

**Go for the Goal!**

**OUR PRESIDENT  
DEFINES CLUB  
GOALS FOR THE  
YEAR**



**PUTTING TRASH IN ITS  
PLACE**

RECAP OF OUR FIRST SERVICE  
PROJECT OF THE NEW YEAR



**LICENSED TO THRILL**

HOW TO GET YOUR OWN  
ROTARY LICENSE PLATE



**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

TUESDAY, JULY 27 AT 7:30AM  
TREYLOP PARK RESTAURANT  
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**Rotary**  
Club of Ponte Vedra



**From the President's Desk:  
Our Club Goals for the Year**

A couple of years ago, the first full year after our club was chartered, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra earned the prestigious PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. The Presidential Citation is awarded to Rotary Clubs that meet or exceed the goals set by the incoming president during Presidential Elect Training (PETS), the spring before taking office. The goals below set the framework for the upcoming Rotary Year.

While I set the goals for our club, I cannot achieve them by myself alone. But together with planning, engagement, and some fun we can achieve the following 15 goals!

### **Total Members**

Goal: 30 Members

### **Members Participate in Service Activities**

Goal: 25 Members

### **New Member Sponsorship**

Goal: 5 New Members

### **Leadership Development Participation**

Goal: 5 Members Participating (includes RLI, PETS, 3 Keys, etc)

### **District Conference Attendance**

Goal: 5 Members (Typically in the spring...who will come with me? We can have some fun too!)

### **District Training Participation**

Goal: 3 Members Participating

### **Annual Fund Contributions**

Goal: \$2500 (Every member, Every year...)

### **Service Projects**

Goal: 5 Projects (first one already accomplished- YEAH!)

### **RYLA Participation**

Goal: One Student Attending

### **Online Presence**

Goal Achieved (Thanks, Bob!)

### **Social Activities**

Goal: 4 (Breakfast on 8/31 at First Watch- that's a Social Activity!)

### **Update Website and Social Media**

Goal: 2 (Again, will get that covered soon- thanks, Bob!)

### **Media Stories about Club Projects**

Goal: 3 (Easy Peasy, right Bob?)

### **Use of Official Rotary Promotional Materials**

Yes, we can do this! Membership?

### **Polio Plus Contributions**

Goal: \$200 (Of course we can do this!)

## ***Celebrations!***



*Jeremiah and Lauren Blocker celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 31st!*



*Denny and Gail Baldwin celebrate 56 years of marriage on August 1st. We see you two!*



*Sean and Colleen Smith celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 2nd!*

## Recap of Our Last Meeting - July 20, 2021

**President MaryBeth (MB) Murray** brought the gavel down right on time at 7:30am as an enthusiastic group of Rotarians and guests gathered for our weekly Tuesday morning meeting on the patio at Trelor Park. MB led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then turned it over to **Sergeant of Arms, Linda Lomax**, to introduce our guests which included (drum roll, please) our incoming **District Governor, Rich Cooper**, an impressive array of 4 Assistant Governors, some prospective members and a visiting Rotarian.



President MaryBeth Murray addresses the meeting.



Sergeant of Arms, Linda Lomax, collects Happy Dollars.

Linda then introduced our new Happy Dollars fundraiser—for the benefit of the Club's new foundation—and went around the patio collecting a hefty number of dollar bills donated by Rotarians and guests to celebrate a variety of occasions—including one from Mary Beth and Jack whose newest grandson, **Milo**, was born just a few days ago.

Returning to the "podium," MB urged attendance at **our first 5th Tuesday social event—an informal breakfast at**

**First Watch on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:30 AM.**

She then introduced **Denny Baldwin** who gave a brief report on the Club's first service project of the year which occurred last Saturday morning as about 10 Rotary volunteers gathered to pick up litter along Crosswater Parkway in support of our "Keep Nocatee



MaryBeth Murray's newest grandson, Milo.



Looking Sharp” effort.

MB announced that **Meagan Perkins** has graciously accepted the Board’s invitation to serve as **Club Secretary** for 21-22, filling an office left vacant by Melissa Herman’s resignation. Meagan brings to the position her substantial experience as our Secretary during Ian’s Presidency, so the Club’s secretarial duties are once again in very good hands.

Linda introduced a catchy new Rotary info game called “Did You Know” which featured various questions about Rotary (like what was founder Paul Harris’ vocation?) where the winners were presented with shiny red apples. It was good fun, along with an enjoyable way for us to learn more about Rotary.



District 6970 Governor, Rich “Coop” Cooper, speaks to our club.

MB introduced **Mary Stutts, Assistant Governor and Past President (PP) of the Oceanside Rotary Club**, to introduce our distinguished guest, incoming District 6970 Governor Rich “Coop” Cooper, for his first official club visit of his tenure. A retired insurance exec and PP of the Ormond Beach Rotary Club, Coop treated us to an impressive “first” presentation which included a description of **District 6970—63 clubs in a 12 county area from Amelia Island to Gainesville, to New Smyrna Beach with over 3300 women and men.**

Indicating that his job is to support us, Coop said that Rotary service just makes you feel good. He briefly referenced incoming **Rotary International (RI) President, Shekhar Mehta**, from India, whose theme this year is “Serve to Change Lives.” Included in his ambitious agenda is “End Polio Now”, a major RI effort over the years which started in the mid-80’s with one Rotarian in the Philippines who saw polio as a major threat and wanted to deal with it. Since



then RI, in partnership with many including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has undertaken to eradicate polio which has been enormously successful, as evidenced this past year when only two cases were reported.

Coop also urged us to participate in **Rotary's new initiative named "Each One, Bring One"** which encourages all Rotarians to grow the membership rolls by introducing at least 1 person to Rotary. Coop concluded his down to earth, hugely informed and lively presentation by urging us to consider attending the **Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, August 28 in Palm Coast** where the many facets of Rotary will be on "display." See the RLI flyer later in this newsletter for sign-up information.

Coop added that he's really looking forward to his first in-person **RI Convention next June in Houston**, having experienced the last two on Zoom. As it's relatively close by, Coop invited all of us to consider attending next June for an awesome Rotary experience.

In commemoration of his first official visit, Prez MB presented Coop with a gift of his favorite bourbon, along with the customary check in support of the RI Foundation. As MaryBeth said, "He really put the organization of Rotary into perspective—the layers of an onion! The more you peel away the more you find all the reaches of Rotary." If Coop's visit with us today was any indication, we're all in for a treat this year as he energetically leads the District under the banner of Rotary's iconic mission: "Service Above Self."

MB concluded the meeting with timely words of wisdom, along with a cordial invitation to be on hand for **our next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday**,



President MaryBeth Murray gives District Governor, Rich "Coop" Cooper, a gift for speaking to our club.

**July 27, 7:30 AM at Trelor Park when our speaker will be Diana Rosito, Senior Coordinator at the Nocatee Center for Healthy Living.**



## Are You Ready to Show Off Rotary Pride on Your Vehicle?

After working on the project for over seven years, we now have an approved Florida Rotary License Plate! The new tag will help fund Rotary Youth Programs across all Florida Rotary Districts and is already available for pre-purchase. The state will begin production of the plates only after 3,000 vouchers for them are sold, so get yours NOW!

You can pre-order at any tag agency in the state of Florida or by clicking on this link: [Florida's Rotary License Plate Pre-Order \(floridarotarytag.com\)](http://floridarotarytag.com). If you have any questions, contact District 6970 Governor-Elect, Jeff Michelman at [dr.jeff.rotaryd6970@gmail.com](mailto:dr.jeff.rotaryd6970@gmail.com).





## Club Members Slam Dunk the Junk



About 10 people took part in a littler pickup event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra in Nocatee on Saturday, July 17th. Under the tag line “Keeping Nocatee Looking Sharp”, local Ponte Vedra Rotarians, their family members and a Teen Achiever from the Nocatee Y hauled away an estimated 10 bags of litter from the Crosswater Parkway between the Town Center and Conservation Trail.

The group gathered at the Nocatee Welcome Center at 8am where they were given safety vests and supplies generously provided by David Ray, Nocatee Community Manager. They then spread out in teams along one of Nocatee’s main thoroughfares collecting whatever trash they found along the way.



Event organizer, Denny Baldwin, Community Service Chair of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, says his club organized the event as a way to help the local community. "Nocatee is a beautiful place that our members call home. This community does a fabulous job of picking up after itself," Baldwin says, "but with so many people making Nocatee home, it's inevitable that some litter is going to accumulate along such a busy road. With the help of Nocatee Community Manager, David Ray, we were more than happy to help make our area cleaner through this event."

Baldwin says one of the Rotary Club's guiding principles is "Service Above Self." A few weeks ago, Ray spoke to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra during one of its regular Tuesday morning meetings. That's when Baldwin approached him about the possibility of doing a service project for Nocatee. The two men settled on the litter pickup event.

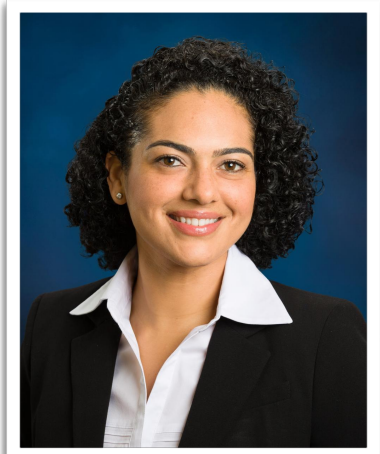
With the event's successful outcome, organizers foresee more litter pickup events sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra in the future.



## A Note from Our Rotarian of the Year

Thanks so much fellow Rotarians for the honor of being named 20-21 Rotarian of the Year. While I'm hugely grateful, it wouldn't have been possible without your valuable help throughout the year. Here's to another successful year of service under Mary Beth's leadership. Warmly, Denny Baldwin

## Future Speaker Lineup



**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



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## September 14th

Jeremiah Blocker, Club Member & St. Johns County  
Commissioner

# This Day in History

## July 25, 1992



On July 25, 1992, the opening ceremonies of the Games of the XXV Olympiad are held in Barcelona, Spain. The Barcelona Olympics were the first ever in which professional athletes were allowed to participate, and the first Games since 1972 in which every member nation of the International Olympic Committee competed. In all, 169 countries fielded teams, the most in the history of the Olympics.





## 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 28<sup>th</sup>  
 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.*

**We're Back  
IN PERSON**  
*& Registering Is Easy As...*

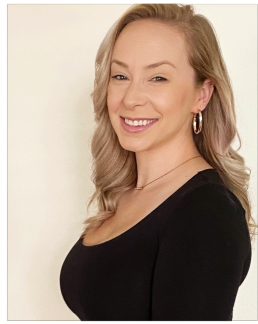
- 1** Go to [www.DACdb.com](http://www.DACdb.com) and log on to your account or create a new one
- 2** Click on the "District" tab and then click on the "Calendar" button
- 3** Scroll down to August 28th, find the RLI announcement, click on the red "Register Now" and follow the prompts!

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 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> in Palm Coast!** For more information, contact District 6970 RLI Director Mickey Ulmer at [alljustright@aol.com](mailto:alljustright@aol.com) or 904-583-1032.





## A Note from Fellow Rotarian, Becky Richmond

Hello All,

I am reaching out because the YMCA has the pleasure of partnering with Nease High School, and Grumpy's restaurants for a charity event on July 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. All of the proceeds will be split between the Y and Nease. We are incredibly grateful to be a part of this event, and look forward to an awesome turn out.

For those of you who do not know, Grumpy's is a staple restaurant in the Clay County area. The owner currently sits on the Clay County Y Board, and is eager to open his new location. This would be a great opportunity to see some of the new growth in the Nocatee area, support the Y and Nease, and grab some great food and conversation while you are at it. If you are interested, be sure to RSVP with your preferred date, time, and please include that you are a guest of the YMCA.

RSVP to: [thefountains@grumpysrestaurantco.com](mailto:thefountains@grumpysrestaurantco.com)

Details:

155 Fountains Way  
Building 1, Suite 1  
St. Johns, FL 32259

Friday and Saturday 9A-1P

\$12 per adult and \$6 per child to enjoy your favorite meal and drink

Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope to see you all there!

Follow the  
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Online at:



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

## **Next Meetings & Speakers**

**Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30am**

**In Person:** The patio at Treylor Park Restaurant

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

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

**Tuesday, August 3 at 7:30am**

**In Person:** The patio at Treylor Park Restaurant

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

**Speaker:** Chris Hoffman, Executive Director at Beaches Museum



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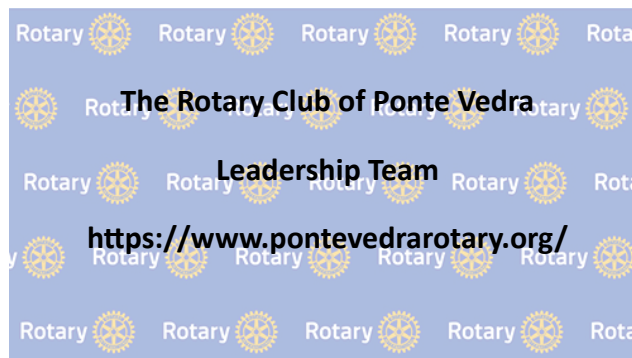
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