



## Weekly Speaker

By Mike Shewey on Friday, November 13, 2020



**Craig Smith, Managing Partner  
Alhambra Theatre & Dining/Theatre Partners LLC**

A native of Jacksonville, Craig Smith grew up in Callahan, Florida. He got his first taste of business at the feet of Peter Bragan, Sr. and Pedro. Working for the then-named Jacksonville Suns, he honed his skills in promotions, sales and customer service. Craig adapted what he learned at the Ballpark to become a serial entrepreneur, with success in the communications business, the transportation business and in the retail labeling industry.

In November of 2009, he found himself quite by accident as the owner of the Alhambra Theatre & Dining, the nation's longest running professional dinner theater. A labor of love, Craig embarked on a journey to improve the Alhambra's guest experience and further the Alhambra's place among Jacksonville's most treasured cultural icons.

Since taking over the 375-seat dinner theater, the longest-running such theater in the nation, attendance has increased 25% each year and now proudly boasts sell out crowds more often than not. With a great Executive Chef, tableside service rather than a buffet and a menu that changes with each show, under Smith's guidance the Alhambra has become known as much for its culinary experience as it is for its high quality off Broadway-like shows.

Smith lives in downtown Jacksonville. When not at the Alhambra, Craig enjoys his time hunting and spending time with his daughter, Macy, (whom he largely credits with his purchase of the Alhambra). Craig is on the Board of Directors for Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), the Dean's Council at UNF and the Marketing Committee for Visit Jacksonville, and speaks frequently at area business events about Jacksonville's growing cultural scene and thriving business environment.

### 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

- November 17th  
**Craig Smith (in-person)**
- November 24th  
**Thanksgiving week-no lunch meeting**
- December 1st  
**Jack Sears (in person)**
- December 4th  
**Service: Bell Ringing**
- December 8th  
**TBA** December 15  
**Skip Booth (in person), Aviation special Holiday luncheon from our caterer!**

### Birthdays

-  **Ben Samuels**  
November 14th
-  **Christy King**  
November 14th
-  **Emory Ware**  
November 20th
-  **Rick Morales III**  
December 1st

## Nominating Committee Issues Slate

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PE Richard Dow announced the slate of Directors as nominated by the Committee for the 2021-2023 term:

- Lynn Bauman
- Randy Gordon
- Ken Flottman
- Bill Jaycox
- Laure Whitmer



The above named Rotarians have all agreed to serve if elected and will lead the Club in service for the upcoming term. A vote will occur at the Annual meeting on December 1, 2020.

**Service Opportunity!**



[Richard L. Miller](#)  
December 12th



[Mark Borello](#)  
December 12th

We will be ringing the bell once again this year for the Salvation Army at Publix on University near old St. Augustine Rd. We have 3 time slots still available that need to be filled. Please go to the DACdb calendar and click the RSVP button, then include the time slot in the comment section. Currently we need 2 members to fill the noon-2pm, the 4pm-6pm and the 6pm-8pm time slots. We are limiting the coverage to 2 people per time slot to be as safe as possible. Be sure to wear your mask! Let Patti know if you can cover a time slot, but can't access the calendar.



## Club Anniversaries

## Years of Service



[George F. Armstrong](#)  
11-26-1985  
35 Years



[Dinkins Grange](#)  
11-22-1988  
32 Years



[Emory Ware](#)  
11-19-2019  
1 Year

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Emory Ware](#)  
November 25th



Skip [Booth Jr.](#)  
December 5th



PP [Robert M. Harris](#)  
December 7th



[John R. Pope](#)  
December 9th



PP [Jason B. Burnett](#)  
December 10th

## In Other News From Around the District....

Did you know.....the Rotary Club of Arlington has changed it's name and it's meeting location. They are now the Rotary Club of Springfield and currently meet just on Zoom on the first and third Thursdays at 12:30. When in-person meetings resume, they will meet at the Event Center located at 1303 Main Street.

## Membership Minute

### EVERY ROTARIAN AN EXAMPLE TO YOUTH

In much of the official literature of Rotary International relating to service to young people, a special slogan will be found - "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth." These words were adopted in 1949 by the Rotary International Board of Directors as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.



Youth service projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, handicapped children's centers, school safety patrols, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child care centers and children's hospitals. Many clubs provide vocational counseling, establish youth employment programs and promote use of The 4 -Way Test. Increasingly, drug and alcohol abuse prevention projects are being supported by Rotarians.

In every instance, Rotarians have an opportunity to be a role model for the young men and women of their community. One learns to serve by observing others. As our youth grow to become adult leaders, it is hoped each will achieve that same desire and spirit to serve future generations of children.

The slogan accepted over 70 years ago is just as vital today. It is a very thoughtful challenge, "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth."

## This Week in History

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### Heidi Game

On November 17, 1968, the Oakland Raiders scored two touchdowns in nine seconds to beat the New York Jets and no one sees it, because they're watching the movie *Heidi* instead. With just 65 seconds left to play, NBC switched off the game in favor of its previously scheduled programming, a made-for-TV version of the children's story about a young girl and her grandfather in the Alps. Viewers were outraged, and they complained so vociferously that network execs learned a lesson they'll never forget: Whatever you do, one said, you better not leave an NFL football

game.

The game between the Jets and the Raiders was already shaping up to be a classic. It featured two of the league's best teams and 10 future Hall of Fame players. By the game's last minute the two teams had traded the lead eight times. The game's intensity translated into an unusual number of penalties and timeouts, which meant that it was running a bit long.

With a little more than a minute left to play, the Jets kicked a 26-yard field goal that gave them a 32-29 lead. After the New York kickoff, the Raiders returned the ball to their own 23-yard line. What happened after that will go down in football history: Raiders quarterback Daryle Lamonica threw a 20-yard pass to halfback Charlie Smith; a facemask penalty moved the ball to the Jets 43; and on the next play, Lamonica passed again to Smith, who ran it all the way for a touchdown. The Raiders took the lead, 32-36. Then the Jets fumbled the kickoff, and Oakland's Preston Ridlehuber managed to grab the ball and run it two yards for another touchdown. Oakland had scored twice in nine seconds, and the game was over: They'd won 43-32.

# Life Explained

On the first day, God created the dog and said, sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years.

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.

For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.

And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.



## Club Leaders



[Tom A. Ranney](#)  
President



[Richard Dow](#)  
President - Elect



[Charlie Cofer](#)  
Secretary  
Treasurer



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International Service  
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RI & District Awards  
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Chair  
Vocational Service  
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Ave Dir



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Youth Services Ave  
Dir



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Rotary Foundation  
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