

# Rotary Rote

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# Rotary



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## Invocation:

*Mike Johnson*

**Pledge:** *Lorraine Dorsa*

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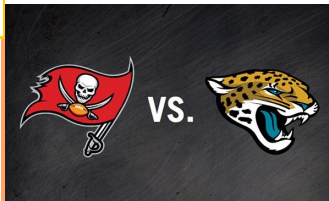
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## Board Members

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 welcomed a new Sergeant at Arms if you missed us last week. **Toni Chrabot** we look forward to your warm Rotary welcome in the coming weeks! We were also joined by our awesome Rotaracts to share news about the upcoming **#EndPolioNow** event at Whiskey Jax. More information on page two of the Rote, remember you **MUST** buy tickets in advance-no tickets can be purchased at the door. Also be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks on 'ELF' at the Alhambra 12/12. \*\*\*Don't forget to mark your calendar for our meeting on



October 17th when we will meet at Christ Episcopal Church Parrish Hall. The address is: 400 San Juan Dr, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Boy the Jaguars has us all excited during last week's game-get excited for 12/1 when we battle the Bucs. You can pay for your Jags tickets this week at the member services table.

**Don't forget our next A1A clean-up coming up this**

**Saturday, October 12th.** This is great for everyone especially our newest red badgers. Join Rotarian **Glenn Barr** at 7:45am in the parking lot near Larry's Giant Subs 830 A1A N. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Then, off to clean the roadside at 8:00am. Cleanup bags, safety vests, and pickup tongs will be provided. This is a great time of fellowship with other Rotarians. See you there!



## October 10th Program:



**Michael H. Darragh** retired from CSX Transportation after 32 years in the railroad industry. He joined CSX as an Operations Supervisor, then progressed through a variety of positions in Operations, Finance, and Asset Management. He spent the last 15 years of his work life in Sales & Marketing, heading teams in a variety of markets from wines and beers, to rocks and cement, using out-of-the-box thinking to significantly grow each market. Mike has also served as a consultant in the transportation industry, as well as an expert witness. The Darraghs have a long tradition of Rotary involvement. His grandfather joined the Rotary Club of St. Louis

in the 1920's, and his father joined the same club in the 1950's. Mike joined the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach in 1985, then moved to Michigan where he joined the Rotary Club of Plymouth three years later. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville since returning to Florida in 1992. Mike has served in a variety of roles for his Rotary Club and became President of South Jacksonville in 1999. Since 2000 Mike served as Club Membership Chair for several years and has served the District as Assistant Governor starting in 2012, District Trainer (2013), Membership Co-Chair (2015), and Discussion Leader for Rotary Leadership Institute (2016). In 2015, he was instrumental in establishing a satellite club for 30-45-year old leaders, the Rotary Satellite Club of South Jacksonville. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Grinnell College, and completed his MBA at Stanford University School of Business. Mike's work in the membership field, includes research, surveys, and focus groups, and has helped numerous clubs improve the value offered to members. Nancy and Mike have hosted five Rotary Youth Exchanges, and their son was a RYE student in Turkey. They are Bequest Society members, Paul Harris Society members, and Major Donors.



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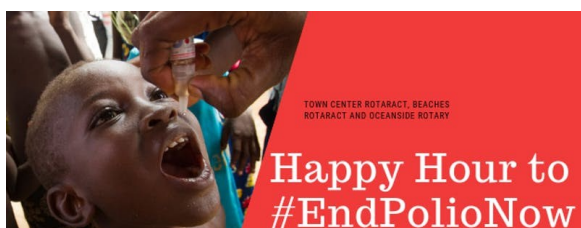
[Rotary Youth Exchange](#)

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Our guest speaker was Rachel Rojas, who oversees the FBI's Jacksonville office (which actually oversees all of Northern Florida, clear out to the Panhandle). Rachel noted that while she has the largest FBI territory in Florida, she has the smallest field office (go figure), with Miami and Tampa offices having more staff. Rachel gave a shout out to the FBI's professional staff, who support the agents in the field with critical research and investigation skills. In addition to terrorism, some of the key priorities for the FBI is cybersecurity and foreign espionage. "Things have changed dramatically since 9/11," she noted. "It's no longer spies chasing other spies." Now, she said, it's FBI agents tracing ownership of seemingly innocuous cellphone apps to foreign powers like China, which are capturing our data. Rachel encouraged everyone to monitor their credit reports: Because you can get one free report from each of the three agencies per year, she noted, you can stagger them, doing a check every four months rather than waiting a whole



year to find out your identity has been compromised. Rachel also encouraged veterans and young people to explore opportunities with the FBI. **Thank you to Jennifer Logue for scribing for me last week!**



**Don't forget to you're your tickets for Happy Hour to #EndPolioNow. Click to buy here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-hour-to-endpolionow-tickets-70617088613?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**Take a moment to read about our grant and efforts with Lend An Ear.**

Click here: <https://www.staugustine.com/entertainmentlife/20191001/local-groups-to-provide-free-hearing-aids-to-those-in-need>



**LEND AN EAR  
OUTREACH**

**Rotary Croquet Day at PV Croquet Club is around the corner on October 19th! Keep your summer & winter "WHITES" handy, and note that *Connie Green* will answer all your questions at Sept. 19th, 26th, and subsequent meetings.**



## Rote Notes:

### Rotary Youth Exchange

If you and your family or friends are doing something fun and adventurous don't forget to invite our Rotary Youth Exchange students Yoren (Belgium) and Gabi (Brazil) along for the fun!

They both want to go to Universal, go boating and enjoy live music and are open to new adventures.

Contact **Yoren** at 904-584-0169 or **Gabi** at 904-439-0002.

### October Speakers & Events

**October 10th:** DG Mike Darragh Visits TBRCITW

**October 12th:** Ecology Day (A1A Clean-Up) 7:45am-9:45am

**October 17th:** Meeting at Christ Episcopal Church Parrish Hall: 400 San Juan Dr, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

**October 19th:** Rotary Croquet Day at PV Croquet Club 3pm

**October 22nd:** Happy Hour to #EndPolio at Whiskey Jax 5:30p

**October 24th:** World Polio Day and Brian Sexton

\*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)