

Rotary District 6970 Vibrant Club Seminar

8:30-9:30 Opening Session (Room A&B)

Welcome – DG John Tabor

Pledge – Rotary Club of East Arlington President Stephanie Langford

Inspiration – Rotary Club of Flagler County President Charles Barbel

Guest Speaker – District 6950 Governor Chris Casella

Past District Governor Awards – PDG Jeff Michelman

9:40-10:25 Breakout Sessions

Foundation (Room D) – **Global Grants 101** (required for 2023 applications) –

District Global Grants Chair John Caulfield

–OR–

Highlighting Membership Success (Room C) – Panel Discussion – Lead by Katherine Batenhorst, District Membership Chair & Mary Stutts, District Innovative Club Advocate

10:35-11:20 Breakout Sessions

Public Image Session 1 (Room D) – Amy Workowski & Ed Dalton District Public Image Team

–OR–

Rotary Youth Services Opportunities (Room C) – Panel of Youth Services Chairs –

Lead by Claudia Dencer, District Youth Services Chair

11:30-12:35 General Session (Room A&B)

Lunch – Guest Speaker – George Robertson-Burnett, PDG District 6890

12:50-1:35 Breakout Sessions

Foundation (Room D) – Global Grants D6970 Then and Now (How can our clubs get involved?) –

PDG Rich Turnbull, District Foundation Chair

–OR–

Intentional Membership Planning & Growth (Room C)– Katherine Batenhorst & Mary Stutts

1:45-2:30 Breakout Sessions

Public Image Session 2 (Room D) – Amy Workowski and Ed Dalton

–OR–

Rotary Opportunities (Room C) – Panel Discussion – Lead by DG John Tabor

–OR–

Foundation (Room A&B) – Benefactors, Annuities, Bequests and Beyond (It's not just for the rich!) –

AG Hewitt Dupont

2:40-3:28 General Session (Room A&B)

By-Law Review/Vote, Awards & Closing Remarks –

PDG Rich Turnbull, Katherine Batenhorst, PDG Rich Cooper & DG John Tabor

3:28-3:30 4 Way Test – Rotary Club of Jacksonville President Marie Gnage

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Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, George was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and Aberdeen College of Commerce. First employed as a fledgling journalist, George went on to serve Her Majesty's Government, in the smuggling and drug enforcement department. After moving to England, George started his own company - George Hotels Ltd, and specialized in ownership and operation of Hotels, Restaurants and English pubs. George sold all of his UK business interests and moved to the United States in 2004 with his wife Carole and daughter Pippa.

George started GRB Properties LLC in Florida, but retired in 2008 when he secured green card residency, George, Carole and Pippa became US citizens in 2015. A Past President of the Bartow Rotary Club, and Past District Governor of District 6890, George is currently serving his second three year term as District Representative to the Council on Legislation. George served a four year term as an Assistant Rotary Coordinator 2014-2018 and was until July 2021, the Rotary Coordinator for Zone 34. George is currently on the Zone 34 Membership Action Plan Committee and heads up the MAP Ambassadors program. He is also on the Executive Committee for Zones 33/34 Institute in the Bahamas and is Chair Elect for Rotary Florida PETS. George is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation.

Chris Casella is a dedicated individual who has always been committed to serving his community. Born and raised in Island Park, New York, Chris began his service journey at a young age. In 1985, at the age of 19, he joined the Island Park Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. In 1987, he expanded his service by working for the New York City Emergency Medical Service as an EMT before joining the New York City Police Department in 1990. During his time with the NYPD, Chris served in various commands, including the 113th Precinct, Queens Task Force, Queens Robbery Task Force, and the Organized Crime Control Bureau. Although he retired from the force in 2002, Chris's passion for public service and helping people never waned. Now residing in Wesley Chapel, Florida with his wife Melinda, he joined the Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel in 2016 and quickly jumped in to serve. As club president in 2019-2020 and the District 6950 Membership Chair in 2020-2021 he realized his passion grew beyond the local club level. Now, as District Governor for District 6950, Chris hopes to inspire us in our collective mission to "Create Hope in the World". His unwavering dedication and genuine desire to serve others will help us all to embrace the true spirit of Rotary, that together, we can and will make an impact.

