



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Club Meeting

South Jacksonville  
Meets at Southside Baptist  
Church, Fellowship Hall Buffet  
Lunch begins at 12:00 PM  
1435 Atlantic Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

## Events

January 19th  
**Karen Bowling, UNF**  
**Entrepreneurial program**  
January 26th  
**Founder's Day, PE Richard**  
**Dow**  
Feb 2  
**Patrick Kilbane,**  
**Jacksonville Aviation**  
**Authority**

## Birthdays

 **Martha E. Barrett**  
January 8th

 **Larry Cavallaro**  
January 9th

 **PP Vicki-lyne Gloger**  
January 10th

 **Hal A Kelly**  
January 13th

**Mary Alice Phelan**  
January 19th

## Weekly Speaker

By Mike Shewey on Friday, January 8, 2021



**COL (RETIRED) DAVID ABRAMOWITZ:** Presently is the volunteer senior mentor coordinator for the Veterans Treatment Court. Previously he served as the Regional Director for the Department of Children and Families.

Prior to moving to Jacksonville, Dave was a 31-year active duty Army military officer with 5 deployments. An Army Aviator whose positions included Brigade Commander, Inspector General of all Continental US Army Forces and the Commandant of the Sergeants Major Academy.

David is a proud graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He and his wife have three children, two of whom served, and one grandchild.

## Membership Minute



**Rotary Rose Parade  
Float Committee**



### ROTARY FLOAT IN ROSE PARADE

While watching the 1978 Pasadena Rose Parade on Television, Jack Gilbert, who was President of the Wilshire Rotary Club, in Los Angeles, California, and subsequently chairman of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, had an idea. Rotary would be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 1980. Jack believed that by entering a float in the 1980 New Year's Day Rose Parade, Rotary could communicate its message, ♦Service Above Self♦ to millions of people worldwide.

Jack shared his vision with other Rotarians, who supported the idea. Seven Governors in Southern California agreed to underwrite the cost of the float and make up any shortfall not covered by Club contributions. Fortunately, the Clubs contributed \$35,000 which covered the full cost of the original float.

This first Tournament of Roses experience lead to the formation of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee which now receives contributions each year from approximately 8 Rotary Districts and an additional 700 Individual Rotary Clubs to fund the float. The Rotary International float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade is one of the largest public relations project of the Rotary clubs of the United States and Canada. A multi-district Rotary committee in Southern California coordinates planning of the Rotary float and provides hundreds of volunteer hours of service. The Rotary float must portray the annual parade theme, usually depicting one of the worldwide service programs of Rotary International. Each New Year's Day, Rotarians take pride in seeing their attractive float and realize they have shared in its construction by contributing a dollar or two to this beautiful public relations project.

The Committee has entered a float every year since 1980. The famous Pasadena, California, parade is



[Mike Shewey](#)  
January 20th



[Terrance Freeman](#)  
January 24th



[Jorge F. Morales](#)  
February 3rd

seen by an estimated 125 million people via worldwide television.

Read more at: <https://rotaryfloat.org>

## BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ROTARY ORATORY 250 DINNER CLUB



### **Why be a 250 Dinner Club Member?**

*It helps cover the cost of Dinner and TV Production for our Oratory Finals Event*

**What does it cost?** \$250

### **How?**

*Simply email Patti that you wish to be a 250 Dinner Club Member*

*Join us for our Rotary Oratory Finals on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at the WJCT Studios at 6pm.*

**Thank you for your support !  
The Oratory Committee**

## Club Anniversaries

### [South Jacksonville](#)

January 27th

## Years of Service



[Jorge F. Morales](#)  
01-18-1983  
38 Years



[Larry Cavallaro](#)  
01-22-1985  
36 Years



PE [Richard Dow](#)  
01-16-2007  
14 Years



[Ron Patrick](#)  
01-10-2012  
9 Years



PP [Bill Langley](#)  
01-08-2013  
8 Years



[Julia Kalinski](#)  
01-16-2018  
3 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Larry Cavallaro](#)  
January 31st

## This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, January 8, 2021

### **On January 12th, 1932, Hattie Wyatt Caraway becomes first woman elected to U.S. Senate**

Hattie Ophelia Wyatt Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, becomes the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate. Caraway, born near Bakerville, Tennessee, had been appointed to the Senate two months earlier to fill the vacancy left by her late husband, Thaddeus Horatio Caraway. With the support of Huey Long, a powerful senator from Louisiana, Caraway was elected to the seat. In 1938, she was re-elected. After failing to win re-nomination in 1944, she was appointed to the Federal Employees Compensation Commission by President Franklin Roosevelt.

Although she was the first freely elected female senator, Caraway was preceded in the Senate by Rebecca Latimer Felton, who was appointed in 1922 to fill a vacancy but never ran for election. Jeannette Rankin, elected to the House of Representatives as a pacifist from Montana in 1917, was the first woman to ever sit in Congress.

## Bench Talk...

### **GROWING OLD:**

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.' 'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

### **SIGNS OF THE TIMES:**

*In a Podiatrist's office:* "Time wounds all heels."

*On a Septic Tank Truck:* "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels."

*At a Proctologist's door:* "To expedite your visit, please back in."

*At an Optometrist's Office:* "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

*On a Plumber's truck:* "We repair what your husband fixed."

*On another Plumber's truck:* "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

*On a Church's Bill board:* "7 days without God makes one weak."



At a Tire Shop: "Invite us to your next blowout."  
 At a Towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."  
 On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."  
 In a Non-smoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."  
 On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push."  
 On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."  
 On a Fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"  
 At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment"  
 Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."  
 In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"  
 On an Electricians Invoice: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."

## Club Leaders



[Tom Ranney](#)  
President



[Richard Dow](#)  
President-Elect



[Charlie G Cofer](#)  
Secretary  
Treasurer



[Greg Anderson](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
International  
Service Ave Dir



[Bea Fore](#)  
RI & District  
Awards Chair  
iPast  
President



PP [Gary L. Wilkinson](#)  
Club Service  
Ave Dir



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)  
Mentor &  
Training Chair  
Vocational  
Service Ave Dir



PP [Vicki-lyne Gloger](#)  
Community  
Service Ave Dir



[Julia Kalinski](#)  
Youth  
Services Ave  
Dir



[Crystal Broughan](#)  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



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Membership  
Chair  
Past President



[Janet Reagor](#)  
Assistant  
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