

Calendar-at-a-Glance

- THURSDAY, February 22, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting..... The Tap Room at Dubsread **NOTE CHANGE**
 Greeter Anthony Chessa
- THURSDAY, February 29, 2024
 7:30am No Regular Meeting Join us at LEAP DAY Social at Digress Wine
 5:30pm LEAP DAY Social Digress Wine, 1215 Edgewater Drive
- THURSDAY, March 7, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting..... Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Jeff Clark
- SUNDAY, March 10, 2024
 11:00am Sunday in the Park..... Dartmouth Park
- THURSDAY, March 14, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting..... Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Frank Consoli
- THURSDAY, March 21, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting..... Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Jeff Cowherd
- THURSDAY, March 28, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting..... The Florida Room at Dubsread **NOTE CHANGE**
 Greeter Michelle Gross
- THURSDAY, April 4, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Chris Delahoz
- THURSDAY, April 11, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Robert Dodrill
- THURSDAY, April 18, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Robert Ford
- THURSDAY, April 25, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Paul Greene
- THURSDAY, May 2, 2024
 7:30am Regular Meeting Dubsread Ball Room
 Greeter Alley Capatosto

Future Program Schedule

- February 22 Special Club Assembly on new DPIL Fundraising Program
 February 29 No morning meeting. Join us for LEAP DAY Social at Digress Wine
 March 7 Joshua Chamberlain & Owen Hanniford, *United Against Poverty*
 March 14 Anny Shepard, Dev. Manager, *National Audubon Society*
 March 21 ORMC Speakers on Stroke prevention and treatment
 March 28 Nick Guerra, LIFE at UCF
 April 4 OPEN
 April 11 OPEN
 April 18 OPEN
 April 25 OPEN
 May 2 OPEN
 May 9 OPEN

We Need Programs

We have openings in April, May, and June. To suggest programs, contact George Stuart, george.stuart@att.net.

Club Announcements

THIS WEEK'S MEETING. Our program this morning is a presentation by Alley Capatosto about fundraising for Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library*, **Hunt for a Hundred**. The Student of the Month for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School will also be honored. **Anthony Chessa is our Greeter this week. George Stuart will do the Invocation.**

LAST WEEK'S MEETING. Last week, our program was a presentation by Dr. Ross Wolf, Associate Provost of the University of Central Florida, and academic and operational lead for the UCF Downtown campus. He gave an update on UCF's presence in Downtown Orlando. Thanks for a great program, Dr. Wolf.

Rotary District 6980

ROTARY ZONES 33/34 PUBLIC IMAGE WEBINAR – MASTERING LINKEDIN. On Tuesday, February 27 from 6 to 7pm, this webinar will introduce ideas of using LinkedIn to grow our Rotary network. Are you using LinkedIn? Want to help our club expand its reach. Plan to attend. More information and registration at <https://www.rotarydistrict6980.org/>.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

HUNT FOR A HUNDRED TO BENEFIT DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY. We are launching an initiative to get 100 new donors at \$11 per month. This will provide funding for 500 children or 6,000 books for the year. You are invited to be a part of this group by going to www.cprbooks.com.

Taste of College Park

TASTE OF COLLEGE PARK 2024. Taste of College Park 2024 is Thursday, October 10. Mark you calendars now for *College Park's Best Night Out*.

Next Thursday is LEAP DAY Social at Digress Wine

The last time that LEAP DAY, February 29, fell on a Thursday was in 2004 and the next one will be in 2032. Instead of our regular morning meeting, we will have a social to celebrate! We will be meeting at Digress Wine for wine and appetizers furnished by Duck and Drake Kitchen. Come join us and bring a guest or prospect. HAPPY LEAP DAY until 2032.



Sunday in the Park is March 10, 2024

Sunday in the Park, sponsored by the College Park Neighborhood Association, is March 10. Our club will have a table to meet our neighbors and talk to donors about support Imagination Library.

Student of the Month-College Park Middle School

The February Student of the Month for College Park Middle School is Amari Bennett. Amari is an eighth grader whose favorite subject are reading and AVID. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a national program designed to develop college readiness in students. Amari's interests include football, reading, and gaming in his spare time. Amari's goals are to attend Edgewater and then attend UCF studying finance. Amari was accompanied by his mother, Doreen Bennett. He was introduced by Dr. Chandar Greene, Assistant Principal at CPMS. Congratulations, Amari, and proud mom.

February Birthdays

Vanessa Nicholson 2/10 Bill Hines 2/20 Frank Consoli 2/23

The first meeting of Rotary was held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. That day is now designated "World Understanding and Peace Day."

Clubs at the End of the World

There are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries, including some of the world's most remote locations. Indeed, it's accurate to say Rotary has spread to virtually every corner of the globe.

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

St. John's has five Rotary and Rotaract clubs. Founded in 1921, the 60-member Rotary Club of St. John's is the oldest in this Canadian province. "Rotary is wonderfully represented in our small city," says Ron Burke, the club's president. The provincial capital of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's has just under 110,000 inhabitants. The city's Rotary clubs do not see themselves as competitors but pool their forces to make a difference. Together, they created the Rotary Sunshine Park, a recreational area with a water pier, a leisure center, and a chalet that can be rented for overnight stays.

Networking with other clubs is especially important in an area where cities are separated by long distances. In June, District 7815 held a conference in Moncton, New Brunswick, attended by Rotarians from four provinces. "It is expected that our district will continue these annual conferences to promote cooperation, networking, and the exchange of best practices and initiatives," Burke says.

Recently the St. John's clubs bought a house for a local organization that aids homeless veterans. "We paid for new furniture, created a community room that will bear Rotary's name, and provided rent subsidies for residents. The club agrees that this should be a long-term project," Burke says. That should not be a problem for a club that has existed for 103 years.

Fairbanks, Alaska

The Rotary Club of Fairbanks, Alaska, USA is now 84 years old. The 95-member club's lunch meetings are always well attended. club member "Usually, it's business relationships that lead to new memberships," says club member Jonal Lani Machos. "It's also not unusual that in a small town like Fairbanks, new members are already known beforehand."

The Rotary members are looking forward to the completion of a multi-year project in May. The club invested \$500,000 to build a large playground. The club maintains a close partnership with the Rotary Club of San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize. There have been mutual visits in recent years, always combined with projects. For example, the club supported the construction of sanitary facilities at several schools in and around San Ignacio. e roles. "The competition has been a springboard for thousands of young people across the island" to careers in acting, directing, and media, Jayamaha says. Adding to the shine, the coveted rotating trophy is a silver bust of Shakespeare that was a gift from the mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of the Bard.

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OPEN	Club Service

Today's Agenda

Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 7:15 AM

7:15–7:28AM	<i>Sign in and Social</i>	Members & Guests
7:29AM	<i>Call to Order Invocation Breakfast is served.</i>	President Robert Stuart George Stuart
7:40AM	<i>Visitor Introductions</i>	Anthony Chessa
7:43AM	<i>Announcements</i>	President Robert Stuart
7:45AM	<i>Student of the Month—St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School</i>	
7:50AM	<i>New Member Installation – Gary Kreisler</i>	
7:55AM	<i>Happy Dollars and Raffle</i>	Anthony Chessa
8:05AM	<i>Program – Alley Capatosto Hunt for a Hundred to Benefit Imagination Library</i>	
8:30 AM	<i>Rotary's 4 Way Test</i>	President Robert Stuart

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