

DOWNTOWN ORMOND BEACH OBSERVER



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Club Events

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Club Birthdays

Angela Kelman
July 27th

2nd Annual Minute to Win it Challenge - All Hands On Deck!

By Jennifer G. King on Monday, July 15, 2019



Minute to Win It is a FUN, action-packed event to raise funds for local and global Rotary causes.

About this Event

SAVE THE DATE!

Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach is hosting our 2nd Annual Minute to Win It FUNdraining event.

If you missed it last year, you missed one the the funnest events EVER, and you certainly don't want to miss it this year!

General Admission tickets are \$30 June 20th through July 19th at 11:59 pm.

Day of Event Tickets are \$35 July 20th at 12:00 am.

Click the link below to the Eventbrite event to register.

[2ND ANNUAL MINUTE TO WIN IT - ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN ORMOND BEACH](#)

It is also posted on our Rotary Facebook Event page. Click this [link to go to our Facebook Event page](#).

This year's games are:

Defying Gravity

Card Ninja

How♦s it Hangin'

Tickets include one (1) free beer, free koozie, and more FUN than you can handle.

Chances to win Cold Hard Cash, Booze Basket Raffles (2) and Around Town Gift Certificate Basket(s)

All proceeds to benefit various local and global Rotary causes.

Joyce Pepin
August 2nd
Monique Amos
August 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

Donna Conlin
July 12th
Laraine Burns
July 25th
Stephen Burns
July 25th
Chad Rohrbacher
August 5th
Tom Mondloch
August 6th
Ellen Crotts
August 14th



Club Meets at the Grind!

By Tom Mondloch on Monday, July 15, 2019



Our next Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 starting at 5 pm at the GRIND GASTRUB in the WINE CELLAR ROOM, located at 49 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. Our speakers for this meeting will include Matt Metz, with the Public Defenders Office of Volusia/Flagler, and Sandra McDermott, District 6970 Assistant Governor.

July 23rd: Sherie Laurens (Invocation)
Sean Kramer (Pledge)

August 13th: Rob Maklin (Invocation)
Carleen Leffler-Nicastro (Pledge)

At our last meeting, we heard classification talks from Cathy Moutsopoulos and Nancy Cortez-Ferguson.

If you're feeling like you missed something, you certainly did! Join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings and make sure you don't miss out on future great events! [#serviceaboveseelf](#) [#betheinspiration](#) [#rotarydistrict697](#)

Message from Brandon

By Brandon Perry on Monday, July 15, 2019

Greetings fellow Club Members! I'm excited for the start of our new Rotary year! As we begin to settle in for the year ahead, I would encourage everyone to review our organizational chart (to be sent separately via PMail) and determine where you would like to get involved. We have needs on committees as well as some open positions within the Club. Please reach out to a Committee Chair if you would like to help them in their work this year, or let myself or any Club leader know your passions so you can get to work on them!

Please plan to attend our 2nd Annual Minute to Win It Event this Saturday at 2 PM at Fletcher's Irish Pub. More details inside this newsletter. This fundraiser is very important to our Club goals for this year and is also a ton of fun!

We look forward to seeing you at a Club event and meeting soon!



International Project: Building Playgrounds in Africa

By Monique Amos on Monday, July 15, 2019



With a significant contribution from our Club, the 25 member team from Tomoka Christian Church including Club member Linda Bradley, built playgrounds at The Rock and The Ark CarePoint Centers in Okahandja, Namibia for orphaned children living with Aids. These playgrounds were in support of Christ's Hope International which is dedicated to caring for AIDS-affected, orphaned, and vulnerable children. Children affected by AIDS are often stigmatized and marginalized by society and their communities, severed from their extended family, abandoned and left to live on the streets or in underfunded orphanages.

When the children were not at the centers, the mission team was building the playgrounds. After clearing the grounds of glass and rock, the team shoveled gravel and sand for mixing the cement to ground the support posts. Then they built swings, jungle gyms, rope ladders, bolted tires together to make obstacle courses, etc. Our Club made a \$1000 contribution to support this International project that was used to purchase wood, nuts and bolts, rope, rock, sand and powdered cement. Thanks to this generous support, there are now new playgrounds at the two Carepoint Centers in Okahandja, Namibia.

While there, Linda did more than just help build playgrounds; she built relationships. The caretakers and teachers at the each center work with the children that come on a daily basis. Younger children go to the centers before school for breakfast and the older children go after school for lunch. Team members are assigned to work with the staff. Bradley was assigned to a class of 11-14 year olds and taught a class on personal hygiene, helped with homework and served food. For Wednesday's craft day, Linda picked up over 100 rocks with flat surfaces and washed and spray painted them. The children used Sharpies to write messages, bible verses, names, etc. and placed them around the trees on the playground. On Friday fun day they played games such as, Simon Says, Duck-Duck Goose, Frisbee, Dodge Ball, Hop Scotch and polished the girls nails during play breaks.

After the construction was finished, the team watched the children as they arrived at the centers run directly to the playgrounds. However, most of the children stopped short; they didn't know how to play on a playground, so the team taught them how to use the new equipment. The team was grateful to know that their work generated all the smiles and laughter and that the playgrounds brought so much joy to these children.

The children are sponsored by people in other countries. Additional sponsors are always needed as more CarePoint Centers are opened. The \$30 monthly to sponsor a child goes to providing them with shoes, school uniforms and supplies and food provided by the Centers. Bradley spent each day with her twelve-year-old sponsored daughter, Benonia.

Chris Hope's mission is to break the cycle of HIV and AIDS and cares for over 1,400 AIDS affected and vulnerable children in 28 Ministry CarePoint Centers across Africa. The centers provide physical, academic, emotional, spiritual, and social support.

For more information: <https://christshope.org/>

Our New Rotary Year Begins!

By Monique Amos on Monday, July 15, 2019





[#RotaryClubofDowntownOrmondBeach](#) celebrated our 2018-2019 accomplishments with [#friends](#) and [#family](#) at [Ormond Brewing Company](#) and for the 2019-2020 Installation of our new President and Board of Directors by District Governor Nominee Rich Cooper. We are so proud of Becky Parker for all her hard work and leadership in 2018-2019 including nine new members recruited, multiple local volunteer projects completed, and more than \$15,000 raised to support the club's local charitable projects. The club's volunteer work included building an outdoor classroom, garden projects and Reading Buddies at Ormond Beach Elementary, cleanup and painting at Pace Center for Girls, Adopt-a-Highway, Tomoka State Park cleanup, work at Boy Scout Camp La-No-Che Tomoka campsite, and furnishings for Ruth House. Donations were made to Provision Packs Pantry, Honor Flights, Boy Scout Troop 468, and Addiction Treatment Advocates. 100% of Club members gave a minimum of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation

The new Board of Directors are Brandon Perry, Becky Parker, Frank Ganz, Tom Mondloch, Sean Kramer, Carleen Leffler-Nicastro, Laraine Burns, Jennifer King and Stephanie Casimiro and we look forward to what we will accomplish this year.

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Committees Work!

By Monique Amos on Monday, July 15, 2019

Monique Amos Reports from the Public Relations Committee:

We have grown our Public Relations Committee with the addition of Robert Macklin and Nancy Cortez-Ferguson.

Our active Committee Members are:

Monique Amos

Steve Burns

Alex Schumann

Tom Mondloch

Stephanie Casimiro

Robert Macklin

Nancy Cortez Ferguson

Jennifer King Reports from the Membership Committee:

I am looking forward to a successful, positive, and fun year as Membership Chair. First, we want to retain our amazing members we already have and help get all involved in our Club in one way or another. You all are very important for this Club to thrive! As far as growth, we are looking to continue to diversify our membership in both the areas of age and classifications. Please reach out to me if you are interested in being a member of this committee and/or if you have any ideas on how to grow our membership. [386-222-9991](tel:386-222-9991).

August Social - Poker Games

By Tom Mondloch on Monday, July 15, 2019



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Poker night hosted by Steve and Sabrina Jack is on Friday, August 2, at 6:30 pm at 7 Whipper In Circle in Ormond. Please BYOB and a snack to share. There will be a serious table for those well-acquainted with poker tournaments with a \$100 buy in. There will also be a table available for fun play (beginners). The serious table will have 8-10 seats, but second serious table can be opened up if there is more interest. The evening will be capped off by a 30 minute fireworks display in the Jack backyard to celebrate the start of our new Rotary year!! Must make event!!

July Social: SET/MATCH

By Tom Mondloch on Monday, July 15, 2019





Book Club -

Friday, May 24, 2019



Sabrina Jack leads our Rotary Club sponsored book club that meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm (following our regularly scheduled Club meeting). The next book club will be on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 and is entitled "Breaking Cover."
Club members, spouses, and friends are welcome to join in the discussion.
