



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD Rotary



Club Ponte Vedra Beach

Invocation:

Rick Tryon

Pledge:

Tim Eymer

We kicked off our meeting last week with a great new member presentation by **Valerie Sprague**. Thank you Valerie-we are excited to get to know you! We also had Mr. Boudreaux (aka my dad) in the house for a flag exchange from his club in Kerrville, TX. Thank you dad! Guest speakers included: Candice Sirak, SCMT Manager, Silvia Romero, Director of Programs and Kimberly Sheridan, Youth Programs



Coordinator of the First Coast Cultural Center (FCCC). FCCC has been successful in providing music therapy through the Sound Connections program for sixteen years due to the generosity of donors and grants. Another program they facilitate is Kick StART-an after-school art enrichment program that introduces students to master artists. Students are taught various foundational art skills and explore lines, shapes, texture, color, and contour, learning how to utilize a variety of mediums in tandem with these foundational skills.



August 10th Program:



Wendy grew up as a military child moving around the US every year or two. Her father retired from the Air Force and had a lengthy career as a Military Police Officer and an agent with the Office of Special Investigation (OSI). Wendy says that the career that she found herself in for the past 23 years, was in her blood. Wendy grew up overhearing about crime scenes and murder. She always found it fascinating, but never envisioned a career in such work. In 1999 Wendy went to the District IV Medical Examiner's Office to volunteer, where she found herself labeling autopsy photos and so began an increased curiosity on how the Medical Examiner's Office worked. An interest grew and she changed her major from Photojournalism to Criminal Justice and earned a degree from the University of North Florida. Wendy is a senior



Forensic Investigator and earned a certification with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI), becoming first a diplomate and then a fellow. Her work is demanding and rewarding. It is the kind of work that challenges you to look beyond what you see and what you hear. Wendy has been part of many families' heartbreaks. Most people deal with death a few times in their lifetime, but she deals with it every day. She hopes to provide as much knowledge as she can about exactly what she does and how the Medical Examiner's Office functions for the people of Jacksonville, as well as multiple other cities within our jurisdiction. Wendy is married to a Homicide Detective. They have 2 pups that they adore. She raises monarch butterflies and spends an extensive amount of time tending to her plants.

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An unofficial Rotary Women Power Hour last week at Nona Blue. A bunch of awesome ladies gathered to socialize and share a cocktail to cheers celebrating another trip around the sun. Today there are over 200,000 women Rotarians worldwide and I might be a little biased but I think our club ladies are pretty special! Thank you all for sharing my birthday with me!



August Speakers & Upcoming Events

- August 10th:** Wendy Mecham- Forensics
- August 16th:** Happy Hour at 1912 Ocean Bar
- August 17th:** Julie Mclean, Mental Health Awareness
- August 24th:** Johny Crosby, Air Traffic Controller
- August 31st:** No Meeting
- *Board meetings are held every third Tuesday from 7:30-8:30am and are held at Vicars Landing-upstairs in their conference room. Red badgers are encouraged to attend!**



If you still have you round Rotary badge please notify Vince Grassia ASAP.

All Foundation checks have been given to the Rotary sponsor or mailed-Please remember to take a photo of the check delivery and send to **Billy Wagner!**

