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### Club Leaders



[Kenneth A. Allen](#)  
 President



[William G. Gowen](#)  
 Fundraiser Chairman  
 President-Elect



[Brian Hall](#)  
 Secretary



[Marc Hassan](#)  
 Treasurer

### Club Meeting

Mandarin  
 Ramada Inn Conf. Center Mandarin. I-295 @ SR 13

### District Governor Mike Darragh, August 27

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, August 25, 2019

Mike enjoys helping clubs create more value for their members. He served as Membership Co-chair for 3 of the past 5 years, during which District 6970 became known as one of the best in North America. He would be the first to admit that 6970's success comes from a string of strong leaders, working closely together, and building on the solid foundation of previous years. He was District Trainer for two years, as well as a facilitator at Rotary Leadership Institute, and served in a variety of other roles. Mike retired from CSX after more than 35 years in railroad Operations, Finance, and Sales and Marketing. Mike has lived all across the U.S., from Maine to Texas to California, but has lived in Northeast Florida the majority of his life. Mike has been a member of South Jacksonville Rotary for 28 years. He has spent time with Rotarians from at least 100 countries, but he found one of the most life-changing experiences was a National Immunization Trip to India in 2016. For him, it was just one more example how The Rotary Foundation has allowed him to help more people than he ever dreamed possible and Rotary continues to change him every day.

### Jennifer Mitchell, St Johns Water Management District

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, August 25, 2019



Jennifer Mitchell, Ph. D. is the Public Relations Coordinator for the St Johns Water Management District (SJRWMD). She travels throughout the 18 county district educating groups about the four core missions of the agency: water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems.

All of our water is connected. The quality and quantity of the water within the 310 mile St Johns River varies over time and is impacted by choices we make. Fertilizer, lawn care, stormwater runoff, animal waste, septic tanks, and grass clippings can all make their way into our river. Nutrient levels rise as these harmful products are dumped into our rivers and lakes. The blue green algae blooms that we see are the result of the imbalance in our waterways. To reduce nutrient loading, the SJRWMD is diverting treated wastewater from surface water and using regional stormwater treatment facilities.

Two flood protection projects in Duval County, are the 1.5 mile restoration of McCoys Creek and flood plain that protects 52 acres and a low income toilet exchange for up to 400 toilets. In St Johns County, a flood prevention project is the drainage improvements for San Diego Road. Jennifer mentioned two reclaimed water infrastructure projects in St Johns County: 0.06 MGD reclaimed made available for Oak Bridge Golf Course, and tanks and transmission lines for Twin Creek development.

SJRWMD sponsors the Blue School Grant Program as a way to enhance student knowledge of Florida's water resources. Public and charter schools within the district are eligible to apply. Up to \$2000 per teacher, per school can be awarded to middle and high schools who qualify. For more information, visit the website at [www.sjrwmd.com/education/blue-school](http://www.sjrwmd.com/education/blue-school)

### Jordan Dental Clinic

By Rita F. Story on Saturday, August 24, 2019



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**John P. Hart**  
iPast President



**Dorrie R. Elder**  
Club Executive Director



**James E. Register Jr.**  
Assistant Governor

### Birthdays

- Hugh Harby  
August 25th
- Brian J. Register  
September 7th
- Nancy A Babineaux  
September 9th
- Mark E. O'Connor  
September 17th



Marc Hassan presented a banner from the Rotary Club Amman Jordan River. The banner was presented to Marc's daughter, Lily, and father, Dr. Majed Hassan, during a recent trip to Jordan to visit family. Along with the banner, Marc shared some pictures of the now completed and fully operational dental clinic, as well as plaque identifying the Rotary Club of Mandarin. During Ladson Montgomery's term as Club President, we sponsored the dental clinic project through a Global Grant initiated by Marc's cousin Raja Ishaq, then president of the Jordan River Club. After all the grant paperwork was completed, the project took around 6 weeks to complete and the clinic was opened on April 6th, 2019. The opening ceremony was attended by many dignitaries and local community representatives in addition to several Rotarians, and of course, the members of the Jordan Club. The project received great recognition from the local community. Today it is being utilized and appreciated daily by all the patients being treated there, the health center staff, and the Ministry of Health personnel.



## Membership Moment

By Wesley R. Caldwell on Saturday, August 24, 2019

I am happy to announce that we will be inducting two new members into the club this Tuesday. Butch Lee, sponsored by Major Harding and Keith Burby, sponsored by Gary Stasco, prior to his move.

There is little doubt that no one can charge a new member as eloquently as our own Wilson Smith. For the other sixty-two clubs, the district provides a full script. Below are some excerpts from the text. It serves as reminder as to why we joined Rotary and how important it is to extend an invitation to someone you know.

Your sponsor has extended the hand of friendship and invited you to become part of a worldwide organization dedicated to encouraging and fostering the ideal of service, as a basis or worthy enterprise.

\_\_\_\_\_ you have been invited to join Rotary, but it will be through your own actions that you become a Rotarian.

We encourage you to learn all you can about Rotary, and to strengthen your own leadership and communication skills by actively participating in the activities of the club including: attending weekly meetings, social events, and service projects.

You will be provided many opportunities through our Rotary club and district to enhance and expand your professional and personal skills. And, I am in confident that you will find these opportunities to be a great value to you.

You will also be provided with many opportunities to provide service to others through club service, vocational service, community service, new generations service and international service known as our 5 Avenues of Service.

We welcome your strong arm and strong heart for service, in joining the club to engage Rotary and Serve Humanity.

And, we encourage you to look for opportunities to serve our community and fellow man and bring forth those ideas, so we can increase our breadth of service together.

When we join Rotary, we become part of something bigger than ourselves. Beyond enriching our own lives and the lives of our family members - the relationships we build, foster understanding across communities, and cultures around the globe.

Through your membership, you will enjoy a network of business leaders and professionals. And, as fellow Rotarians, we commit ourselves to do our part in making you feel welcome in the club.

I also have a challenge for you, if you are willing. My challenge is for you to share the gift that has been given to you by your sponsor, and to invite another person, of your same qualities of character, reputation and commitment, to join our club within the next 3 months.

The honor of becoming a Rotarian is only surpassed by sponsoring a new member.

## Minutarian Week 8

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, August 25, 2019

When a hurricane hits, our district is ready: Disaster Chair Pat Mulvihill and his team meet regularly with other organizations so we can respond with materials, people and money to help anywhere there is a need. If you want to help in a disaster, check first with Pat to make sure your efforts are most effective.

Remember: Hurricane season runs June to November, and we are heading into the peak period.

Look at our website, Rotary6970.org, to get tips to keep you safe. Planning ahead is crucial.

## Stacy Gambrell

By Rita F. Story on Saturday, August 24, 2019

A reminder for our club:

The Celebration of Life for Stacy Gambrell will be held on Saturday, August 31st at 11 a.m. at Christ's Church, 6045 Greenland Road Jacksonville, FL with Jason Cullum and Rev. Terry Gore officiating. Family and Friends will gather together on Friday August 30th at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin from 5-8 p.m.

The family requests business casual attire and bright colors to celebrate the vibrant life she lived.

## New Meeting Assignments

By Stephen Edmonds on Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Introductions	Raffle	Invocation
27 Aug	Robert Meek	Max Zahn	Ladson Montgomery	Mark Mouro	Mark O'Connor
10 Sept	Ralph Parks	Neewa Phelps	Chris Phillips	Fred Pozin	Brian Register
17 Sept	Jim Register	George Robbins	Gale Ruskosky	Fred Schramm	Bennie Shaw
24 Sept	Liz Shaw	Wilson Smith	Gary Sneddon	Mark Snitzer	Rita Story
1 Oct	Michael Sullivan	Ryan Tiedeberg	Joe Vickers	Ed Washington	Jim White

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## We have a Winner

By Rita F. Story on Saturday, August 24, 2019



President Elect Bill Gowen won the \$585 pot on Tuesday. CONGRATULATIONS, BILL!

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## The Card

By Rita F. Story on Tuesday, July 9, 2019

We had a winner last week, so the pot starts over this week. Get your tickets!

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## Max's Corner

Tuesday, July 9, 2019



Each of the suits on a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the middle ages: heart represented the Church, spades represented the military, clubs represented agriculture, and diamonds represented the merchant class. The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.

Mexican Word of the Day: Wheelchair .....  
Juan and me only have uno taco, but it's OK - wheelchair.

◆ Southern Word of the Day: Doohicky.....  
The name of an object (or person) you can't remember or never knew in the first place. Other variations are Whatchamacallit and Thingamajig.

◆ Redneck Word of the Day: Twerk  
Imma having two more beers .... then it's back twerk.  
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## Years of Service



[James M. Barker IV](#)  
43 Years



[Wilson L. Smith](#)  
43 Years

[Sam J. Folds](#)  
43 Years

[Harlan K. Eaton](#)  
34 Years



[Mark E. O'Connor](#)  
28 Years



[Dennis J. Lafer, M.D.](#)  
18 Years



[Stephen F. Lazar](#)  
13 Years



[John P. Hart](#)  
6 Years



[Mark A. Mouro](#)  
26 Years



[Robert McLean Coble II](#)  
13 Years



[Michael T. Sullivan](#)  
12 Years



[Edwin E. Randall](#)  
2 Years

