



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

THE SUNRISER

The Newsletter for the
Rotary Club of St.
Augustine Sunrise

October 19, 2016

THIS WEEK IN SUNRISE ROTARY

Hurricane Matthew Aftermath: Community and Service Above Self

Hurricane Matthew paid St. Augustine and the eastern coast of Florida a visit 12 days ago. Our town saw flooding not seen in almost 100 years. Many of our residents have lost most of their worldly possessions, and others suffered severe damage to their homes and possessions.

Members of our club were not spared damage; homes were flooded and possessions lost. Our spirit, though, and that of the entire St. Augustine community, grew stronger in Matthew's aftermath.

On the day after Matthew departed, I saw and heard from our Sunrise Rotarians as they helped our community recover. Neighbors and strangers alike joined forces to help those affected. Local business leaders reached out to the community in person and online to find out how we could help and to mobilize the community. Stations were set up to coordinate volunteers and supplies. The entire community stepped up to perform service above self.

Rotary District 6970 and our three St. Augustine clubs opened lines of communication for those who needed assistance. As a result, Rotarians have spent the past week helping in the community both physically and monetarily. Many of our club members spent much of the past week and weekend helping our neighbors, and the club donated \$1000 to St. Francis House this week to help them begin their road to recovery while continuing to support our homeless community.

Each and every one of you, members of the St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary, can be proud of the way you have responded to the aftermath. I am proud not only to be a Rotarian, but to be a St. Augustine Sunrise Rotarian. We have a long way to go to recovery, but there is no doubt that St. Augustine will recover. SAS – you are the best.

See pages 2 and 4 for more on Hurricane Matthew.

INVOCATION:

President-Elect RRRRRRRRusty Hall

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE:

Ed Wlodarczyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

End Polio Now Football Pick-em

Diane Ekberg – RYE

Kathy Mignerey – Make a Difference Day

Melissa Nelson, United Way St. Johns

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Rotary District 6970 Governor Marshall Butler



**St. Johns
HOUSING
PARTNERSHIP** *A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY*

As one of our club service projects, we have agreed to field a team of 10 members to build a wheelchair ramp for an elderly or disabled individual as a part of Make a Difference Day this Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016. We have donated \$1,000 toward this project. Team members will meet at Evelyn Hamblen School at 8 am for registration, and to get t-shirts, donuts and directions to our site. Lumber and blueprints will already be at the site, along with some tools. We should also bring some of our own.

Lunch and water will be provided. At the latest we will work until 5 pm, but if we finish the ramp sooner, we are done sooner.

If interested in helping, please email Kathy Mignerey at mignereyk@bellsouth.net or text her at 814-6158. Friends or family members with some carpentry skills are welcome to join us. Those members with electric saws, drills, hammers, etc. are urged to bring them.

Make a Difference Day is a national service day initiative, which is coordinated by the St. Johns Housing Partnership in our community. For more information about their organization, go to www.sjhp.org.

Do not register for Make a Difference day at that site, Kathy has already registered us as a team. Address: 1 Christopher St. in downtown St. Augustine Directions: From US 1, go west on King Street, turn left onto S. Whitney St., take 3rd left onto Christopher St.

Hurricane Matthew: Aftermath in Haiti

Rotary members have been working with Rotary's project partner for disaster relief, ShelterBox, to respond to the humanitarian needs that have arisen following Hurricane Matthew's destructive path through Haiti and along the coast of the United States, impacting communities in Florida, Georgia, and South and North Carolina, USA.

ShelterBox is currently sending supplies to help with a cholera outbreak in the southern region of Haiti.

For more information on Hurricane Matthew's effect on Haiti, and to learn how you can help, go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rotary-and-shelterbox-ground-haiti>

or:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox/?fref=ts>

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.

Rotary Means Business 1st Annual Networking Summit

The Rotary Means Business Fellowship District 6970 Chapter announces its First Annual Business Summit: Saturday, January 14th, 2017, at the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Conference Center in St. Augustine.

Join the RMB Fellowship for a full day of casual and formal business networking, and hear from four Rotarians from across the country who will share their success stories – being successful the "Rotarian Way".

The day will also include a special Keynote address – Speaker and Subject to be announced.

\$25 per attendee includes Lunch and Happy Hour (can't beat that with a stick!). Seats are limited, so register today:

<http://RMBBusinessSummit.org>

Message from Marshall

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARSHALL BUTLER



Week 16 – October 17, 2016

HURRICANE MATTHEW

The past week has been an incredibly difficult time for many Rotarians in Rotary District 6970 and across Rotary Zones 33/34 as many begin the recovery process after Hurricane Matthew. The outpouring of support from the family of Rotary truly demonstrates how Rotary serves humanity every day. While there are many needs, we continue to compile opportunities to serve and donate on the District 6970 website (www.rotary6970.org). Please keep those affected in your prayers and thank you to all who are making a difference with your actions and donations.

WORLD POLIO DAY

Next Monday is World Polio Day. Many clubs in our District have planned special events as we raise awareness for the End Polio Now campaign. Please be sure to let the world know just how close we are to ending the second human disease in history. To learn more about the live streamed event, download materials, or donate to the cause, please visit <http://www.endpolio.org/>.

Be sure to share this link with your friends on social media!

ROTARY DAY WITH THE JACKSONVILLE ARMADA

Attention soccer fans! On Sunday, October 30 the Jacksonville Armada will play the Tampa Bay Rowdies at 4 PM. The team has set aside two sections of seats for Rotarians and approximately 26.5% of every ticket sold will go to the Polio Plus campaign! In addition, they have special activities planned for the youngest Rotarians. Use the discount code “rotary” to reserve your tickets today: <http://bit.ly/RotaryArmada>

Only 233 days until the All Star Conference in Atlanta!

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Way, Christopher (CHRISTOPHER)	5-Oct
Usina-Morse, Catalina (CATALINA)	16-Oct
Zeichner, Jeff Danger (JEFF)	22-Oct
Fowdy, Gary John (GARY)	22-Oct
Liao, James (JIMMY)	24-Oct
LeClaire, Christine L (CHRISTINE)	27-Oct
Bozard, Letti (LETTI)	29-Oct

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Brown, Brad (BRAD)	10/1/2003	13
Fontana, Peter R. (PETER)	10/1/1999	17
VanDyke, Kevin (KEVIN)	10/1/2014	2
Vreeland, Heather (HEATHER)	10/1/2014	2
Bell, Dawn E (DAWN)	10/3/2012	4
Mairs, Robert J III (ROBERT)	10/3/2012	4
Mairs, Martha (MARTHA)	10/3/2012	4
Corneal, Scott (SCOTT)	10/4/2006	10
Ortagus, Len (LEN)	10/7/2015	1



To the members of St. Augustine and St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary Clubs –

As most of you are aware, the St Francis House in downtown St. Augustine on Washington St. (which provides for the needs of homeless adults and families in transition) was destroyed by the hurricane. Residents (approximately 80) temporarily moved to Faith Community Church at 3450 CR 210 in St. Johns.

Thru INK!'s Exec Dir Donna Lueders, we asked First Coast Technical College in St. A if they could make meals for the residents. FCTC leadership took it upon themselves to visit with SFH kitchen manager Rusty this morning and found out that SFH is in dire need of meals for next week. **FCTC is willing to cook the meals, but we need \$\$\$ so that FCTC can purchase the food at their School District pricing from regional vendors.**

Denise Brown with FCTC is coordinating the menu with FCTC Chef Phil and Rusty now. We will have a price shortly. I imagine it will be somewhere between \$5000-\$8000, based on lunch and dinner for 80 for 7 days at (roughly!!!) \$5/meal.

And the following, in response to donations from our two clubs:

Thank you both for donations of \$1000 each to St. Francis House on behalf of the Breakfast Club and our noon Club. Please pass the gratitude of all those at St. Francis along to others.

I have attached a picture of the current 'Kitchen' on Washington St. being used to distribute food to all who need it. It is a far cry from the stainless steel facility that was in operation a week ago.

PS - Becky with St. Francis is still working with Denise at FCTC to see if something might be possible. Chef Phil called me this morning and was definitely ready to go. Hopefully, now that SFH has the cash in hand and I am out of the middle, something can happen there.

Thanks to all!
Jim Stege

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM:

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We launched our PolioPlus campaign 31 years ago in a worldwide effort to rid the world of this paralyzing disease. Last July, we celebrated a milestone: Nigeria had gone one year without a new case of polio. But only a year later, three new cases of wild polio have been reported in that country and Nigeria has been reclassified as polio endemic.

The response to these cases has been swift; the Government of Nigeria – in partnership with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – has already begun taking the necessary steps to prevent further spread of the disease both in Nigeria and the surrounding countries. After immediately approving US\$500,000 with a “rapid response” grant, Rotary is continuing to help mobilize support for the outbreak response on the ground in Nigeria. We have released \$8 million in funds to support response efforts in the Lake Chad basin, which will deploy new strategies to reach every child.

This may seem like a setback to many, but we are prepared now more than ever to continue the fight against polio, until no child is at risk and the world can be declared polio-free. We have overcome obstacles and outbreaks throughout the years. Polio can and will be eradicated in Nigeria. With your continued support and dedication, we can make that a reality.

In light of these recent developments, [World Polio Day](#) is an important event that gives us the opportunity to discuss the main issues at hand: focusing our efforts on ending the outbreak in Nigeria, reaching every last child in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and protecting the progress made in polio-free regions.

World Polio Day is everywhere. We hope to see scores of events around the globe. If you haven't already done so, [register your event](#) and download the World Polio Day [resources](#) to help make the event a success.

Rotary will also host its fourth annual World Polio Day event in Atlanta, Georgia, USA at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Clubs and districts are encouraged to watch our [live-streamed global status update](#) at 6 p.m. EST or anytime after. [Spread the word](#) in advance with the help of our social media messaging and share graphics. [Donating](#) to our campaign will be matched two to one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and help reach every child with the polio vaccine.

On 19 November, a team of Rotary staff will join Rotary senior leaders, club members from District 5500 (Arizona), and around the world in [El Tour de Tucson](#) to raise funds for polio eradication. Last year, the combined efforts of Rotary members and staff raised \$US4.4 million.

As fear of polio wanes, so does awareness of the disease. It's our responsibility to keep that awareness high and keep polio eradication at the top of public and government agendas. We must finish the job and End Polio Now, through Rotary Serving Humanity.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ
Rotary International President, 2016-17



ENDPOLIONOW

RYE Host Families Needed

A message from Diane Ekberg, our Rotary Youth Exchange representative:

I am again appealing to you on behalf of the Coastal Club's David Marks for host family support of a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Andreas, who is from Denmark and is sponsored by the Coastal Club, has been living with a family whose home was devastated by Matthew.

We are looking for families who could host Andreas for a month, two months and/or the remainder of his exchange, which ends in May. Families do not need to be Rotarians. Since Andreas attends Pedro Menendez, host families need to reside in that school zone (or be able to provide transportation to and from school everyday.)

David and I appreciate any suggestions you have to provide Andreas a new home.

Pro Fooball Pick-em Results

Weeks 5 & 6 of the NFL season have passed us by. Our week 5 winner was Michelle Wilcox, followed by The Prez in second place. Michelle wins \$10 for week 5.

Due to our unscheduled week off last week, the Pick-em was conducted via e-mail, and the only players were Michelle and The Prez. Week 6 honors go to The Prez, who correctly picked winners in 12 games. No prize money this week – strictly for fun.

To date, we've raised \$70 for End Polio Now via our Pro Football Pick-em.

Week 7 is upon us, and this week's pools are available through the This Week in Rotary e-mail or on your table. Suggested donation is \$5, but we'll take any donation to play.

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

Upcoming Presentations

Upcoming programs for our St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary:

October 26: Elizabeth Fields – Rotary's Camp Florida

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 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.

Bill and his wife Blanche go to the state fair every year, And every year Bill would say, "Blanche, I'd like to ride in that helicopter"

Blanche always replied, "I know Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, And fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Blanche replied, "Bill that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride.

If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars." Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, But still not a word... When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Bill replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Blanche fell out, But you know, Fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"