

THE WEEKLY SAS

The Newsletter of the St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary Club 09/14/22



WHY DID YOU JOIN ROTARY?

Dr. Jeff Michelman, our District Governor, spoke to us on Wednesday. In addition to his comments on membership and service, Jeff told us that over \$15 million has been raised for helping the people of Ukraine by Rotary International. Additionally, our district 6970 has contributed over \$40k to the York Foundation for the people of the Ukraine. (The York Foundation is the District's non-profit for fundraising.)

Jeff talked about how he became involved in Rotary and what Rotary has added to his life: he's built bathrooms in the South Pacific, participated in a grant that enabled someone to earn a Ph.D. in water sanitation, raised money to help eradicate Polio and visited India where he participated in giving polio vaccines. Jeff's description of seeing young people in India, pulling themselves along the ground due to paralysis from polio, created a strong mental picture. Polio is the Rotary's biggest project, and we can help through our donations and fundraising. Carolyn Mudgette mentioned that we will have a "dine out" in late October in conjunction with World Polio Day. The exact date will be announced as Marie Turnbull is coordinating the dine out at Raintree in St. Augustine. Jeff congratulated us for our participation in the Jaguars Polio fundraiser. He pointed out that approximately \$40 per ticket will go to the Rotary Polio Fund which is matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. If you can't go to the game, consider buying a ticket for someone else—like a veteran since this game is the Military Appreciation Day game.

Jeff encouraged us to be involved vs being a spectator. Why did you join Rotary?



It's almost time! In fact, we've got 4 weeks to go!

THANK YOU for donating your time to volunteering for R&R. Please post info about R&R on all your social media!

Also, we're having an 80s Costume Contest on Saturday, October 15 with prizes for Best Individual Costume and Best Group/Family Costume.



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Jay Smith Becomes Our Newest Member

While Jeff was with us, we put him to work with the induction of our newest member Jay Smith! Then, Jay told us a few things about himself and his work. We know that Jay has many talents to contribute!

Welcome to the Club Jay!!



Career Growth & Leadership Opportunities

Serving your community is a key component of Rotary, and this organization also gives you the chance to develop yourself professionally and personally. The first step is to sign up for a class through the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). You can learn more about Rotary. You can learn how to make our Club better. You can learn about leading volunteers. You can learn about fundraising. You can learn about service projects. When you become involved in Rotary, you can't help but hone your leadership skills. And, you can document your experience on your resume. All this while helping your community. Class can be taken online or in person. Here's the link to learn more: https://www.rlitraining.org/?doing_wp_cron=1663169291.4651129245758056640625. Any cost is reimbursable to you after completion of the course. Give the documentation showing your payment and completion of the course(s) to Jeff Schnittker, our Treasurer.

What's on the horizon?

Here are themes for the next five months from Rotary International. Read more at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes>.

- October is Economic and Community Development Month
- November is Rotary Foundation Month
- December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
- January is Vocational Service Month
- February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Happy September Birthday!

We're celebrating your birthday! In addition to the birthday cupcake on Facebook, we wanted to commemorate the birthdays of our members for this month:

9/4-Eric Colon

9/7—Allen Deprey, Danny Page

9/12—Verna Bacon

9/13—Tom LaFon

9/15—Jake Parham

9/23—John Alexander

May you have great health, love and many more birthdays to come!

What's Your Passion?

WE'LL HELP YOU AND SUPPORT YOU IN ADVOCATING FOR YOUR PASSION.

CASE IN POINT: AFTER LISTENING TO ONE OF OUR SPEAKERS IN 2021 TALK ABOUT THE LOW COUNTRY PERIOD PROJECT, ANITA O'DONNELL WANTED TO DO SOMETHING. SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO THOUGH UNTIL SHE TALKED TO CAROLYN MUDGETTE. CAROLYN ENCOURAGED ANITA TO START A PERIOD PROJECT IN ST. AUGUSTINE. NEXT, THE ENTIRE CLUB GOT BEHIND THIS PROJECT, AND DONATIONS STARTED POURING IN! OUR CLUB CREATED THE ONLY PERIOD PROJECT IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY. THE ST. AUGUSTINE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB HAS SUPPORTED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY WHO WORK WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS IN NEED BY DONATING OVER 16,500 TAMPONS AND SANITARY PADS SINCE OUR START DATE OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021.

SO, WHAT'S YOUR PASSION? YOU CAN MAKE THE WORLD BETTER ONE STEP AT A TIME, AND WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU IF YOU'LL LET US.