



Hail and Farewell Virtual Celebration

*Our First Virtual Hail and Farewell
Tuesday, June 30th, 6-7pm*

Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets at River City Brewing
Company Buffet Lunch begins at
12:00 PM
Address: 835 Museum Way
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Our next Zoom Lunch meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7th.

The Board of Directors will be hosting a virtual Hail & Farewell Celebration on Tuesday evening. You and your friends are cordially invited to *Zoom* in.

We look forward to a happy hour toasting our out-going president, Bea Fore and bidding her a fond farewell!

We will also welcome our incoming president, Tom Ranney, Jr. and prepare for a year ahead that will be exciting and fun as well.

Events

Your home bar can open at any time and you can connect to the party at 6:00pm

Birthdays



Greg Anderson
June 27th



Charlie G. Cofer
June 27th



Jenn Suharmadji
July 2nd



Renee Hanson
July 5th



Bob Massey
July 7th



Vic Zambetti
July 16th



PP Dean Scott
July 19th



Hon Lenny Curry
July 19th



Independence Day - July 4 2020



On July 4th 1776, the United States of America proclaimed its independence from England by signing the Declaration of Independence.

While the signing of the Declaration itself was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday is seen as the official anniversary of U.S. independence.

This historic document was drafted by Thomas Jefferson, with substantial edits made by other members of the Congress. An officially inscribed version was signed by 56 members of the Continental Congress on August 2, 1776.

Although Philadelphians marked the first anniversary of independence in 1777 with spontaneous celebrations in the streets of Philadelphia, the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" wasn't until 1791 and Independence Day celebrations only became common after the War of 1812. By the 1870's, Independence Day had become the most important secular holiday on the American calendar and has transformed into what is known as the 4th of July today. In 1870, The U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees, though it wasn't until 1941 that Congress declared Independence Day to be a paid federal holiday.



[Amanda Watson](#)
July 22nd

Did You Know!

◆ Two future presidents who signed the Declaration of Independence, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of independence.

◆ John Hancock, president of the Second Continental Congress, signed the declaration first but his signature was so large it left little room for the others. The term "John Hancock" is still used as a slang term for a signature in the US today.

◆ The estimated number of hot dogs eaten by Americans on the Fourth of July is 150 million.

◆ There is a 49% chance that the beans on an American plate for a July 4th picnic came from North Dakota or Michigan.

◆ The 4th of July is the most popular holiday for grilling out followed by Memorial Day and then Labor Day.

Source: www.officialholidays.com



Club Anniversaries

Years of Service



PP [Barry W. Covington](#)
06-24-1969
51 Years



PP [Lee F. Mercier](#)
06-24-1980
40 Years



Bob [Massey](#)
06-24-1986
34 Years



[Charles Hyatt](#)
06-01-2004
16 Years



Hon [Lenny Curry](#)
06-19-2007
13 Years



[Charlie Cofer](#)
06-06-2017
3 Years



[Kyle Peters](#)
06-19-2018
2 Years

Wedding Anniversaries



PP [Allan P. Clark](#)
July 2nd



[H. Warner Webb](#)
July 3rd



PP Bill [Jaycox](#)
July 4th



[Terrance Freeman](#)
July 6th



PP [David S. Bissell](#)
July 7th



PP Dick [Morales](#)
July 8th



PP Bill [Langley](#)
July 21st

Family of Rotary

Last Saturday at 10:10pm, we received news on the passing of President Bea's husband, Peter. Pres Bea and his sister were at his bedside and it was peaceful.

Because of ongoing Virus concerns, the private funeral Mass for Pete was held this morning, however, through amazing technology several club members attended the mass virtually. On August 8, there will be a celebration of his life (he would have turned 65 on August 10) and President Bea has planned a wonderful tribute and celebration of his life to be held at the American Legion in Atlantic Beach where they enjoyed many of Peter's Karaoke performances throughout the years and took most of their Exchange students for the weekly steak-dinner Fridays.

Our Rotary family team sprung into action by providing Bea and her family members with meals this past Thursday through Sunday. Please keep President Bea, her daughter Laure Whitmer, and her other family members in your thoughts and prayers.



Minutarian Minute



I celebrated Father's Day as a District Governor for the first and last time on Sunday. I started really early so I could catch up with the District Governor stuff. Then a great day started, with the RI Convention, calls from the kids, and a bike ride. Just when I was ready to start work on Rotary again, I heard the words that everyone dreads, "Mike, the computer doesn't work." The rest of my day was hijacked.

At first, I thought how life would be so much simpler without the complications of family and fatherhood. No more disrupted plans. No extra responsibilities that get in the way of doing what I want to do.

But that isn't very rewarding. It's in the helping that we get our reward. It's that inconvenient disruption of our schedule that helps us realize we actually feel better when we put someone else first. Rotary is like that. We drag ourselves to a service project, then we come home, feeling enlivened feeling like we really DID something.

Share that feeling with a friend. Ask them to join you at a service project. They might learn the secret of Rotary: that life is much more fun and fulfilling when you work with friends and make a difference in someone else's life.

So Share Rotary. Our community needs it more than ever.

Mike Darragh
District Governor 2019-20

This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, January 24, 2020

The Space Shuttle Challenger Explodes After Liftoff

At 11:38 a.m. EST, on January 28, 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the *Challenger*. She underwent months of shuttle training but then, beginning January 23, was forced to wait six long days as the *Challenger*'s launch countdown was repeatedly delayed because of weather and technical problems. Finally, on January 28, the shuttle lifted off.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

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