



## Founders Day

By Mike Shewey on Friday, January 22, 2021



charter members

### Club Policy #2 (1979)

The founding of the club shall be observed each year by honoring its charter members each year at the regular meeting which is nearest to January 27 th .

### When Rotary Came to South Jacksonville

Much spade work was necessary before the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville came into being with the granting of its Charter on January 27, 1955. At the request of the District Governor, Frank Sherman was asked to make a survey of South Jacksonville and turn in a confidential report on good, eligible prospects of different business and professional classifications. The report was completed and turned in with favorable recommendations. Members of the Downtown Club voted to allow a new group to be formed drawing members from the territory south of the St. John's River.

At the request of Past-President of Rotary International, Ken Guernsey, a handful of prospective members met with him for a preliminary indoctrination. Our club founders of 1955: Raymond Alley, Dave Robeson, Ed Abercrombie, Karl Ambrose, Frank Sherman, George Martin, Charles Campbell, Harold Clark, Harold Ashley, Gannett Johnson, Irwin Cross, Frank McKinley, Gilly Lockwood, Steve Helmuth, Forest McGill, Bill Smith, Wil Coates, Cody Skinner, Bob Langley, Sr., Larry Payne and John Kirkpatrick.

The Charter ceremony was a memorable one. Bob Feagin was Master of Ceremonies. Members of the South Jacksonville Club and their wives were seated at tables in the center of the ballroom directly in front of the speaker's rostrum. Over 600 Rotarians and spouses from Jacksonville and 14 other host Clubs filled the Auditorium of the Hotel George Washington. President of Rotary International, Herb Taylor, author of the Four-Way Test, made a truly inspirational talk and presented the Charter to Frank Sherman.

### Spinoffs

- Mandarin Rotary Club - 1975
- Southpoint Rotary Club - 1999
- San Jose Rotary Club - 2003
- San Marco Rotary Club - 2008

### Fun Facts

Our Banner design was adopted in 1976. We planted the palm trees around the Treaty Oak in 1995. For the first ten years of the club, members smoked and drank during the meeting. Meeting locations were Green Turtle, Valle's, Crowne Plaza, Radisson/Wyndham.

First animal brought into the club: Cody Skinner brought a cow to a meeting. Club members were asked to bring their top employee to a club meeting.  
Biggest sports celebrity to speak to the club: Coach Jimmy Johnson, August 4, 1987. This may have been the highest attendance meeting in club history. The club held a joint meeting with the Mandarin Rotary Club. Attendance was close to 300. Club member, Hurricane Harry Reinhardt (deceased), arranged this meeting.  
Past President Ken Weiss's wife, Sarah, entertained the club by playing the piano longer than any other club pianist.  
The longest family membership in our club is the Langley family, with six members. The Langley family

### 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 26th  
**Founder's Day** Feb 2nd  
**Patrick Kilbane, Jax Aviation Authority** Feb 9th  
**Dr. Carlene Taylor, UNF Animal Assisted Intervention Initiative** Feb 16th  
**Mike Binder, UNF Political Science Assoc Professor**

### Birthdays



[Terrance Freeman](#)  
January 24th



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



[Laure Whitmer](#)  
February 10th



PP [Allan P. Clark](#)  
February 11th



[Les Loggins III](#)  
February 15th



[H. Warner Webb](#)  
February 17th



PP [Dan Robie](#)  
February 18th



PP [Odette Struys](#)  
February 21st

## 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

had 5 active members in the club at the same time and the Morales family had 4. The All-Time Board Member: The club member who served on the Board of Directors continuously for over 25 years was Bob Massey, Sr. Bob was club Parliamentarian. Rotary was all male until the early 1990s. Spouses of Rotarians were known as Rotary Anns. There was an active organization of Rotary Anns called the Inner Wheel. The first female member of the club was Julie Catlin. Until 1995, the Gear was printed on high quality paper and mailed to every club member and a few former members. Every Gear had to be typeset and printed on a printing press (PP Jerry Hanks). Marcus Drewa is the member of the club with the longest record of perfect attendance more than 50 years. That means he has spent over 25 hours and 45 minutes of his life singing the welcome song. The welcome song was not written by Frank Sherman. Its father was Sam Rosenthal. Singin Sam, as he was dubbed by PP Al Wilkinson (PP Gary's father) introduced the song during Al's year as president. Frank Sherman did prepare an alternate welcome song.

Six District Governors have been selected from our club: Bob Langley, Sr. (PP Bill Langley's grandfather), Gus Johnson, Ed Nelson, Bob Langley, III (PP Bill's uncle), Paul Mori, and Mike Darragh. PP Jason Burnett, PP John Callender and PP Vickie-lyne Gloger were Rotary ambassadorial scholars. Casey Martin, Dinkins Grange, PP Hobie Joost, PP Gary Wilkinson, Bob Massey, Rick Morales, P Tom Ranney, PP Bill Langley, Richard Miller and Laure Whitmer are all children/grandchildren of Rotarians who were members of our club.

Casey is the last remaining connection to our Founders-his father was a charter member. Gary and Hobie, as well as their fathers, were presidents of the club. Bill Langley as well as his uncle and grandfather were presidents of our club.

Gary was the president of Wolfson Interact.

Robert Meek was the winner of a Rotary speech contest and Paul Mori had him speak at the District Conference.

Patti Chapman has been our executive secretary for 25 years.

## Frank Sherman Award

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### Criteria for the Frank Sherman Award:

The Frank W. Sherman-Service Above Self Award was established in honor of our Charter President and sponsored by the American National Bank. An Annual award given to a Rotarian in the greater Jacksonville area who has demonstrated service to Rotary, his/her business or profession and community; selected by a committee appointed by the President and approved by the Board. To be presented at the January meeting celebrating Founder's Day."



## Good Government Award

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### For the Good Government Award:

The Good Government Award is given by the Club to a public employee of the community of Jacksonville based on the following criteria:

1. Superior performance in job responsibility
2. Contribution to the community as a public servant and citizen
3. Adherence to the Four Way Test of Rotary

## Membership Minute

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S BEGINNING

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had

only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

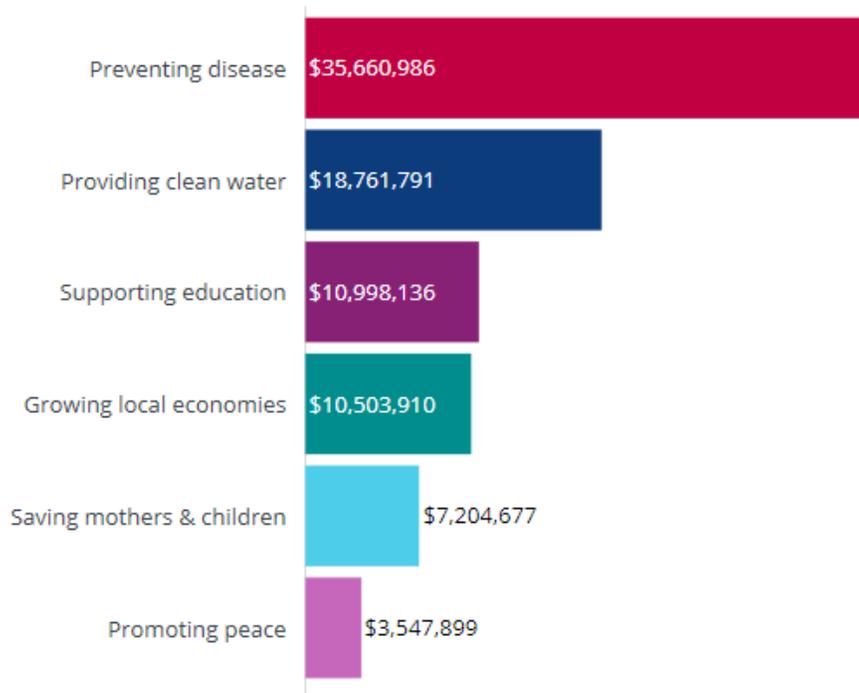
In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

## Foundation grants

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The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year 2018. Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported.



**ROTARY HUMOR**

## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY?

A very cranky old woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away, complaining and criticising throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches." The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "Nine, but what do you care about that?"

The judge patiently said, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long suffering husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak.

The judge said, "Yes, what do you have to add?" The husband said, "Your Honor, she also stole a can of peas."

## SENIORS RULE!

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer challenges the senior citizen to a riddle challenge and asks if the senior would like to play a fun game.

The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun... "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00," he says.

This catches the senior's attention and, to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop to search all references he can find on the internet. He sends E-mails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up. He wakes the senior and hands him \$500.00.

The senior pockets the \$500.00 and goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

## Club Leaders



[Tom A. Ranney](#)  
President



[Richard Dow](#)  
President-Elect



[Charlie G. Cofer](#)  
Secretary  
Treasurer



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Sergeant-at-Arms  
International Service Ave Dir



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