



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Weekly Speaker - August 11, 2020



Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets Tuesday via Zoom
Social time begins at 12:00 PM
Meeting Time at 12:30 PM

Events

August 11th
[Zoom Meeting- Jordan
Elsbury, Mayor's Chief of
Staff](#)

August 18th
[Fmr. Mayor John Delaney -
1/2 cent Sales Tax Proposal](#)

August 25th
[TBA](#)

September 1st
[TBA](#)
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Birthdays

 [PP Robert M. Harris](#)
August 9th

 [Parker Shields](#)
August 10th

 [Michelle Kalil](#)
August 13th

 [PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
August 16th

 [PP Harlan S. Bost](#)
August 18th



Welcome Jordan Elsbury

Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry's, Chief of Staff

Jordan was coming up through the ranks of Louisiana politics after graduating from Southern Louisiana University when he took a chance on the Curry 2015 mayoral campaign. On the campaign, he served as campaign coordinator and Curry's personal aide. In July 2015, Jordan was promoted to Director of Appointments and Special Projects for the City of Jacksonville.

In January 2016, he was named intergovernmental affairs director and served in this role for 4 years until in June 2020, when he was named as Chief of Staff by Mayor Curry. The Chief of Staff is an integral part of the senior administration and serves in a supervisory role, along with Chief Administrative Officer Brian Hughes, over city departmental heads and acts as an advisor to the mayor. Over the summer, Jordan served in a key role to secure the 2020 Republican National Convention coming to the city. Unfortunately, the convention was recently cancelled due to the virus.

This 28 year-old Eagle Scout won recognition as a 30 Under 30 Florida Political Rising Star from Florida Politics in 2016. He lives in Murray Hill with his wife, Stephanie, and their three daughters. He moved to Jacksonville when he joined Curry's first campaign for mayor in 2015.

One of his first lessons learned was to "Never remain neutral, for the victor will consider you part of his spoils and the vanquished will have no room for you in his cave."

In 2016, he stated that if he wasn't working in politics, he would be a brewmaster of 'all things craft beer'.

Membership Minute

ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the



[Thomas Signorello](#)
August 18th



[PP Hobie Joost](#)
August 20th



[Bill Traer, III](#)
September 3rd



[Randy Gordon](#)
September 5th

present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

From the Board...

At the July 22nd Board meeting, we extensively discussed when we felt it would be safe to meet again in-person. Our members' health and well-being is the Board's greatest concern, and given the recent rise in cases, we do not feel an August in-person meeting is plausible at this time. We will reassess and look towards September as a possibility, but feel more hopeful that by October conditions will have improved sufficiently to meet again in-person. Given this conclusion, the Board also decided to give a \$200 credit on this quarter's dues invoice. This is a one-time credit and will be re-visited if we have to continue with Zoom. Some members have asked about waiving the credit and paying their typical full amount toward Club support during these uncertain times. If you choose to pay your full amount, please add the credit back (in full or any portion you would prefer) to your total and make a note on your check. Credit card fees were absorbed by the Club last quarter and will be absorbed again this quarter. Members will not be charged the normal convenience fee at this time.

Club Anniversaries

Years of Service



[Skip Booth](#)
07-07-1987
34 Years



[Rick Morales III](#)
07-31-1990
31 Years



[PP Dean Scott](#)
07-07-1998
23 Years



[Ryan Goltry](#)
07-01-2020
1 Year

Wedding Anniversaries



[Ryan Maloney](#)
August 9th



[Richard Dow](#)
August 28th

This week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, August 7, 2020

August 11th, 1934 - Federal Prisoners Land on Alcatraz

A group of federal prisoners classified as "most dangerous" arrives at Alcatraz Island, a 22-acre rocky outcrop situated 1.5 miles offshore in San Francisco Bay, on this day in 1934. The convicts' the first civilian prisoners to be housed in the new high-security penitentiary' joined a few dozen military prisoners left over from the island's days as a U.S. military prison.

Alcatraz was an uninhabited seabird haven when it was explored by Spanish Lieutenant Juan Manuel de Ayala in 1775. He named it *Isla de los Alcatrazes*, or "Island of the Pelicans." Fortified by the Spanish, Alcatraz was sold to the United States in 1849. In 1854, it had the distinction of housing the first lighthouse on the coast of California. Beginning in 1859, a U.S. Army detachment was garrisoned there, and from 1868 Alcatraz was used to house military criminals. In addition to recalcitrant U.S. soldiers, prisoners included rebellious Indian scouts, American soldiers fighting in the Philippines who had deserted to the Filipino cause, and Chinese civilians who resisted the U.S. Army during the Boxer Rebellion. In 1907, Alcatraz was designated the Pacific Branch of the United States Military Prison.

In 1934, Alcatraz was fortified into a high-security federal penitentiary designed to hold the most dangerous prisoners in the U.S. penal system, especially those with a penchant for escape attempts. The first shipment of civilian prisoners arrived on August 11, 1934. Later that month, more shiploads arrived, featuring, among other convicts, infamous mobster Al Capone. In September, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, another luminary of organized crime, landed on Alcatraz.

An Engineer or a Doctor?

Humor Corner!

An Engineer or a Doctor?

An Engineer was unemployed for long time. He could not find a job so he opened a medical clinic and put a sign up outside: "Get your treatment for \$500, if not successful get back \$1,000."

One Doctor thinks this is a good opportunity to earn \$1,000 and goes to his clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost taste in my mouth."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "This is Gasoline!"

Engineer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

The Doctor gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days later to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "But that is Gasoline!"

Engineer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

The Doctor leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak."

Engineer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for this. Take this \$1,000."

Doctor: "But this is \$500..."

Engineer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back!

That will be \$500.

Club Leaders



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iPast President



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Chair



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