

No Meeting
July 6th

BECAUSE OF THE
HOLIDAY, WEEKLY
MEETINGS WILL
RESUME JULY 13TH



LEADERSHIP HAND OFF

NEW PRESIDENT SALUTES OLD
ONE



BANNER EXCHANGES

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR
CLUB BUILD A BLANKET OF
BANNERS



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 13 AT 7:30AM
TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT
PATIO - NOCATEE

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Help Keep Nocatee Looking
Sharp

Come to the Nocatee

Welcome Center on

Saturday, July 17th, at

8am.

Mark your calendars for 8am on Saturday, July 17! That's when we'll be doing our first community service project of the new Rotary year. Members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra (and any age appropriate kids) will gather at Nocatee's Welcome Center to do a trash pickup event.

Participants will be divided into teams and assigned to specified areas along Crosswater Parkway. The primary target of the clean up is the Parkway from Nocatee's Town Center to at least the Coastal Oaks entrance. However, the more Rotarians who can join in the fun, the more area we can clean. Once we've completed our mission, we'll return to the Welcome Center with our "collectibles" to dispose of them. The event will conclude at 9:30am.

Community Service Chair, Denny Baldwin, asks all participants to show up with gloves and a Rotary t-shirt. If you don't have a t-shirt already, we'll distribute t-shirts to club members at the Welcome Center upon arrival. You'll also be supplied with safety vests, helmets and trash bags (courtesy of Nocatee Community Manager, David Ray).

Although Nocatee does its best, Ray says it's hard for community organizers to keep up with the amount of trash that accumulates in the area, especially along Crosswater Parkway. Baldwin says, if all goes well, we might do more cleanup projects like this in Nocatee. "These events," Baldwin says, "are a good, hands-on opportunity for our club to enhance its public image, possibly recruit members and inspire other groups to do likewise for a community which has been named the best place to live in Florida."

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the project, please contact Denny Baldwin at 315-436-0896.

Celebrations!



Eddie Sarnowski's wife, Jamie, celebrates her birthday on June 28th. Happy birthday, Jamie!



Eli and McKenna Tavarez celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on July 2nd. Congratulations, you two!



Darrell Clarkson celebrates his birthday on July 9th. Happy birthday, Darrell!

Upcoming Community Service Events

In addition to the upcoming Nocatee cleanup event, our Community Service Committee has identified several other potential future service projects for us. They include:

- Re-establishing scouting in Liberia
- Connecting with an orphanage in Kampala, Uganda
- Developing a “sister” relationship with the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, Spain
- A YMCA-related international service project
- The End Malaria Now project in Colombia
- A work project at St. Johns Housing Partnership, Blessings in a Backpack organization, and/or INK (St. Johns Education Foundation) relative to needed school supplies
- Autism Speaks’ Annual (in person this year) Walk for Autism Awareness scheduled for Sunday, October 31 at the Avenues Mall (you may recall we raised over \$3700 last year and snagged second place among all NE Florida participating teams)
- Support for the St. Johns Food Pantry in November
- Adopting a few disadvantaged, reading-challenged local families through Learn to Read to assist over the Holidays
- Supporting Water for Cambodia again — with the possible addition of a “good will ambassador” from our Club traveling to Cambodia in late January or early February to visit Siem Reap Headquarters
- Supporting the annual Rubber Ducky Regatta again, scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2022



A Word from Our President

On behalf of the 2020-2021 Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Board of Directors and our entire club membership, I would like to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to Ian Aguilar as serving as Club President during this difficult and trying period. With his leadership we were able to accomplish so much, while staying safe with Zoom meetings and limited contact projects!



MaryBeth Murray, RCPV
President 2021-2022

A few of the clubs highlights over the past year: our Club provided over 350 PPE masks to local schools through a joint District Funded Grant with 4 other St. Johns County Rotary Clubs. The Club also raised funds to purchase 94 Bio-sand filters necessary for providing clean drinking water in conjunction with the Water for Cambodia project. Our inaugural Duck Race Regatta raised over \$20,000 earmarked for both Learn to Read, St.

Johns and the newly formed Ponte Vedra Rotary Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Ponte Vedra Rotary Club. We participated in the Autism Speaks Walk, raising \$3800 and placing second in the NE Florida donations. The Club organized a food drive for the St. Johns Food Pantry, as well as a school supply drive for INK (Investing in Kids, St. Johns County Public Schools) and sponsored 2 needy families with gifts and Publix gift cards during the Christmas holidays.

I am honored to take the role as President this coming Rotary year. It is my goal that we build on the momentum created this past year with impactful service projects, both locally and internationally, weekly meetings with interesting and engaging speakers, and of course meaningful fellowship creating fun and lasting friendships.

Again, CHEERS to you Ian, you have certainly paved the way for the success and growth of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra!

Exchanging Banners: A Fun Rotary Tradition Renewed

One of the ancient Rotary practices has been to trade Club Banners when visiting other clubs as long-distance visitors. Typically, both the visiting Rotarian and the President of the club being visited say something about their club, their history, or their community.

When the visiting Rotarian returns to Nocatee, the gift flag is presented to his or her own club at the next meeting with a tale or two about the visit, often including any ideas learned from the visited club that could be used back home.

Lots of banners get exchanged here in Florida, but the practice was brought to a standstill by Covid-19 and more flexible attendance experiments. But that is likely to change as we get back to more predictable, normal operations.

Our club has a generous supply of banners showing an image of Nocatee for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra. The hope is each of you will travel with a banner or two, visit other clubs worldwide, and come back to tell us all about it.



The banner you bring back will be displayed in a place of honor at each meeting with banners from around the world that other members brought back. There is a very large blue blanket banner to which all the smaller ones are attached.

Upcoming Speakers

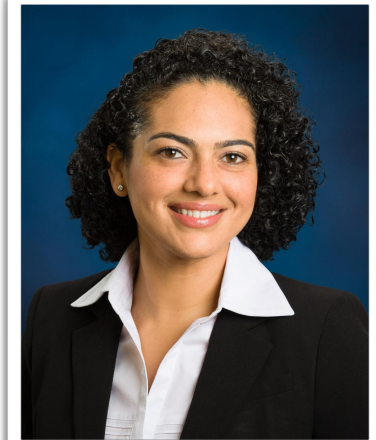


July 20th

Richard Cooper, New Governor of our Rotary District
6970

July 27th

Diana Rosito, Senior Coordinator at the Nocatee Center for
Healthy Living



August 10th

Ken Babby, Owner & CEO of the Jacksonville Jumbo
Shrimp

Recap of Last Board Meeting

Here are the highlights from our Club's Board of Directors meeting on June 25:

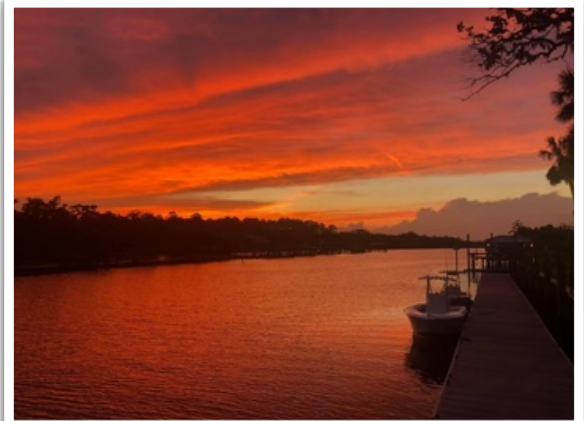
- Honored Melissa Herman's request to resign as Secretary due to personal commitments
- Discussed process for identifying Melissa's successor as Secretary
- Agreed to move July 6 Rotary meeting to July 13 due to July 4th Holiday
- Discussed and approved Mary Beth's plans for typical Rotary meeting agenda, beginning July 13
- Discussed new member recruitment and recognition
- Received and reviewed Treasurer's Report
- Received and discussed Service Committee report
- Received and discussed Public Image Committee Report
- Gave kudos to Bob Wiltfong for Club's outstanding semimonthly Newsletter, new Club social media accounts and agreeing to consider being the Club's "traveling ambassador" to Cambodia for the Water for Cambodia project
- Made provision for previously agreed transfer of specified Club funds to newly established Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation
- Discussed upcoming Passing of the Gavel "Gala" on June 29
- Agreed to keep Board meetings on Zoom for time being
- Scheduled next Board meeting for Friday, July 30 at 7:30 AM

Here & There with Rotarians



Jeremiah Blocker and his kids enjoying a swim on Father's Day.

A beautiful evening (no filter) in Ponte Vedra, courtesy Meagan Perkins.



Darrell & Casey Clarkson have their hands full celebrating Father's Day at Valley Smoke.

Let's Get Social!

FACEBOOK

- The pre-existing group page - <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofpontevedra> (@rotaryclubofpontevedra)
- A newly-created user page for our club <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069265723133> (titled "Rotary Club Ponte Vedra")

INSTAGRAM @rotary_club_of_ponte_vedra

LINKEDIN <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rotary-club-ponte-vedra/>

TWITTER @ClubVedra (or just search for "Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra")

YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxJHnwYGUSXvRd16zSq6R8A> (we can customize this URL -- to, say, youtube/pontevedrarotary -- only after we get 100 subscribers AND we're on YouTube for at least 30 days)

CLUB WEBSITE <https://www.pontevedrarotary.org/>

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Upcoming Meetings, Events & Speakers

* **Club Meeting** - Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30am

In Person: The patio at Trelor Park Restaurant

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

Speaker: Club Assembly - no speaker

* **Club Meeting** - Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30am

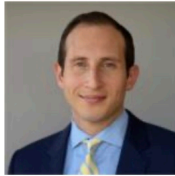
In Person: The patio at Trelor Park Restaurant

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

Speaker: Richard Cooper, New Governor of our Rotary District 6970

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