

Rotary



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Speaker for Monday November 8, 2021 - Representative Tom Leek



In 2016, Representative Leek was approached about running for the Florida House of Representatives, but he declined to do so. After consultation with his wife, Michelle, and daughters, Alex and Sarah, the family decided that holding public office may be a good way to serve their community with the passion for service that had driven their lives to that point. Believing that life must be lived with purpose, Leek entered the already crowded race for House District 25, with the love and support of his family.

After winning the election by 22 points in 2016, Rep. Leek quickly became known as a new member to watch. Leek's background running a business, arguing in court, and his many civic leadership positions translated well to the legislative process, leading to the passage of HB 727, An Act Relating to the accessibility of places of public accommodation; the first true tort reform passed by the Legislature in almost 2 decades. All in all, Leek passed 5 of his first 6 bills in 2017.

In only his second year in the House, Speaker Richard Corcoran tapped Leek to Chair the Select Subcommittee on Member Conduct, and charged him with investigating a complaint against a fellow member who was accused of failing to meet the Constitutional requirements to hold office. Rep. Leek led a bipartisan group conducting the investigation, which led to the accused pleading guilty to perjury and resigning from office.

Having been re-elected to a second term in 2018, Leek was named by then-current Speaker Jose Oliva to Chair the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, one of 10 full committees in the House, and was invited by Speaker Oliva to join his 10 member Leadership Team as only a sophomore. Leek's uncommonly rapid ascent to Leadership established Rep. Leek as a force in the Florida House of Representatives in only his 3rd year holding elected office.

As Chair of the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, Leek was responsible for leading the investigative arm of the Florida House of Representatives. During his tenure as Chair, Leek led the investigation into mispending of approximately \$100 million in one of our Public Universities the theft of intellectual property by the Chinese from one of our publicly supported research hospitals, and an investigation into the extraordinary over compensation of executives at the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Florida's founders constitutionally mandated a part-time legislature to ensure that the elected Members of the House, were also working members of their communities. While the modern demands of the Legislature are very clearly not part-time, Rep. Leek continues to be a working member of our community as the Chief Legal Officer & EVP of Foundation Risk Partners, Corp., a top 20 national middle market insurance brokerage. Foundation Risk Partners was founded in 2017 by Charlie Lydecker and a group of long-time friends and former co-workers. Leek joined Foundation Risk Partners in February 2018, after a 21 year career at the law firm of Cobb Cole, where he was a prominent litigation attorney, recognized as one of Florida's Legal Elite by Florida Trend Magazine, and led the firm as the Managing Partner from 2014-2018.

Rep. Leek is now completing his second term, and running for re-election to a third term. The Florida House of Representative consists of 120 Members. Florida allows no Member of the Florida House of Representatives to serve more than 4 consecutive terms. Each term is 2 years. The Legislature conducts business by convening annually in one 60 day Session.

November 2021 Zoom Details for Those That Cannot Attend In Person

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District Public
Image/PR Chair
Karen Lickiss
Weiss
District
Secretary
Billy D Larson
Sgt. At Arms
William F.
Larson
Sgt. At Arms

Birthdays

Rosaria C.
Upchurch
November 17th
Big John
November 20th



ZOOM LOGIN FOR NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85121713026?pwd=cnF3bGxhbkmzMzTTBIZUQ5dDIOMFV1UT09>

Meeting ID: 851 2171 3026

Passcode: 590047

Rotary Coffee with Master, Nilda Comas



Please Join Us For A Rotary Coffee with Master Sculptor, Nilda Comas

Monday, November 15
8:30am – 9:45am
News-Journal Center

*Please Feel Free To
Bring A Guest*



Minutarian Week 17: November 1, 2021

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RICH *Coop* COOPER
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 6970



And the Family just keeps getting bigger!

Please join me in welcoming our newest member to our Rotary Family!

District 6970, please join me in congratulating The Rotary Satellite Club of Oceanside in Jax Beach, USA. This fine addition was officially admitted to our family last week on Wednesday October 27th.

From what I hear, this club has an All-Star cast in their membership and I'm certain we will be seeing great things from them in the near future. Special thanks go out Area Governor Mary Stutts, Membership Co-Chairs Katherine Batenhorst and Bill Griffin, and President Cathy Hagan and the entire team from the Oceanside Rotary. Way to grow!

Rotary Insurance Program ♦ It's important that we know the facts.

On good advice, I wanted to make sure that everyone is familiar with the coverages that are and are not included in the Rotary International Insurance Program that all clubs in the district are included in.

Fortunately for us we have a seasoned insurance professional as our District Insurance Rep in Jim Register. Jim is a member of the Rotary Club of Mandarin and is also a long time and very highly regarded State Farm agent. I recently had a chance to connect with Jim and discuss the program and here's what we need to know:

Each Member is charged \$5.94 a year for the coverage we have as a District, a club, a board member and as a Rotarian through our RI dues.

Here's some of the coverage's provided:

General Liability ♦ this includes events and our regular club business and is intended to cover for property damage or personal injury that we do to others.

Directors and Officers ♦ to cover the directors and officers of our district and clubs.

Here are some of the coverages that are **NOT** included in this program that the individual clubs may consider purchasing.

Event Cancellation Insurance which can cover financial loss due to weather events as well as some other factors. Important to note event cancellation insurance for COVID or other similar events can not currently be secured.

Worker's compensation ♦ coverage for injuries to employees.

Volunteer Accident Coverage ♦ Coverage to volunteers (Rotarians and others) while they are working for a club or district but not being financially compensated.

Any of the above coverage can usually be purchased and often at a very affordable rate. For further information, please visit:

Our District Insurance website at <https://rotarydistrict6970.org/insurance/>

RI's Insurance page at [https://my.rotary.org/en/us-](https://my.rotary.org/en/us-rotary-club-and-district-liability-insurance-program)

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The RI Insurance program website ♦ log in needed at

<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/1wU5RfkKgXLODRAXvReCq8i4IysJ>

Our District Insurance Representative, Jim Register at jim.register.g2k4@statefarm.com

Upcoming Rotary Events



District Conference and Vibrant Club Seminar ♦ I would love to see you there!

Flamingo Celebration & Vibrant Club Seminar November 5th & 6th at the Renaissance World Golf Village

Click here to Register for the Events ♦ they are ala carte, so come for a little or come for them all. DACdb registration: www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?

EventID=77530947

Click [here](#) to book your group rate for Rotary District 6970 ♦ 2021 District Conference.

We will celebrate the 2020-2021 Flamingo Year in style with a Beach Bash on Saturday Evening.

Major Donor Reception ♦ In conjunction with District Conference.

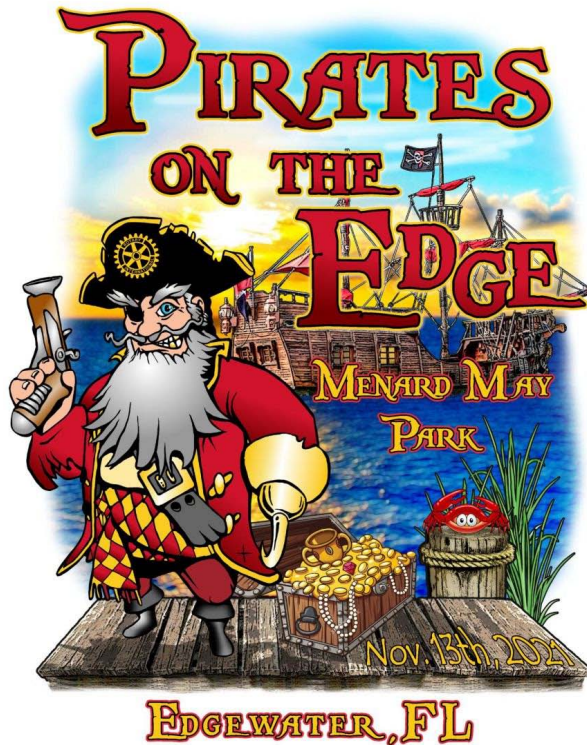
Please join us at the upcoming Major Donor Reception to be held immediately preceding the District Conference

Celebration on November 6th. We will meet outside on the terrace at the Renaissance at World Golf Village for food, refreshments, and fellowship as we recognize and show appreciation to our newest Major Donors and Arch Klumpf Society members.

We will also hear from inspirational guest speaker, PDG Wayne Nomura, who is the Rotary Foundation's Technical Coordinator Chair of Cadres in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Register online for the Major Donor Reception and/or the District Conference Celebration at <https://www.dacdb.com/index>.

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Or, if you prefer, email PDG Ken Baker at jkbaker1327@gmail.com to RSVP for the Major Donor Event only.



Pirates on the Edge, November 13th, 11:00 a.m. ♦ 10:00 p.m. at Menard May Park, Edgewater. Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Edgewater. <http://piratesontheedge.com/>

COMMUNITY
SHREDDING
EVENT

PLUS

**REPLENISH
THE PANTRIES**
Drive Thru/Drop Off Food Drive

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Ponte Veda United Methodist Church Parking Lot
76 South Roscoe, Ponte Veda Beach

Drop Off Bags/Boxes of Shreddable Documents OR Nonperishable Food Items

We'll Do The Lifting!

SHREDDING EVENT: \$20 per bag/box
Cash is appreciated • Credit cards are accepted

Donations Benefit Rotary Supported Charities & 22 Local Food Pantries

Two wonderful opportunities to help those in need!

"Together we can make a difference."

Sponsored by the Palm Valley Rotary Club,
United Way of St. Johns County and Ponte Veda United Methodist Church

Community Shredding Event

Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Palm Valley ♦ Saturday November 13th, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information please see the following link: <https://palmvalleyrotaryclub.org/>

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Send me your clubs upcoming events with a link if you have it and I ♦ will get it in the Minutarian, so we share with the other Rotarians in our District.

Pic of the Week- It ♦s a tie!



It was a tough decision this week, so chose not to decide (I still made a choice). Two outstanding World Polio Day events last week.

First, the Great Gainesville Rotary did a Ride to end Polio, apparently without riding anywhere. And, Oceanside Rotary had a World Polio Day Halloween Happy Hour. Got a good pic of Roti and some hippie. I have to ask DGE Michelman who that guy is, as it seems standards in that club may be slipping.

Service Above Self,
Coop

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PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Let's talk about one of Rotary's Causes: Protecting the Environment.

It seems like we're constantly hearing new stories about something detrimental happening to our environment and how long we have to fix it. We only have one Earth and we have to do everything in our power to protect it, that's why Rotary is taking steps to help empower communities and spur innovation in Protecting the Environment.

Due to deforestation, tropical forests went from covering 12 percent of Earth's land to 5 percent. We need forests to absorb carbon dioxide and help regulate Earth's climate. They provide homes for wildlife, maintain water systems, protect against flooding, and are a source of medicine and food. The Maromizaha forest in eastern Madagascar faced deforestation threats because of a push for more agricultural land. At the same time, local villages depended on the Maromizaha forest for charcoal. In response, Rotary members in Madagascar, Italy, and France teamed up with a local nonprofit organization to plant native seeds across 125 acres of land. The Rotary teams also provided 500 cookstoves so families would reduce their dependence on charcoal for fuel.

If you want to help Protect the Environment, you can plant a tree or teach your friends and family to recycle. You can also check out ongoing projects and volunteer with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group

Community Giveback - Project Warm



This quarter our Community Giveback recipient will be Project Warm. Women Assisting Recovering Mothers (WARM) at the Vince Carter Sanctuary is a long-term residential treatment facility for women exhibiting symptoms of drug and/or alcohol dependence, and for women who are pregnant or post-partum. This program provides a therapeutic and supportive environment through a broad range of services based upon the client's individual needs. Women with children under the age of six are able to have their children in residence with them. Children ages six and older are able to visit on weekends. We will have a box at the back of the room to donations. The requested items are as follows:

1. Boxes of Chocolate (like Whitman's)
2. Candy
3. Lotion (8 oz)
4. Body wash (8 oz)
5. Insulated Water bottles
6. Picture Frames
7. Throw blankets
8. Journals
9. Fuzzy Socks
10. Pens
11. Umbrellas
12. Makeup Palettes
13. Lip balm
14. Bracelets
15. Manicure kits
16. Deck of cards

Club Meeting

Daytona Beach
Meets at Palmetto Club
1000 S Beach St
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-6202
Time: Monday at 12:15 PM