

**Club Assembly
This Tuesday**
NO GUEST
SPEAKERS THIS
WEEK, BUT
IMPORTANT CLUB
WORK WILL TAKE
PLACE. DON'T MISS!



**PASSING THE GAVEL
CELEBRATION**

PHOTOS AND RECAP



FUTURE SPEAKERS

JULY AND AUGUST SPEAKER
LINEUP



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 13 AT 7:30AM
TREYLOP PARK RESTAURANT
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The Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois takes part in a litter pickup event in its area.

Nocatee Needs You! Big Community Service Event This Saturday

**Come to the Nocatee
Welcome Center this
Saturday, July 17th, at
8am.**

Bring your kids, your friends (and yourself) to the “Keeping Nocatee Looking Sharp” community service event this Saturday, July 17th! We will meet at the Nocatee Welcome Center at 8 AM, and participating volunteers will be assigned to designated portions of Crosswater Parkway for litter pickup. There will be convenient parking suggested at certain areas along the way. Everyone will return

to the Welcome Center at about 9:30 AM with their litter where it will be disposed of by David Ray's office. Courtesy coffee, juice and donuts will be waiting for you!

Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves and his/her Rotary t-shirt. If you don't have a t-shirt already, no worries. We'll have a box of t-shirts with all different sizes to distribute to club members. David Ray's office will be providing safety vests, helmets and trash bags.

If all goes well, we'll plan another pick up day in 2-3 months!



Other Community Service Projects in the Works

In addition to the upcoming Nocatee cleanup event, our Community Service Committee met this past week and agreed to pursue the following in the coming year:

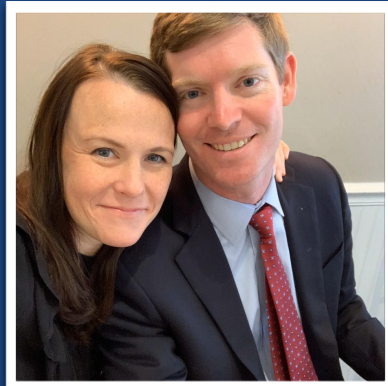
- Autism Walk (October)
- Water for Cambodia (February-March)
- Rubber Ducky Regatta (April-May)
- An international service project to support scouting in Liberia (date TBD)
- An invitation to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, Spain to "twin" with our Club
- A project to support Blessings in a Backpack
- A YMCA-related international service project
- A project to support the St. Johns County Food Pantry



Celebrations!



Hilary Wilson celebrates her birthday on July 16th. Happy birthday, Hilary!



Tyler Limbaugh and his wife, Meaghan, celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 24th. Congrats, you two!

In Memory of...



Luigi Giani, on the left, with the new Director of Operations for Water for Cambodia, Massimo Maio on the right.

With great sadness and a feeling of loss, The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra expresses its sincere condolences on the unexpected recent passing of Luigi Giani. Luigi was the Director of Operations for the Water for Cambodia program (that our club raised \$7000 for this March). Luigi had ably served in his post since August 2015. He will be remembered for his personal charm and overseeing a major increase in the reach and impact of Water for Cambodia's role in bringing clean water, sanitation and improved water security to hundreds of villages and thousands of families in the Siem Reap Province of Cambodia. Luigi's close friend and colleague, Massimo Maio, has been appointed to succeed him as Director of Operations.

“Passing of the Gavel” Celebration



Over 30 Rotarians and their family members gather at Agua Grill for the “Passing of the Gavel” event.

Ponte Vedra Rotary held its annual passing of the gavel ceremony at Agua Grill on June 29 where President **Ian Aguilar** turned over the reins to incoming President **MaryBeth Murray**. Just over 30 Rotarians and guests were in attendance on a balmy night to celebrate the occasion, ably organized by **Kelly Altosino-Sastre** and the Past Presidents Council.

In addition to the welcomed camaraderie and delicious food, the highlights of the evening included:

- Several distinguished guests were welcomed including Rotary District Governor Nominee, **Jeff Michelman**, who was instrumental in helping to establish our Club



Jeff Michelman is applauded by attendees.

- An inspiring poem (listed later in this newsletter) from incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta**, was read
- MaryBeth was officially installed as 2021-22 Club President by her husband, **Jack Murray**, Bartram Trail Past President and District 6970 Area 5 Assistant Governor



- The outgoing Club Directors were warmly thanked for their service and the 2021-22 Club Directors were installed



- Ian's year as President was celebrated for its many accomplishments under difficult pandemic circumstances including:



Ian Aguilar addresses room via Zoom.

- A hugely successful Rubber Ducky Regatta in association with Learn to Read
- Our initial well received participation in Autism Speaks' annual walk to promote awareness of autism
- A wonderful introduction to our inspiring Water for Cambodia project which resulted in the contribution of over 90 bio-sand water filters to the people of Cambodia
- Several awards were handed out including:



- An award to **Win Everett** for his amazing work on the Rubber Ducky Regatta

- A special award to **Bob Wiltfong** for his creative work on behalf of the Club's public image including creating, editing & publishing our awesome digital newsletter & revitalizing the Club's social media presence.

Win Everett and Kelly Altosino-Sastre.

- The annual Spirit of Rotary award to **Kelly Altosino-Sastre** for her untiring devotion to the betterment of the Club and Rotary in general
- The annual Dr. Leona Farrell award, presented by Kelly Altosino-Sastre, to **Andy Erickson** for his outstanding service to the Club especially as Chair of our Water for Cambodia project



Denny Baldwin, Kelly Altosino-Sastre and Andy Erickson.

- A special President's award to **Gary Smith** for his dedicated work, as Chair of our "new and improved" Rubber Ducky Regatta in association with Learn to Read



Gary Smith and Kelly Altosino-Sastre.

- The annual Rotarian of the Year award to **Denny Baldwin** for his tireless work in the area of community and international service



Denny Baldwin and Kelly Altosino-Sastre.



Denny Baldwin addresses audience.



Jeff Michelman, Kelly Altosino-Sastre and Jim Murray.



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Rotary Leadership Institute

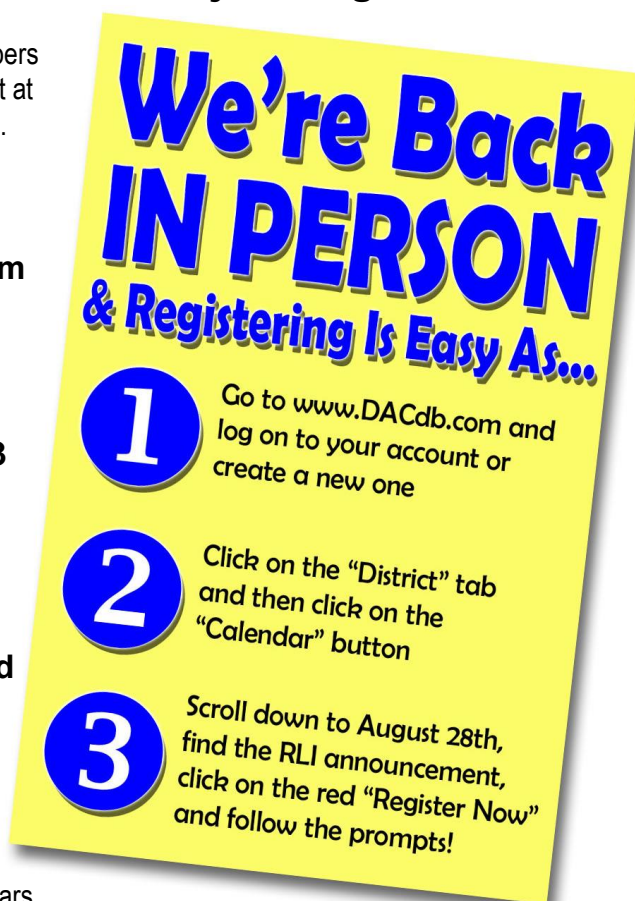
building a better Rotary through education

A successful Rotary Club is best maintained by giving members the necessary leadership skills and Rotary knowledge taught at our upcoming District 6970 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). Registration is now open to all Rotarians:

WHEN: Saturday, August 28th
Breakfast & Sign-In 7:00 – 7:45am
Classes 8:00am to 3:00pm

WHERE: Daytona State College
Flagler/Palm Coast Campus
3000 Palm Coast Pkwy., Bldg. #3
Palm Coast, FL 32137

FEE: \$100.00 per Rotarian
includes class registration,
course material notebook,
breakfast, lunch, facility fees and
course completion certificate
*Some clubs subsidize this expense.
Ask your club leadership for details.*



At RLI, you will share discussions with newer members starting their Rotary journey as well as members of many years all looking to expand their Rotary knowledge. You will learn from different perspectives of Rotarians from around our District. And, you will have time for networking with those same Rotarians. Remember, discussion group size is limited and **registration closes on Tuesday, August 17th**. Don't miss out . . . register today!

Service Projects, Rotary Opportunities, Analyzing Your Rotary Club, Strategic Planning, Foundation Grants, Effective Leadership Strategies, and the History of Rotary are just some of the interesting topics that will be discussed during this RLI session. Plus a special Graduate Class will focus on **Membership** . . . a lively and timely topic available to all RLI Part 3 Graduates.

Join us for "In-Person" RLI . . . **August 28th in Palm Coast!** For more information, contact District 6970 RLI Director Mickey Ulmer at alljustright@aol.com or 904-583-1032.



Future Speaker Lineup



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 3rd

Chris Hoffman, Executive Director at Beaches
Museum

August 10th

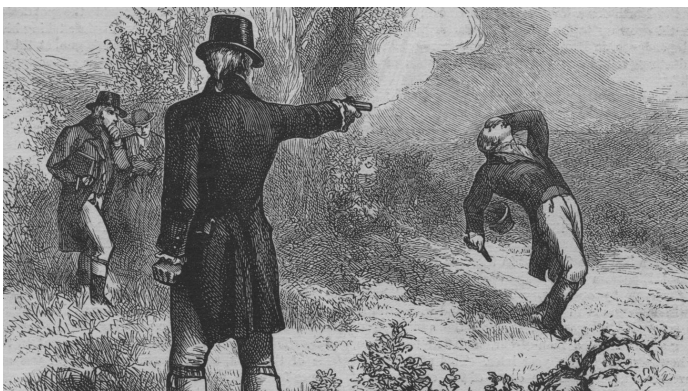
Ken Babby, Owner & CEO of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp



August 24th

Dr. Mona Shah, Cardiologist at Baptist Health System

This Day in History



July 11, 1804

In one of the most famous duels in American history, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shoots his long-time political antagonist **Alexander Hamilton**. Hamilton, a leading **Federalist** and the chief architect of America's political economy, died the following day.

Here & There with Rotarians

Happy 4th of July 🇺🇸🎆



Meagan Perkins celebrates the 4th of July with her kids!

MaryBeth Murray named Top Sales Agent in her office!



Written by
2021-2022 RI President Shekhar Mehta

My Dear Changemakers,
The biggest gift we are given
is the power to touch a life,
To change, to make a difference
In the circle of Life.

If we can reach out
With our hand, heart, and soul,
The magic will start to happen
As the wheel begins to roll.

Let's turn the wheel together
So all of humanity thrives.

We have the power and the magic
To Serve to Change Lives.

Next Meetings & Speakers

Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30am

In Person: The patio at Treylor Park Restaurant

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

Speaker: Club Assembly - no speaker

Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30am

In Person: The patio at Treylor 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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President
MaryBeth Murray



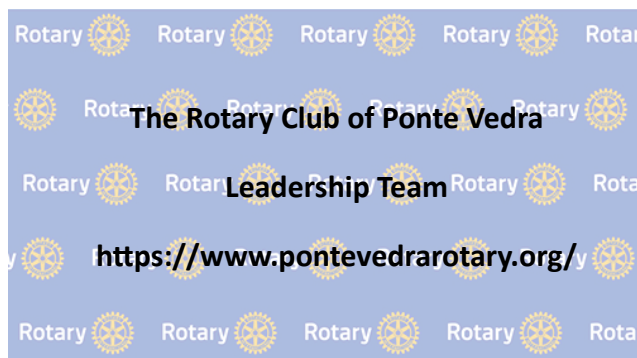
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