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Club Meeting & Place

Tallahassee (Capital)
Meets at The Hilton Garden Inn Central 1330 N. Blairstone Rd. 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month
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Tallahassee, FL 32301
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Club Officers

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Club Executive Secretary

Events

February 27th
Tallahassee (Capital) Weekly Club Meeting
March 12th
Tallahassee (Capital) Weekly Club Meeting

Years of Service

Tuesday's Program will be:

Fran Gilbert, CAE
Executive Director

Fran Gilbert, *CAE, Executive Director* - Fran Gilbert, CAE, has more than 25 years of experience in the association management industry. Her experience includes founding her own association management company, as well as serving as Executive Director of the Florida School Nutrition Association and for the Tallahassee Society of Association Executives. She began her association career with the Florida Press Association and quickly realized she had found her career path. Fran has a Bachelor of Arts from Florida State University where she graduated with honors in English—creative writing. She obtained her certification as a Certified Association Executive through the American Society of Association Executives. She has been active in her association community through the Florida Society of Association Executive. She served on the FSAE Board as a Director and Treasurer; and she served as a Trustee and Chair for the FSAE Foundation. Fran participated in sports throughout high school, college and beyond. She enjoys reading, writing, hiking with her dog and spending time with family and friends.

SPORTSABILITY ALLIANCE
formerly Florida Disabled Outdoors Association

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Who We Are

The SportsAbility Alliance is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is working to enrich lives through accessible, inclusive recreation and active leisure. Since its inception in 1990, the SportsAbility Alliance (formerly known as Florida Disabled Outdoors Association) has promoted accessible recreation to persons with disabilities as well as the general public through its hands-on recreation programs, newsletters and community outreach and education.

SportsAbility Alliance has also assisted in compliance of the Americans with Disabilities Act and worked closely with many state, local and private organizations to develop, enhance and/or support recreation opportunities for the people with disabilities across Florida and beyond. We could not do any of it without our team and our partners. Choose an option below to learn more.

Our Mission

SportsAbility Alliance enriches lives through accessible, inclusive recreation and active leisure.

Long Range Objectives

1. To educate the public and disseminate information pertaining to recreational areas, facilities, programs, events, and opportunities that include persons with disabilities.
2. To promote and provide recreational activities and programs for people of all abilities and all ages.
3. To forward the advancement and development of the appropriate use of public and private lands on which people with disabilities may participate in recreation.
4. To advocate for accessible and inclusive recreation while networking with recreation program providers as well as organizations that serve persons with disabilities.
5. To assist designers, planners, and managers in making recreational programs, areas, and facilities universally accessible.
6. To work with civic groups and organizations in promoting special recreational opportunities to include people with disabilities.
7. To provide community resource information to the public emphasizing efforts to reach persons with disabilities.
8. To promote the wise use of our natural resources in the best interest of all, both present and future.
9. To advance understanding of the importance of active leisure activities on the health and well being of everyone and the therapeutic value of recreation.
10. To promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethics.

Our History

Diana Manning Marr
04-30-2003
21 Years

Gene Kelley Jr.
02-10-2008
16 Years

Eberhard Roeder
04-15-2012
12 Years

Joy Blomeley
02-18-2013
11 Years

David Driggers
02-13-2020
4 Years

Pamela S Terry
02-14-2023
1 Year

Michael Hall
03-12-2023
1 Year

Linda Liebert-Hall
03-12-2023
1 Year

Brian Wheeler
03-30-2023
1 Year

Birthdays

Tom Carella
February 11th

Diana Manning Marr
March 24th

Pamela S Terry
April 22nd

SportsAbility Alliance was founded in 1990 (originally as Florida Disabled Outdoors Association) by David Jones after a hunting accident left him with permanent paralysis on his left side. David took this "tragedy" as an opportunity to help people with disabilities (and all abilities) become more active, not only to improve their mobility, but also to improve their mental well-being. This has been his personal crusade ever since.

In 2002, SportsAbility Alliance hired Laurie LoRe-Gussak as their first Executive Director. Since then, the organization has grown and established itself as a leading not-for-profit in Florida and beyond.

In the early years, SportsAbility Alliance primarily provided outdoor adventures for people of all abilities. The organization is now providing and advocating for indoor, outdoor and even virtual and virtual reality activities. People of all abilities that participate in their events come from all over to experience activities such as boating, SCUBA, sky diving, art, rugby, archery, fishing, shooting sports, paddling and more. Hands-on training has helped people of all abilities become more comfortable and confident in being active. In 2021, the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association changed its name to SportsAbility Alliance, a name that better reflects what they now do.

Milestones for the organization include:
1990 – The organization was established as a non-profit 501(c)(3); the first "SportsAbility" event was held and continues as a widely recognized event; The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26.
2002 – The first Executive Director was hired.
2008 – Big Bend Miracle Field was built; Miracle Sports program was initiated.
2021 – Florida Disabled Outdoors Association changed its name to SportsAbility Alliance.

The mission of SportsAbility Alliance is to enrich lives through accessible inclusive recreation for all. Programs include ALLOUT Adventures, RecConnect, SportsAbility and Miracle Sports. SportsAbility Alliance strives to promotes active leisure for life for improved physical, vocational, and emotional wellness for everyone.

CALL TO ACTION

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

We are collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for Second Harvest during our next three Rotary Meetings.
Dates: February 13 and 27
March 12

Suggested items:
Personal Hygiene- bar soap, body wash, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, toothbrush/paste

Laundry soap(pods, liquid, powder)
Dish soap
Bleach alternative
Dryer sheets

Household cleaners:
All purpose cleaner, bleach, kitchen/bath cleaner, windex, disinfecting wipes

These are suggestions. Any and all other possible items will also be accepted

Thank you in advance for
Filling The Tub

End Polio Now

Global Wild Poliovirus 2017 - 2024

World Health Organization

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases									Wild virus type 1 reported from other sources[2]								
	Full year total						01 Jan-31 Dec[1]		Date of most recent case	Full year total						01 Jan-31 Dec[1]	01 Jan-13 Feb[1]	Date of most recent virus
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Afghanistan	14	21	29	56	4	2	2	6	04-Sep-23	42	83	60	49	1	22	62	0	23-Dec-23
Pakistan	8	12	147	84	1	20	20	6	24-Oct-23	110	141	405	455	65	43	125	28	20-Dec-23
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	10-Aug-22									
Malawi	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19-Nov-21									

Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA			3						20-May-19
Total (Type 1)	**22**	**33**	**176**	**140**	**6**	**30**	30	12		**152**	**224**	**468**	**504**	**66**	**65**	**187**	**28**	
Tot. in endemic countries	22	33	176	140	5	22	22	12										
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	1	8	8	0										
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2										
No. of countries (endemic)	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2										
Total Female	7	18	72	59	2	10	10	4										
Total Male	15	15	104	81	4	20	20	8										

Countries in yellow are endemic. [1]Data reported to WHO HQ on 14 Feb for 2023 data and 13 Feb. for 2024 data.

[2]Wild viruses from environmental samples, selected contacts, healthy children and other sources. Last WPV type 3 had its onset on 10 November 2012.

Data in WHO HQ as of 13 Feb. 2024

Rotary Links

Capital Rotary Facebook Twitter Instagram
Rotary International