



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

- September 7th
Labor Day week-no lunch meeting
- September 14th
Welcome T.K. Waters, Chief of Investigations, JSO
- September 21st
Club Assembly & Fellowship
- September 28th
TBA

Birthdays



Bill M Traer III
September 3rd



Randy Gordon
September 5th



George F Armstrong
September 7th



Marcus E. Drewa
September 7th

iPP **Tom Ranney Jr.**
September 8th

Special Club Assembly - Save The Date

September 21st Meeting ♦ Members Only Assembly

Lunch or attending the performance of a lifetime? My wife and I had tickets for a matinee ♦ of *Hello Dolly* ♦ with Pearl Bailey and Cab Calloway. But there was no seating for lunch. Then the ma ♦ tres ♦ d shared a plan. Would we share a table with six others? Of course!



There was a married couple who were powerful Cook County lawyers, a physician and spouse, a department store manager, and a jeweler. And us. As we broke bread we learned about each other, some of each other ♦s history, and why we were there that day. It was difficult to leave the table, even for *Hello Dolly!* ♦

Do you feel that way about Rotary? Our club is a unique blend of professions, personalities, and the goals we hold highest. As we bond over a weekly meal, our friendships support significant community outreach, networking, and more. **The question is, how can we invite more to the table?**

On September 21 we are devoting our meeting to the growth of our club; not just inviting and adding members (though that ♦s an important part), but how we change lives when we invite more friends to the table.

Here ♦s the plan:

President Elect **Charlie Cofer** will introduce our agenda and offer a bit of club history. Then, I will share our club ♦s membership growth goals. PP and Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator **Mike Darragh** will tell us how we accomplish these goals. PP **Gary Wilkinson** will share our process for making new



[Rob Gatta](#)
September 8th



[William H. Harrell](#)
September 9th



PP [Bill R. Jaycox](#)
September 10th



[Erin Perry](#)
September 12th



[John R. Pope](#)
September 23rd



[Andrea Myers](#)
September 27th

members part of the club. Then Charlie Cofer will bring it all together, with **time for questions and discussion.**

This will be a Members Only Club Assembly with no guests. You will get the most out of it if you can **attend in person.** After all, your presence ♦ at the table ♦ is what makes our club so good, and gaining a sense of how to bring others to our club will make it better. **Plan to attend!**

President Richard W. Dow

The History of Labor Day

By Mike Shewey on Friday, September 3, 2021



Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history ♦s most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts ♦ wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late

18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a ♦workingmen♦s holiday, ♦ celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers ♦ rights squarely into the public ♦s view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

Years of Service



[Skip M. Booth Jr.](#)
07-07-1987
35 Years



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



PP [Dean Scott](#)
07-07-1998
24 Years



[Ryan Goltry](#)
07-01-2020
2 Years



[Michelle S Kindy](#)
07-20-2021
1 Year

Wedding Anniversaries



PP [Jay Plotkin](#)
September 8th



[Julia Kalinski](#)
September 25th

[Tamara Baker](#)
October 2nd

Gear Stories

By Mike Shewey on Friday, September 3, 2021

Send Gear Stories or ideas for Gear stories to Mike Shewey at mshewey68@gmail.com

Club Leaders



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President

[Charlie G Cofer](#)
President - Elect



[Greg Anderson](#)
Secretary/Treasurer



[Edward Lombard](#)
Assistant Governor



[Tom Ranney Jr.](#)
iPast President

