

# Rotary Rote

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**September 12th, 2019**

**Invocation:** *Mary Marx*

**Pledge:** *Tom Hilton*

## Club Officers

Vickie Cavey  
*President*

Sam Hall  
*President-Elect*

Lori Anderson  
*President Nominee*

Billy Wagner  
*Immediate Past President*

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*Legal Counsel*

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*President 2019-2020*  
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Mark Daniel Maloney  
*Rotary Club of Decatur, AL*  
*USA*  
*2019-2020*  
*Rotary International*  
*President*

## Board Members

Ed Dalton, 2021  
Todd Hickey, 2021  
Sherry Mahoney, 2021  
Christine Ng, 2020  
Toni Boudreaux, 2020  
Bruce Jones, 2020

## Appointed

Beverly Flanagan  
Al Hammack  
Jennifer Logue  
George McCaughan

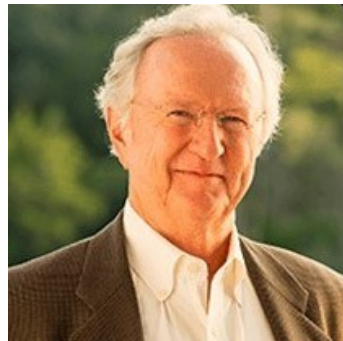
We hope everyone is getting back to work and life after the scare of Dorion. As thankful as we all are that we had such minimal damage to our beautiful community we are reminded of the destruction and devastation that has affected the Bahamas. We send prayers and positivity to our Bahamian Rotarians and their families. We were visited by two of our RYE students who shared with us a bit more about their lives back at home. First up was **Gabby** from Brazil who enjoys carnivals and the joys of not having to choose her clothes everyday-remember ...Dress Codes Saves Lives! We then heard from **Yoren** who hails from Belgium. He reminded us that a few of our favorite things got their start in Belgium. French fries, waffles, beer and chocolate! Both RYE students now have badges to wear when visiting and some swag to add to their jackets. We wish you both the best experiences here and are excited have you a part of TBRCITW! Speaking of TBRCITW we made our club even better by adding a few new members since last we met. We welcomed: **Andre Green, Paul Price, Tim Crosby, and Lesly Wells** as our newest red badgers. Past President **Billy Wagner** graciously did the honors of inducting these wonderful new members and we look forward to getting to know each of you.



**Congratulations!**  
We heard from many of you inquiring about Rubbing Elbows-it has been rescheduled for September 29th.



## September 12th Program:



Greg Leonard has over forty years of leadership experience, serving much of that time as a senior executive for St. Johns County-based Tree of Life, one of the largest wholesale distributors of Natural and Specialty Foods in the United States. While at Tree of Life, Greg led sales, marketing, procurement and product development teams and contributed to the company's growth from \$2 Million in annual sales when he joined in 1974, to over \$3 Billion in sales in 2014. In our local community, Greg has served on St. Johns County's Historic Resources Committee and has developed and publicly presented visual histories of both the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley and Hastings/Federal Point areas. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and is past president of the Palm Valley Community Association. As a member of the Palm Valley Community Association Board, Greg became part of what is now known as the "Citizen's Traffic Task Force" and facilitated with that group the development of a long-term traffic and roadway vision for the Ponte Vedra Beach area. That process led to the funding and execution of a formal traffic study of the roadways in our community and the path to funding some of the recommended improvements.

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**Mark Your calendar (again) for Rubbing Elbows with Rotary + Mentorship Kick Off September 29th at Alice and Pete’s Pub inside the Marriott in Ponte Vedra Bch.**

Kent Thielen, M.D., VP of Mayo Clinic and CEO of Mayo Clinic Jacksonville spoke to us during our last meeting. He shared with information surrounding the new additions to the campus including the grand opening of the new Discovery and Innovation Building which signals a new era of integrating regenerative medicine into daily practice. Regenerative medicine seeks to tap the body’s ability to replace, restore or regrow damaged or diseased cells, tissues and organs. A hub of research and technology, the new building will include new lung technology called Lung perfusion technology. Lung perfusion is a pioneering technology that may increase the number of lungs available for transplant. It is a process by which marginal donor lungs are restored through flushing and ventilation while monitored in isolation. This preserves lungs for transplantation that otherwise would have been discarded. The lungs will be made available to patients at Mayo Clinic and other transplant centers throughout the United States. Each Mayo Clinic campus has a unique set of regenerative medicine capabilities researching innovative solutions for patients. Together they form the Center for Regenerative Medicine, working as a whole to create new solutions to transform medicine and surgery. “I’m humbled, honored and excited to continue to build upon Dr. Farrugia’s outstanding legacy, which includes his involvement and leadership in the Jacksonville community, and to accelerate Mayo’s efforts in discovery and world-class innovation,” Dr. Thielen says. “I’m looking forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues to



ensure the Florida campus continues to grow its stellar reputation as a leader in patient care, education and research.”



**Congratulations are in order to two Rotarians. First to Sherry Mahoney for being our Rotarian of the Month. You do so much for our club and we love you for it! #ServiceAboveSelf. Next, we have to take a moment to celebrate Norwin Voegeli as he becomes an American citizen. He took his Naturalization Oath and we couldn’t be more thrilled for you!**



**Rote Notes:**

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*Need to leave early?* No problem. Please respect our speakers. Take your badge with you and exit the double doors on the extension side of the room.

**September/October Speakers & Events**

**September 10th:** Women Who Wine at 3 Palms 5:30-8pm

**September 12th:** Greg Leonard, CTFB Board

**September 19th:** Dr. Robert A. Pooley, Mayo Clinic3D Printing

**September 29th:** Dan Maloney, Jacksonville Zoo

**September 29th:** Rubbing Elbows at Alice and Pete’s

**October 5th:** Rotary Croquet Day at PV Croquet Club

\*Board meetings are from 7:30-8:30am every third Tuesday of each month. The new address is 1000 Vicar’s Landing Way. (2nd Floor)