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# THE SUNRISER

The Newsletter for the  
Rotary Club of St.  
Augustine Sunrise

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THIS WEEK IN SUNRISE ROTARY

## Rotary Camp Florida: A History

It started 25 years ago at a Rotary Club lunch meeting. In early March of 1991, a local Rotary Club invited Karen Moffitt, Ph.D. and Dr. Janifer Judisch, M.D. of Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases to make a presentation to the membership. They reported on the hospital, the children and the camping program the Rotary Club sponsored, which operated specifically for children dealing with cancer. At the conclusion of the presentation, Karen Moffitt casually mentioned that the facility previously used for the camps was closing. There was presently nowhere locally to hold this very special camp.

It turned out that several members of the club were real estate brokers and they knew that a United Methodist Church was closing an old summer camp right in the heart of Brandon. A small group of concerned Rotarians and potential users met at the camp later that month, and The Children's Center agreed that the location would be perfect for their needs.

A committee was formed to study the feasibility of buying and operating the camp. Twenty eight local Rotarians personally guaranteed the loan and the then 17 Rotary Clubs in Hillsborough County contributed \$100 per member (over \$110,000) to cover the first year's operating budget. On December 9, 1991, Rotary's Camp Florida was incorporated to acquire, operate and maintain a year-round camp facility for children with special medical needs.

The property on which Rotary's Camp Florida (RCF) sits was purchased on December 26, 1991 and extensively remodeled. As the church camp was built in the 1950s, it was not designed for special-needs children. Substantial work and repairs were required: The cabins needed air conditioning; every window and door needed replacing; the roofs were past their usable lives; the cabins needed insulating; it was necessary to replace the roof and insulate the cabins; the electrical system had to be completely upgraded, and sidewalks were needed throughout the property.

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### INVOCATION:

Rev. Jim Bullock

### MEMBERSHIP MINUTE:

Bert Tavery

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

End Polio Now Football Pick-em

Hurricane Matthew Follow-up

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Elizabeth Fields, Rotary's Camp Florida





The first group of campers came in June, 1992. That summer, five special needs groups enjoyed RCF. Today RCF is used by many groups and is in use almost year-round. Last year, over 4,300 happy campers spent time at RCF. Since 1991, Rotary Clubs from throughout Florida and individuals have contributed to the Camp. The continued support of Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and others makes our work possible.

Rotary's Camp Florida provides clean, safe, ADA-compliant, barrier-free facilities to qualified user groups that provide the necessary programming to make your child's special camping experience relevant and memorable. The 21-acre camp has bunk space to accommodate 118 campers, and eleven beds in the infirmary, to meet any group's needs. The campsite is ADA compliant, and service dogs are welcome. For more information, go to <http://rotaryscampflorida.org/>.

## Rotary Hands Aid St. Augustine Hurricane Relief Effort

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Alumni and even former RYLA students stepped in and offered help in a huge post-Hurricane Matthew relief effort. The hard work didn't end there. More assistance followed for many days afterwards especially in the St. Augustine area as residents and businesses attempted to return to some semblance of a normal life.

The St. Francis House in downtown St. Augustine on Washington Street which provides for the needs of homeless adults and families in transition was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

On Saturday, 10/22, as part of Make a Difference Day, several Sunrise Rotarians participated to begin the clean-up at St. Francis House. Many thanks to all those Rotarians who participated and exemplified Service Above Self.

## Rotary District & International Convention

If you have registered for the District and/or International Conference in Atlanta in June, your hotel deposit is now due. You should have received an e-mail from Patti Chapman regarding your reservation.

While the e-mail indicates that the due date is November 10, DG Marshall Butler has asked that we remit our deposits before the end of October. If you are planning on riding the Rotary Bus to Atlanta, please include your Bus payment of \$100 to your deposit check.

This is the final deposit that we will be asked for. We will pay the balance when we register at the hotel in Atlanta.

We are still exploring whether we can supplement Rotarians transportation and housing at the conference/convention. I'm hoping we can come up with some amount to help defray expenses.

## Hurricane Matthew Disaster Recovery Center

A Disaster Recovery Center has opened in St. Johns County to help survivors affected by Hurricane Matthew's severe storms and flooding. The location of the center is:

St. Johns County Wind Mitigation Bldg.  
3111 Agricultural Center Drive  
St. Augustine, FL 32092

The center is open Monday – Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Representatives from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and various state agencies will be at the center to answer questions.

# Message from Marshall

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARSHALL BUTLER



Week 17 – October 24, 2016

## WORLD POLIO DAY

October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Fourth Annual World Polio Day. There are many ways to be involved, here are a few:

- Advocate – Tell others about Rotary's efforts and invite them to watch the global live stream event scheduled for October 24 at 5 PM EDT live from the CDC in Atlanta.
- Organize – A local event or public image campaign that tells the story of the End Polio Now campaign. There are great resources at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)
- Contribute – District Governor Marshall, PDG Percy and a team from District 6970 are headed to Tucson, AZ to participate in the 104-mile Ride To End Polio on November 19. Support their campaign by going to <http://bit.ly/Zone34AllStars>

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE INTERVIEWS

RYE District 6970 has been approved to use the St. Johns River State College Criminal Justice Building

in St. Augustine to conduct the Final District Interviews for 2017-18 outbound students on Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th, 2016. A link to sign up online for interviews will be made available soon. Remember, you can receive a check mark on your Rotary All Star scorecard for volunteering for the interviews!

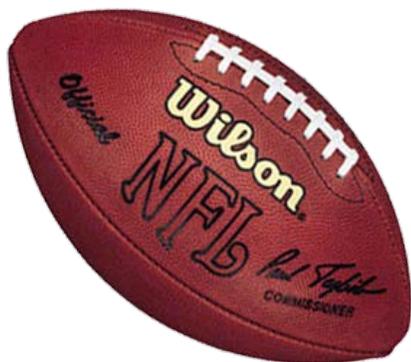
Only 226 days until the All Star Conference in Atlanta!

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Liao, James (JIMMY)	24-Oct
LeClaire, Christine L (CHRISTINE)	27-Oct
Bozard, Letti (LETTI)	29-Oct
Mairs, Robert J III (ROBERT)	1-Nov
Green, Raymond J (RAY)	2-Nov
Mairs, Martha (MARTHA)	9-Nov
Beardsley, John Eric (ERIC)	21-Nov
Butler, Warren E. E. (WARREN E.)	28-Nov

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Hall, Rusty (RUSTY)	11/1/1993	23
Usina-Morse, Catalina (CATALINA)	11/1/1993	23
Wilson, Cindy Diane (CINDY)	11/1/1995	21
Fowdy, Gary John (GARY)	10/30/2013	3
Martin, Warren Lee (LEE)	10/29/2014	2
Carter, Roger (ROGER)	11/5/2014	2
Ginn, John (JOHN)	11/5/2014	2
Morris, Joel (JOEL)	11/5/2014	2
Schmidt, Christopher (CHRISTOPHER)	11/5/2014	2

*Happy Birthday Jimmy, Christine, and Letti! Happy Rotaversary Gary and Lee!*

## Pro Football Pick-em Results



Week 7 was a challenging week for the Pick-em. For the first time this year, only one player out of eight contestants selected double-digit winners. Bert Tavary is our Pro Football Pick-em winner this week, and takes home \$20.

Week 8 is upon us, and Pick-em selection sheets are available at your tables and in the President's e-mail. If playing by e-mail, please indicate your IOU on the Pick-em sheet and return it to The Prez via e-mail by Thursday at 8:00 PM.

Thus far, we've raised \$90 for End Polio Now.

Please return your completed Pick-em to The Prez at the end of the meeting.

Good Luck (not Andrew)!

## Upcoming Presentations

Upcoming programs for our St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary:

November 2: Luke Mahan on his RYE year in Brazil

November 9: Veteran's Day program with Rotarian Chris Schmidt

November 16: Anna Hamilton – Matanzas River History

November 23: No Meeting: Thanksgiving COA Service Projects

November 30: Bill Lazar of the St. Johns Housing Partnership

December 7: Sheriff Shoar returns with a program on Surveillance vs. Security

December 14: St. Augustine HS Choir – our annual Holiday Performance

December 21: Our RYE Inbound Student Auxi Coronel on her home country of Paraguay.



*An old man went to the Doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear. The Doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of the problem. "Stand far behind her and ask her a question, and then slowly move up and see how far away you are when she first responds."*

*The old man excited to finally be working on a solution for the problem, runs home and sees his wife preparing supper. "Honey" the man asks standing around 20 feet away "whats for supper?"*

*After receiving no response he tried it again 15 feet away, and again no response. Then again at 10 feet away and again no response. Finally he was 5 feet away "honey whats for supper?"*

*She replies "For the fourth time it's lasagna!"*