



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets at Doubletree Hotel
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Events

- November 2nd
[Braxton Gilliam](#)
- November 9th
[Peggy Fuller](#)
- November 16th
[Mort Crim](#)
- November 17th
[Gingerbread Build!](#)
- November 23rd
[Thanksgiving week-no lunch meeting](#)

Birthdays

 [Bruce R. Maddern](#)
November 1st

 [Kyle Peters](#)
November 5th

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

 [Ron Patrick](#)
November 8th

P [Richard Dow](#)
November 9th

Welcome - Braxton Gilliam, Downtown Investment Authority

By Mike Shewey on Friday, October 29, 2021



Board Certified Civil Trial and Board Certified Business Litigation attorney with 20 years of experience representing businesses, property owners and professionals in Florida. I am AV rated and have been recognized by Super Lawyers, Florida Best Attorneys, Florida Legal Elite, The Best Lawyers in America and Jacksonville Magazine's Top Lawyers in Jacksonville.

Most Braxton's career has included Bar service and leadership. He has served on the Young Lawyers Board of Governors for the Jacksonville Bar Association from 1999 through 2004, including serving as its President in 2003 & 2004. He also served on the Jacksonville Bar Association Board of Governors from 2004 to 2014, including as its President in 2013 & 2014. Since 2015 and he served on the Fourth Judicial Circuit's Unlicensed Practice of Law

Committee. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.

W. Braxton Gilliam, IV, Esq. was born in Ahoskie, North Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994 where he was a Morehead Scholar. He obtained his Juris Doctorate, with honors, from the Florida State University of Law in 1997.

In 2008, Mr. Gilliam was appointed to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission and served as the Chair of the Commission in 2011 and 2012. He served on the Board of Governors for the Jacksonville Bar Association from 2004 - 2014 and was a past President of this organization.

Mr. Gilliam is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in both Business Litigation and Civil Trial. As such, the Florida Bar has authorized him to identify himself as a specialist in both Business Litigation and Civil Trial work.

Mr. Gilliam is currently serving on the Florida Bar Board of Governors on behalf of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Since 2016, he has served on the executive counsel for the Trial Lawyers' Section of the Florida Bar.

Oratory 2022

The rotary oratory competition application process has begun. The oratory committee has reached out to 68 high schools in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. Please note the important dates listed below as we prepare for the 2022 Rotary Oratory Competition. Total scholarship award amounts are: \$5,000 1st Place; \$3,000 2nd Place; \$1,000 Finalists.



Application Submission Deadline: November 19, 2021



[Christy King](#)
November 14th



[Ben Samuels](#)
November 14th



[J Emory Ware](#)
November 20th

Southside Regional: January 11, 2022
Fernandina Regional: January 14, 2022
Orange Park Regional: January 18, 2022
Westside Regional: January 19, 2022
St. Augustine Regional: January 24, 2022
Jacksonville Regional: January 31, 2022

Final Competition Date: February 17, 2022

Years of Service



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



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



[J Emory Ware](#)
11-19-2019
2 Years

Wedding Anniversaries



[Marcus Haile](#)
November 2nd



[Randy Gordon](#)
November 4th



[Tyrie W. Boyer](#)
November 6th



[Ryan Goltry](#)
November 8th



[J Emory Ware](#)
November 25th

Fifty/Fifty Raffle



50/50 Raffle Card game is back! One lucky winner will be selected each week for their chance at 50% of the cash pot. To win, you must draw the Ace of Spades. If there is no winner, the pot grows, and the deck of cards shrinks improving your odds of winning at the next drawing.

1 Tickets - \$1
3 Tickets - \$2
10 Tickets - \$5

50% of the proceeds will go towards this year's **District**

Grant project: Daniel Kids Creekside-Cedarwood Cottage Project. The purpose is to support the renovation of Creekside-Cedarwood Cottage, future home of a residential treatment program serving children with mental health issues co-existing with mild-to-moderate intellectual differences. A new service for the Jacksonville area. Our contribution will be \$6,000 that will go towards purchasing furnishings and pediatric therapy equipment.

Gingerbread Setup

Gingerbread Setup is scheduled for November 17th.

We set up tables, walls, trees and string extension cords. It only takes about 2 hours, or less. This is a big fundraiser for the Jacksonville Historical Society.

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to meet Rotarians and get a feel for what we are all about.



This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, October 29, 2021

MLK Federal Holiday Declared

President Ronald Reagan signs a bill in the White House Rose Garden designating a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr., to be observed on the third Monday of January.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta in 1929, the son of a Baptist minister. He received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 organized the first major protest of the civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated nonviolent civil disobedience to racial segregation. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and the movement gained momentum.

A powerful orator, he appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and Northern whites. In 1963, he led his massive March on Washington, in which he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address. In 1964, the civil rights movement achieved two of its greatest successes: the ratification of the 24th Amendment, which abolished the poll tax, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public facilities. In October of that year, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the prize money, valued at \$54,600, to the civil rights movement.

In the late 1960s, King openly criticized U.S. involvement in Vietnam and turned his efforts to winning economic equality for poorer Americans. By that time, the civil rights movement had begun to fracture, with activists such as Stokely Carmichael rejecting King's vision of nonviolent integration in favor of African American self-reliance and self-defense. In 1968, King intended to revive his movement through an interracial Poor People's March on Washington, but on April 4 escaped white convict James Earl Ray assassinated him in Memphis, TN.

Club Leaders



[Richard Dow](#)
President



[Charlie G. Cofer](#)
President-Elect



[Greg Anderson](#)
Secretary/Treasurer



[Tom Ranney Jr.](#)
iPast President



[Edward Lombard](#)
Assistant Governor