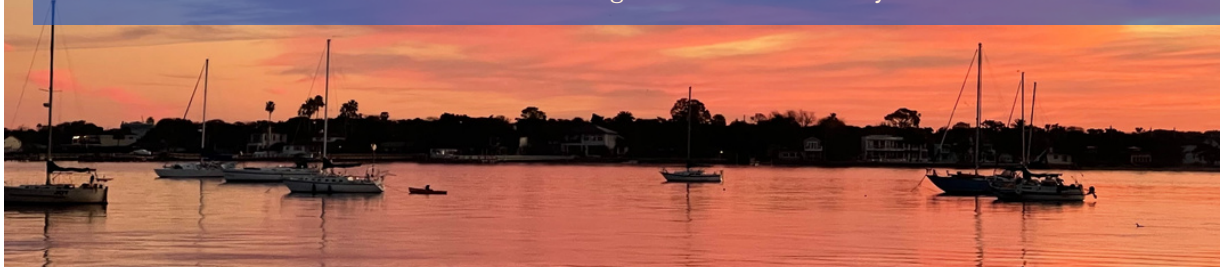


# THE WEEKLY SAS

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## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Jeannette Loftus, our District Foundation Chairperson and former District Governor, came for a visit on Wednesday. Jeannette told us about the Rotary Foundation. Rotary matches our financial gifts in grant money so that locally and internationally we can make a difference. The Rotary Foundation has spent over \$4 billion since it began over 100 years ago.



Grant money is awarded for sustainable projects—ones in which the community can continue the work when the grant money has concluded. Our Global Grant with Rotary Chihuahua is a good example.

We contributed \$10k which included a gift of \$5k from our NGO Will Harlan. We received \$5500 from other Clubs in the area. The Chihuahua Rotary Club gave \$1k. District Designated Funds were \$87,700 and the Rotary World Fund contributed \$94,852 for a grand total of \$198,952.



## 80s Theme and 80s Costumes

We may ask you to be a "Mystery Judge" on Saturday night, October 15. It's an easy job too. Just walk through the crowd and find the "best" 80s costumes. Tap them on the shoulder and ask them to go to the pre-designated area on the field. Then, you'll join the other Mystery Judges to choose the semi-finalists in individual 80s costume and group/family costume. The crowd will pick the final winners. We've got prizes too for each category!

Everyone loves to dress up, and since it's almost Halloween this will be an even bigger treat for our festival goers! Tell everyone you know to come dressed!



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Our Global Grant, managed by Carolyn Mudgette and Bill Hamilton, enables the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon in Mexico to build clean water storage and preserve foundation seed for growing plants for food. Will Harlan will speak at one of our future meetings to bring us all up to speed on the project!

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Rotary has three types of grants: Global, District and Program of Scale. District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in our community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. Each year, we join with the three other Rotary Clubs nearby to apply for a district grant—typically to purchase equipment like the vehicle that will go to the Betty Griffin Center. This will enable them to bring clients to doctors appointments.

Our Club can also apply for one District Grant each year. For example, if we wanted to award a scholarship for college/trade school out-of-pocket expenses for three of our Interact Club members, we could apply for a grant. We would need to contribute \$1800 for a match of \$1800 from the District. That would enable up to award three \$1200 scholarships.

Jeannette mentioned that the District still has \$12,800 left for this year. Typically, though, the deadline to apply is April 30.

Where does the money come from? It comes from you. In our Club, a portion of your dues goes to Rotary Foundation. You can also donate directly to the Foundation and to Polio Plus. In fact, if you make a pledge of \$100 each year until polio has been completely eradicated, you can join the PolioPlus Society. You can also bequeath money to the Rotary Foundation.

What impact can one donation have? For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio; just \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness, and \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children. So, your one donation can do a lot to make a difference in someone's lifetime! Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> to learn more about the Rotary Foundation.

## Karen Selig Retires from Rotary

After 25 years, Karen Selig has announced that she'll be retiring from the St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary Club. Karen is a past President and also a Paul Harris Fellow. She will be traveling the world! Thank you, Karen, for all the ways you've served Rotary and our community. You deserve to have even more fun now! Stay safe, best of health to Jack and you. Stay in touch!

## Welcome Britta!



Meet our newest member Britta Messler. Britta's title is Taproom Manager for Ancient City Brewing.

Britta comes from a long line of St. Augustinians. She's offered to give us a tour of Ancient City Brewing, and we can't wait! Also, Britta has many talents, including the fact that she plays Pickleball. That's a hint! Stay tuned!

## Our Public Image

Please "LIKE" our Facebook page and comment on postings. Also, look over our website at [www.staugustinesunriserotary.com](http://www.staugustinesunriserotary.com). Is the information posted accurate? We need your eyes. Also, we need new pictures. We'll let you know in advance when we're taking a new group photo so you can look your best! 😊 We're working on the Public Image Citation. The season ends June 30.

## We'd Love to See You

**WE HAD 18 OUT OF 40 MEMBERS ATTEND OUR MEETING LAST WEEK. THREE WERE ON ZOOM. WE REALIZE THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON DUE TO COVID-RELATED CONCERNS. IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP OTHERS ATTEND MEETINGS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE'RE FLEXIBLE. WE'D JUST LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

