from Switzerland, **Rosemary** spoke about Christmas in Guatemala and **Enora Rogers** spoke about Christmas in Japan where KFC is all the rage for dinner. Shocking!

We rounded our meeting with the PVB Rotary Singers with a few special guests- Elvis was in the house! All in all a great meeting- thank you to all helped make it happen. Since we aren't meeting until 1/7 we must say Happy Birthday to: **Karsten Amile** and **John Veal** 12/24. **Joe Malzacher** 12/25 and **Darryl Hill** 12/31. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!**



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**December & Early January  
Speakers & Events**

**December 21st:** Fireside  
Holiday Happy Hour  
5:30-8pm

**December 24th:**  
*No Meeting:*  
*Christmas Holiday*

**December 31st:**  
*No Meeting:*  
*Happy New Year*

**January 7th:** UF Health  
Proton Therapy Institute,  
Christina Mershell

**Remember NO meeting  
until January 7th!**

\*Board meetings are from  
7:30-8:30am  
every third Tuesday of  
each month.

**If you missed the article in the PV  
Recorder you can read it here:**

Local Rotary uses video technology to  
connect with 1st female Rotary club  
president, other distinguished  
speakers. Thank you to **Jon Blauvelt**  
for this fantastic piece!



**Dr. Sylvia Whitlock** speaks to members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach during a recent Zoom discussion with the group.

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There is no questioning the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, but for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, there is a silver lining. The increased use of video conferencing technology is enabling the club to hear from distinguished speakers beyond Northeast Florida, such as **Dr. Sylvia Whitlock**.

Based in California, Whitlock recently spoke to the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary via Zoom and discussed her trailblazing path to become the first female president of a Rotary club in 1987. "Dr. Whitlock is revered in the Rotary world and in American history, and we were honored to have her join us," said Sam Hall, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "Her story of courage and perseverance inspired our club, as it has inspired so many for decades." Whitlock started her Rotary journey in the early 1980s when she was invited to join the Rotary Club of Duarte in Los Angeles County, California. She was an elementary school principal in Duarte and one of a few women in the community invited to the club at the time. Rotary International did not then admit women as members, however, so the club ultimately lost its charter as a result of its inclusionary actions.

After losing its charter, the club renamed itself the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte and continued to meet and serve its community independent of Rotary for several years. In what became a long, tumultuous fight, the club took its case to court and became known as the "mouse that roared." After back-and-forth legal challenges at the state and federal levels, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Duarte club's favor in 1987. Women could officially become Rotarians, which allowed Whitlock to become the first female president of a Rotary club.

"It was fascinating to hear Dr. Whitlock tell this story," said Bruce Barber, a long-time Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "I met her at a Rotary International convention in Atlanta a few years back, and I was humbled then that she asked me to dance after winning an award. A few years later, our entire club was humbled to host her and hear about this important piece of Rotary and American history."

In addition to Whitlock, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach has utilized Zoom in 2020 to host Rotary International's Immediate Past President **Mark Maloney**, Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, and a number of international partners supporting the club's service project in Guatemala, among others.

***Give us time for patience, time for understanding,  
time to remember thoughtful deeds to do, time to  
believe in our fellow men and time to perceive the  
value of being a Rotarian. Amen...***

