



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Club Meeting

South Jacksonville  
Meets on Tuesdays via Zoom  
Social time begins at 12:00 PM  
Meeting time is 12:30 PM

## Events

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

## Birthdays



[Tyrie W. Boyer](#)  
August 2nd



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



[Thomas Signorello](#)  
August 18th

PP [Hobart H Joost](#)

## Weekly Speaker

By Mike Shewey on Friday, July 31, 2020



Please give a warm Rotary welcome to our Weekly Speaker, Assistant Governor, Janet Reagor.

Janet will be delivering the District Governor's message and goals for the coming year.

## We Mourn a Loss

By Mike Shewey on Friday, July 31, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to past president Tom Ranney Sr. Tom joined Rotary in 1981 and was president of our club from 91 - 92. Tom passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida. Tom was born in Akron to his parents Arthur Fobare Ranney and Effie Murphy Ranney on March 31, 1931.

He spent his youth lifeguarding during the summer in Akron while attending Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach. Upon graduation from Seabreeze he was voted best looking Senior Superlative. He attended and graduated from Florida State University with a Political Science degree and was actively involved in numerous on campus political clubs as well as serving as President of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Following graduation in 1953, Tom was hired by the IBM Corporation and enjoyed a 44-year sales, sales training, executive management, and lobbyist career. He quickly rose through the ranks and was named IBM's youngest branch manager in 1960. He continued his career in Orlando, Tampa, New York and Dallas and then moved to Jacksonville in 1980 where he ultimately retired in 1997.

While in Jacksonville, Tom served on the boards of University of North Florida, The American Cancer Society, and was the Chairman of the Board for the United Way. Tom was also an active member of Rotary International for nearly 40 years in Tampa Dallas and Jacksonville where he served as President from 1991-1992. He was also very dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America throughout his entire life serving in many capacities. He was also awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America senior executives for distinguished service to youth. Tom was a member of the South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church for 40 years serving in various positions including Elder, Session Member, and Trustee.



***From the Board...***



August 20th

## Club Anniversaries

## Years of Service



[Edward M. Booth Jr.](#)  
07-07-1987  
34 Years



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



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



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

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Thomas Signorello](#)  
August 3rd



[Bill M. Traer, III](#)  
August 3rd



[Ryan Maloney](#)  
August 9th



PE [Richard Dow](#)  
August 28th

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. Thank you.

## Membership Minute

**First Name or Nicknames:** From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

## This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, July 31, 2020

### Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* is published

Henry David Thoreau's classic *Walden, or, A Life in the Woods* is required reading in many classrooms today. But when it was first published on this day in 1854 it sold just around 300 copies a year.

The American transcendentalist writer's work is a first-person account of his experimental time of simple living at Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts, starting in 1845, for two years and two months. The book explores Thoreau's views on nature, politics and philosophy.

Thoreau was a 27-year-old Harvard graduate when he moved to Walden. He built the simple 10-by-15-foot cabin along the shore of the 62-acre pond, a mile from the nearest neighbor, on land owned by his friend, poet Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," he wrote.

His only income came from the labor of his own hands. Thoreau farmed the land, eating and selling his crops, which included beans, potatoes, corn, peas and turnips, made frequent trips into town (including to see his mother, who lived up the road) and entertained visitors.

The initial print run was 2,000 copies, with each book priced at \$1, and took five years to sell out. Later shortened to *Walden*, per Thoreau's request, it was one of just two full-length books published by the author (though he published shorter works including the notable essay *Civil Disobedience*). His first book, *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*, released in 1849, was also written during his time at Walden, as a memorial to his late brother John.

## A Word from the Coach

I'm just a plowhand from

Arkansas , but I have learned how to hold a team together. How to lift some up, how to calm down others, until finally they've got one heartbeat together, a team. There's just three things I'd ever say:

*If anything goes bad, I did it.*

*If anything goes semi-good, then we did it.*

*If anything goes real good, then you did it.*

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

-- Bear Bryant

## Club Leaders



[Tom A. Ranney, Jr.](#)  
President



[Richard Dow](#)  
President - Elect



[Charlie G Cofer](#)  
Secretary/Treasurer



[Greg Anderson](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Bea Fore](#)  
iPast President



[Crystal Broughan](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Bill Langley](#)  
Membership Chair  
Past President



[Janet Reagor](#)  
Assistant Governor