

# Rotary



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

## President's Message

By Raymond F. Joseph

Thank you to Kyle Reese, Executive Director of OneJax, for being our guest speaker and discussing promoting diversity as the foundation for a strong community. Congratulations to William Huff on receiving his blue badge on January 5. Also, it was great to hear a craft talk from our member Robert Fleischmann and having our Fletcher Interact students at our meeting!

A big shout out to Kathie McGuinness for organizing the dictionary sticker application. The dictionaries will be donated to various schools in the community. Kathie, Mark Stuart, Mark Eisenmann, and (I have a feeling) Neil McGuinness helped apply labels on 650 dictionaries Tuesday, January 12. Thank you guys! You Rock!

The Rotary International theme for January: Vocational Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to: "Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation; Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and contribute their vocational talents to the needs of society." As a Club, we have always been a great supporter of Vocational Service- for example, we recruit through different classifications: the Putt N' Frog FUNdraiser we identified businesses and created a stronger emphasis on networking with integrity. In your own business or life, emphasize the connection between the Five Way Test and values of Rotary- it will open opportunities into your life. Isn't it great to be a Rotarian, especially with the greatest club in the world!

DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE: The Student Afterschool Covered Bench/Shelter Project located at 1671 Francis Avenue (Jordan Community Center) with Beaches Habitat: they received permits from The City of Atlantic Beach and will soon start forming and pouring concrete. Stay tuned for a work day from our Community Service Chair Rebekkah.

FUND RAISING: The fundraising committee has been brainstorming ideas for our next project, and we will be looking for a non-profit organization with critical needs. In the past we have supported: BEAM, Mission House, USO, Dial A ride, Beaches Habitat, and others. We are asking each member to give us a name or two of a non-profit organization in critical need and send to Raymond [jbinc1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbinc1@bellsouth.net) or Rebekkah [rebekah@gleasonhopelaw.com](mailto:rebekah@gleasonhopelaw.com) by Friday January 22, 2021. On our next meeting Tuesday January 26, 2021 we will do a breakout session and vote on Zoom and the room members will vote on paper. Once we get all our votes in, then we will announce the result.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT - Here is a new benefit for our members who have had their careers disrupted: Check out <http://www.rotary.works/> (paste and copy onto your search bar on the internet). Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs: providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants. In addition, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

The third quarter invoice came out the first of the month, please pay promptly. If you pay your flag subscription directly by check, make your check payable to Oceanside Rotary Charities, Inc., and send it to the following address, along with a note indicating the check is for a flag subscription and include your name, address, phone and email address.

Oceanside Rotary Charities, Inc.  
P.O. Box 51587  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240

See you in the room (live) or zoom Tuesday January 26, 2021. Let's Make an Impact in 2021!

Here are some date reminders:

- January 18 - Beaches Community Kitchen (see link in the website)
- January 19 - NO meeting. Enjoy your week. You deserve it!
- January 23 - Beaches Habitat (see link in the website)
- January 25 - Board meeting
- January 26 - YES meeting
- January 28 - Social event Culhane's. RSVP Debbie Cole [debbiec87@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiec87@hotmail.com).
- February 2 - YES meeting - DG Rich Turnbull to join us! Let's make our president look good
- February 9 - YES meeting - Get your flag team ready and SELL! SELL! SELL!
- February 15 - Presidents Day

## Education Committee

By Kathie McGuinness on Sunday, January 17, 2021

We are set for student interviews at Fletcher on March 2 at nine AM.

Anyone interested in serving on the interview committee or would like to have some input into the scholarship(s) being offered, should join our zoom call on Monday evening the 18th at 6 PM.. If you would like a link to that meeting, please email [Kathie\\_at\\_kmcg@kw.com](mailto:Kathie_at_kmcg@kw.com)

## Upcoming Community Service Opportunities

- 1) Beaches Community Kitchen on January 18, 2021 (MLK Day). All slots have been filled!

January 23rd  
-Jacksonville-  
Oceanside  
Beaches Habitat  
for Humanity  
build

February 2nd  
-Jacksonville-  
Oceanside Weekly  
Club Meeting  
Speaker: Rotary  
District Governor  
Rich Turnbull

January 26th  
-Jacksonville-  
Oceanside Weekly  
Club Meeting  
Speaker: Richard J.  
Buttimer, Jr., Ph.D.

February 9th  
-Jacksonville-  
Oceanside Weekly  
Club Meeting  
Speaker: Dr. Kristy  
Harvell  
Subject: Healthy  
living advice from  
Dr. Kristy Harvell

February 15th -Flag  
Day - Presidents'  
Day

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Niels Hansen  
Assistant Secretary  
Club Director

John Griffis  
Club Director  
Rotaract President

Kathie McGuinness  
Education

Craig L. Ames  
Club Admin Chair

Lori Richards  
Rotary Foundation Chair

Robert J. Devers  
Speaker Chair

Clarence Hill  
IPast President

2) Beaches Habitat build at Haywood Estates II, located on the road between Mayport and Wonderwood. Haywood Estates is recognized by GPS programs.

The time is from 8:15 - 12:30. There are two homes we are working on. One is finishing up with some painting and the other one is in the beginning stages of a special needs home!!

We need a few more!!

<https://www.needsconnector.com/4yrqv7>

3) Small business BINGO at the Beaches!! To encourage our fellow beach residents to frequent our local restaurants and other businesses that have struggled during these past 9 months, we are instituting a new community service challenge! Bingo card with various businesses on them. When someone supports a business on the card, the merchant will stamp that square. Get a whole row of businesses and enter the raffle! More on the details later.

As always find new opportunities for us to continue serving our club and our customers, the community. See the useful websites you can get information about upcoming events:

<http://www.oceansidejaxrotary.org>

<https://www.dacdb.com>

<https://rotarydistrict6970.org>

<https://www.rotary.org>

## Oceanside Rotary Weekly Meetings

We will continue to have our hybrid meetings at Jax Golf until further notice. For all live meetings going forward, we do want to make sure we are following current CDC Guidelines for gatherings:

Maintain as much distance as possible between yourself and other individuals, and use masks if they do not interfere with your activity. If you need to be indoors, open windows to increase airflow throughout the space. Use social distancing and limit physical contact.

Maintain at least 6 feet of separation as much as possible in areas that may lead to close contact (within 6 feet) among other people and routes of entry and exit.

Don't shake hands, give high-fives, do elbow bumps, or touch others because close contact increases the risk of acquiring COVID-19.

## From the Editor's Desk

Hello Oceanside Rotarians!

What a great presentation from Kyle Reese last week talking about the wonderful work being done by OneJax to promote diversity and understanding in our community. Kyle is a fellow rotarian who definitely lives by example.

We are not meeting this Tuesday; I hope everyone is enjoying the long holiday weekend!

**Kim**

## President-Elect Message

Reminder - if you own a business, or direct a non-profit, or know others that do, by all means refer them to me as a resource, or send them to [www.sbdc.unf.edu](http://www.sbdc.unf.edu)

On another note, as promised, and as President-Elect, I would love to hear from members about your interest in joining the board or committees in the coming 2021/2022 Rotary year starting July 1. I know it seems like a long time before this kicks in, but trust me, it's not! Think about why you joined Rotary and where you can join in to lead the club in service, membership, and FUN (that's for Raymond).

I am happy to answer any questions and would love to get your response in the next week or two as we prepare to develop our plan for the coming year.

## Club Meeting

Jacksonville-Oceanside  
Due to COVID19, meetings are Hybrid: Zoom and at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club  
Tuesday at 07:30 AM

## Birthdays

[James M. Lucas](#)

January 26th

[William Ernest Miller Jr.](#)

January 31st

[Mark Eisenmann](#)

February 14th

[Niels Hansen](#)

January 29th

[Robert J. Devers](#)

February 10th

[Joshua Wiley Dixon](#)

January 31st

[Kelly Ballard](#)

February 11th

## Wedding Anniversaries

[Andres Gallo](#)

January 20th

[Craig L. Ames](#)

February 3rd

## Years of Service

[Cathryn A. Hagan](#)

21 Years

[Rebekah Gleason Hope](#)

1 Year

[Daniel J. Charletta](#)

16 Years

[John David Pesterfield](#)

14 Years