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The Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Indialantic

Rotary Club of Indialantic Club #4395 Established in 1958



Service Above Self

Dist. 6930

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Membership Orientation: **Bob Visconti**

Membership Retention: **Jay Anderson**

Projects: **John Haralson**

Literacy: **Bob Visconti**

Christmas Caroling: **Bob Visconti**

Nominating: **TBD**

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NEXT MEETING: Jun 1 – We will be having a Club Assembly next week to talk about the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. At the District Meeting earlier this month, incoming President Susan Frey was asked what our Club goals are. This will be our opportunity to discuss what we want for our club this next year.

NOTE: Sadly our longtime member Ernest Bortner passed away on 25 May while in the hospital. He was last with us just two weeks ago and has frequently given the invocation during our meetings. We know he is with the angels looking down on us. Continue praying for his wife Martha and the rest of his family and we will share more details when we have them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan Frey is heading up an exploratory committee to find an alternative place for our meetings when the Yacht Club closes down in January 2023. They expect to be closed for up to a year for renovations. Please let Dan know if you want to help.

Last week was Jack Fenster's last week with us before he heads to Oregon for the summer. We have been so fortunate to have him with us and for his efforts with photography, DACdb, with ZOOM calls, and other technology. We need someone to take meeting notes and pictures for us and Jack indicated he can publish our Newsletter format over the summer if someone can get this information to him. We may be without these weekly notifications if we don't get someone to provide the information to Jack. Bobbi Johnson indicated she can take notes when she is attending meetings after Sande Layton moves over as Secretary, but this needs to be a team effort – Bobbi is often tied up with work during the lunch hour.

We also need a volunteer for future Treasurer to take the place of Dan Frey in June 2023. Thank you Professor Ami Dutta for filling in for Dan last week.

GREETERS: Thank you Red Badge member Shari Talbot for being our greeter this week! You are well on your way to that Blue Badge.

- 1 Jun Jock Walker
- 15 Jun Elizabeth Eskildsen
- 22 Jun Steve Spragins
- 29 Jun Bobbi Johnson
- 6 Jul TBD
- 13 Jul Sue Miller

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Rotary Foundation Committee – While Larry Cinco is out, Pat Bouchard is filling in. She presented two Paul Harris Fellow awards last week: Henry Perez (3 stones) and Christy Lynes (2 stones)

Contact us at:

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PO Box 033134
Indialantic, FL 32903

Meet with Other Rotary Clubs

Cocoa—Tuesday 12:15 PM

EF State College, Foundation House, Cocoa

Cocoa Beach—Wednesday 12:15 PM

Azteca II Mexican Restaurant, Cocoa Beach

Cocoa Beach Day Break—Tue. 7:15 AM

Currently Inactive

Eau Gallie—Tuesday 12:15PM

Hilton Rialto, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne

Melbourne—Thursday 6:30 PM

Beef O'Bradys, 2400 Dairy Rd, W. Melbourne

Melbourne Beach—Tuesday 7:30 AM

Oceanside Pizza, 300 Ocean Ave., #6

Merritt Island—Thursday 5:15 PM

Island Lincoln Mercury, Upstairs

E. Merritt Island Cswy., Merritt Island

Merritt Island Breakfast—Wed. 7:15 AM

Victoria's Family Restaurant, Merritt Island

Palm Bay—Thursday 12:00 PM

Broken Barrel Tavern, Palm Bay Road

Rockledge—Thursday 7:15 AM

Twisted Birch Restaurant, Admiralty Blvd.

Suntree—Friday 7:30 AM

IHOP on Wickham Rd. next to I-95

Titusville Sunrise -Tuesday 7:15 AM

1st United Methodist Church, Titusville

Titusville—Thursday 12:00 PM

LaCita Golf and Country Club, Titusville

Viera—Wednesday 12:00 PM

Stewart Law, Unit 102, 7341 Office Park PL,

Viera

Rotary Web Sites

Rotary Club of Indialantic:

www.indialanticrotary.org

Rotary Leadership Institute:

www.rlittraining.org

District 6930 Web Site:

www.rotaryfoundation6930.org

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

Rotary E-Club One:

(on-line Rotary, need to make up a meeting - great resource)

www.rotaryclubone.org

Need Rotary shirt or other Rotary Items:
ruh.com/rotary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

First Tues at 5:00 PM - Monthly BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING at EGYC: All members are welcome to attend. (Note: Alternate location will be announced when the EGYC closes for renovation)

4-8 June, Annual International Rotary Conference in Houston, Texas. <https://convention.rotary.org>

Fri 12 Aug 5:30 at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral – National Homeless Veterans Fund Raiser – the Board is making a donation for a table for

Last Week's Meeting: Jay Anderson opened the meeting by asking "who was a 'geek' in our club".

- Trina Downey said she is into all kinds of games
- Jack Fenster said as a retired electronics engineer, he is the ultimate 'geek', into all kinds of electronics and computer related things.
- Christie Lynes said she loves rocks.

GUESTS: Steve Spragins introduced the day's guests:

- Nakeita Kingston from Truist Bank—guest of Steve Spragins
- Jen Dustin from the Eau Gallie Rotary Club—guest of Christi Lynes

Our Happenings: Trina Downey led as Sergeant of Arms

- Bob Visconti's son is having a birthday
- Henry Perez was just returning from a vacation in Seattle and Alaska only to be quarantined for COVID. Daughter Lily had it, then wife Carolyn and fortunately it was not so bad and Henry did not get it.
- Christie Lyne's son will be turning 16 – watch out Indialantic drivers.
- Sande Layton shared that Matt Smith and family are 'glamping' in their home as the construction goes on
- Jean Cacciatore's granddaughter got engaged in New York City and will be moving to North Carolina
- All of us were saddened by the news of Ernest's Bortner's passing.
- Steve Spragins was celebrating the 13th birthday of his oldest (CAT)
- Bobbi Johnson was happy Sam is back on the golf course
- Tony Catanese was happy his son is 'majoring in math'. He was part of a coin toss in a ballgame and walked off the field with the coin
- John Haralson relayed that a fox family that had resided under their house in Northern Virginia 15 years ago was still in the area. He also told us his daughter Stacy has recovered from COVID so well she was featured on the front cover of a running magazine
- Bill DiBerardino said his grandchildren were moving to a neighborhood with only a house between them



GUEST SPEAKER: President Jay Anderson introduced our speaker Bob Barnes, who founded the Children's Hunger Project in Brevard County in 2010 and is now the founder of Aspiration Academy. The goal of the

Hunger Project is to augment families who have children on the reduced/free meal programs during school with week-end meals. It is believed there is a direct correlation between

hunger and learning. When they started, they only had food for 27 children, in 2021 they provided food for 2,900 children in 47 Brevard schools.

There are other factors that influence a child's ability to succeed in school which is why Bob founded Aspiration Academy – to help underprivileged children learn better in school and develop self confidence. As Bob explained to us, most children have some kind of additional support - the gifted, the athletes but once low income children get behind there is no safety net. Bob's organization tries to provide teachers, mentors, support groups to help these children achieve their highest level of education or job training. What great organizations to help the children of our county that need our help. If you would like to volunteer or help with fundraising, check out:

<https://thechildrenshungerproject.org/>

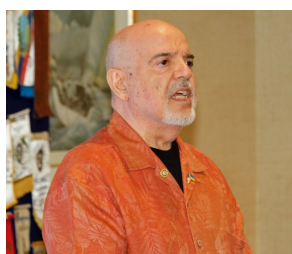
<https://www.aspirationacademy.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS will now be shown on the screen at the front of the meeting room each week when meetings start. Thanks to Matt Margut for putting this information together for us.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 6/01/2022 - The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly (Club Assembly)
- 6/08/2022 - Nacho Sanchez - President, Florida Sports Fishing Association
- 6/15/2022 - Duane DeFreese, PhD - One Community, One voice - Brought to You by the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program
- 6/22/2022 - Sheriff Wayne Ivey

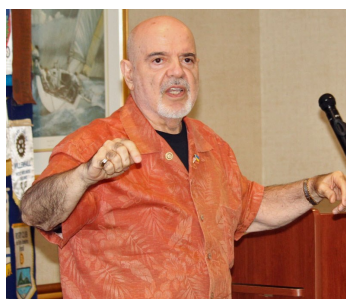
FACES OF INDIALANTIC ROTARY



- **Greeter Shari Tabit greeting Bill DiBarardino**
- **Shari greeting Christi Lynes**
- **Bob Visconti with the Opening Song, Our 'National Anthem'**
- **Steve Spragins introducing the day's guests**



- **Guest of Steve Spragins Nakeita Kingston**
- **Guest of Christi Lynes - Jen Dustin of the Eau Gallie Rotary Club**
- **President Jay Anderson calling the meeting to order**
- **Sergeant at Arms Trina Downey**

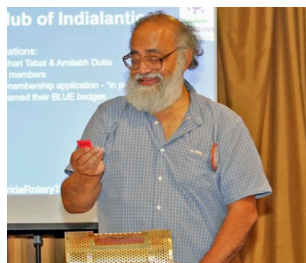


- **Bob Visconti happy his son is having a birthday**
- **A happy \$ from Henry Perez - happy to be returning from a vacation to Seattle and Alaska**
- **Christi Lynes - happy her son is having his sixteenth birthday**
- **Jean Cacciatore - happy her grand daughter got engaged**

FACES OF INDIALANTIC ROTARY (continued)



- **Tony Catanese - Happy His Grandson is Majoring in 'Math' - He Kept the Coin from a Recent Coin Toss**
- **John Haralson with a Story About a Fox Family at His Former Home in Northern Virginia**
- **Bill DiBaradino - His Grandchildren are Moving to a Neighborhood with only a House Between Them**
- **Tony Catanese with the Day's Joke**



- **Aml Dutta—Filling in for Treasurer Dan Frey with the 50-50 Drawing**
- **Christi Lynes—the 50-50 Winner**
- **Speaker Bob Barnes**
- **Thanks to the Speaker from President Jay Anderson**