

Save the Date!

OCTOBER 30TH

8AM - 9:30AM

AUTISM WALK



**THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY
SUPERVISOR OF
ELECTIONS IS OUR
SPEAKER THIS WEEK**

**The
Rotary
Foundation**



**THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION EXPLAINED**



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 5 AT 7:30AM

**TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT
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Those who took part in last year's Autism Speaks Walk.

It's October already and time again to support one of our club's signature service projects: the Autism Speaks Walk! This year's Walk is planned for Saturday,

October 30, 8 AM-9:30 AM, beginning at the Nocatee YMCA. Please wear your Rotary shirt, bring your family and friends and join in the fun of walking those beautiful trails for an important cause.

Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org) is the largest autism research organization in the U.S. The group's annual Autism Speaks Walk is one of its largest fundraisers. Last year, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra partnered with Autism Speaks to conduct a walk right here in Nocatee, raising over \$3800 for the cause. This year, our club is renewing that partnership with a new fundraising goal of \$5000.

This event is personal for many of our club members including Jim Huster whose youngest son, Caleb, is on the spectrum. Due to early interventions through a St Johns County program at Ocean Palms Elementary and enormous hours of ABA therapy, speech therapy, and occupation therapy, Caleb is thriving. The money we raise in our Walk will help provide much needed support to families who may not have the access to resources like Caleb.

How You Can Help

You can help right now by signing on to our Club's Walk page at <http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/pontevedrarotary>.

From there, there are two ways you can ensure we meet our \$5000 goal:

1. Come out and walk with us! We are asking every adult who walks to make a \$25 donation and every student make a \$10 donation (Click on "Join Our Team" to get started. Once you have registered yourself you will have the option to add family members).

2. Become a fundraising partner! Take 10 minutes and create your own personal fundraising page and send it to your friends and family via, text, email and social media (Once you have registered by clicking on "Join Our Team," you will have the option to set a personal goal and create your personal fundraising page).

Even if you aren't available to walk, please join the Ponte Vedra Rotary Team online and consider your personal gift to the cause of autism awareness—in whatever amount works for you. Or if you prefer, you can make your gift via the Club's Venmo account (@PonteVedra-Rotary) or by check to our newly established Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation.

CELEBRATIONS!

OCT. 8th

Derek & Megan Wheeler celebrate their wedding anniversary. Congrats you two!

OCT. 12th

Sean Smith celebrates his birthday. Happy birthday, Sean!

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections for St. Johns County

Oct. 12 - Dr. Kim Lucker-Greene, President of Behavioral Solutions Consulting, Inc

Oct. 19 - Karen Correale, Development Director, Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County



www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day

Feed the Frontline Highlights

This past week, Feed the Frontline made two more meal deliveries to local hospital workers. On Thursday, September 30, Linda Lomax and Brandon Sugg helped us deliver enough food to feed lunch to 75 frontline workers at Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside, and on Saturday, October 2, Tyler Limbaugh and Bob Wiltfong handed over enough Pieology pizzas, soda and cookies to feed 50 weekend workers with dinner at Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County.

Feed the Frontline by the numbers so far:

- **5 local hospital campuses served**
- **About 500 hospital workers fed**
- **255 Pieology pizzas ordered**
- **\$2300+ total donations**

The Rotary International Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, also known as the RI Foundation, (as distinguished from our own newly established Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation), is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The RI Foundation helps fund many Rotarian humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives, all focused on one or more of the following points of emphasis:

1. Promoting Peace
2. Fighting Disease
3. Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
4. Saving Mothers and Children
5. Supporting Education
6. Growing Local Economies
7. Protecting the Environment

The RI Foundation is so highly regarded that for over a decade it has received the very highest rating — four stars — from [Charity Navigator](#), an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

When the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra was created in Nocatee, it was decided it would become a club composed of “Sustaining Members” of the RI Foundation, each contributing at least \$100 annually to the Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund. This amount is billed by our club annually, at the start of the Rotary year.

While all of us as Club Members share this common approach, we are also, as individual Rotarians, free to supplement the \$100 yearly giving amount to the RI Foundation in a variety of ways. Extra donation opportunities will be described and highlighted over the course of the coming year. We encourage any interested Rotarians to make known that interest, should the worthwhile options that will be presented appeal to their personal charitable giving objectives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- *Pre-order your Rotary license plate now! You can pre-order at any tag agency in the state of Florida or by visiting floridarotarytag.com. If you have any questions, contact District 6970 Governor-Elect, Jeff Michelman at dr.jeff.rotaryd6970@gmail.com. They will NOT make the plate if there aren't enough requests for it.*
- *The date of the D6970 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) originally set for August 28th has been changed to October 16th. The change was made after careful consideration of current COVID-19 activity. Register by going to <https://www.rltraining.org/course-information/course-schedule/> and scrolling down to October 16th and clicking on "More info"*

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Next Meetings

Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30am

In Person: The patio at Trelor Park Restaurant

Virtual: Zoom: ID - 388 019 0662; Password - 263 227

Speaker: Vicky Oakes, St. Johns Supervisor of Elections

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30am

In Person: The patio at Trelor Park Restaurant

Virtual: Zoom: ID - 388 019 0662; Password - 263 227

Speaker: Dr. Kim Lucker-Greene, Autism Expert



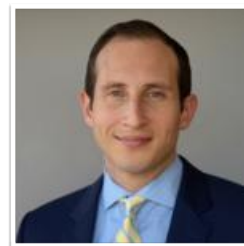
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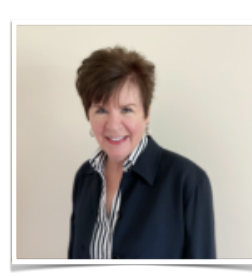
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