

#### **Events**

April 15th
Jacksonville-Oceanside
Weekly Club Meeting
April 28th
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Monthly Board Meeting
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#### **Club Leaders**

Rebekah Gleason Hope President

**Grace Allen**President-Elect

Harold E. Gear Treasurer

Wendy Ranson Past President Secretary

Jeff Michelman, PDG Club Foundation Chair

Kenneth R. Cahill iPast President

Flag Project Chair **Dana E. Allen** Club Director

Danielle N Fisher Club Director

William B Huff Club Director

Charlene Shirk
Public Image Chair
Club Director
Communications Officer

Kimberly Spencer Bulletin Editor Club Director

Mary Stutts Club Director Membership Chair

Rosemary Takacs Club Director International Service Chair

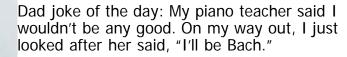
Rex J Williams Club Director

#### **Birthdays**

Kendra Pressley April 12th Jacquelyn E. Smith April 16th Donald J. Schneider April 24th Rebekah Gleason Hope April 24th

# **President's Message**

Hello Oceansiders!



The Rotary Learning Institute is holding another conference day on May 3 in DeLand. RLI is a great way to learn more about Rotary! Several dynamic presenters will introduce you to finer points of rotary and how it all fits together. In the meantime you meet folks from across our district! Please see the sign up instructions

below.

NEXT MEETING: THIS WEEK: April 15, 2025.

Yours in Service,

Rebekah

# This Week's Speaker: Anna Valent, Dreams Come True



Anna Valent is the Executive Director for Dreams Come True, northeast Florida's only locally based dream granting organization for local children battling lifethreatening medical conditions. She joined Dreams Come True in 2022 as the Director of Strategy and Development.

Prior to joining Dreams Come True, Valent was the executive director at Athletes for CARE, a global nonprofit focused on leveraging the influence of current and retired professional athletes to impact positive changes in health, wellness and safety for all. Valent's prior professional experience includes five years as an entrepreneur, nearly a decade with the JAX Chamber, including four years as vice president of operations.

Her expertise includes relationship development, organization management, innovation, board development and strategic planning.

Valent is driven by the opportunity to give back, especially to her community. Outside of her role at Dreams Come True, Valent is a board member of the San Marco Preservation Society and Baptist Tower's

Carolyn W. Ettlinger April 26th Alex Brown April 29th John Griffis May 3rd William B Huff May 8th

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

William Ernest Miller Jr. April 15th John Griffis April 22nd Guzman Castro April 23rd Judi Cowart April 25th

#### **Years of Service**

Kenneth R. Cahill 05-05-2015 10 Years Rex J Williams 05-11-2021 4 Years David Wilson 04-26-2022 3 Years Grace Allen 04-26-2022 3 Years Tanya Foreman 04-16-2024

1 Year

1 Year

Fred Richards

04-30-2024

Foundation. She is also a founding board member of the National Charity League of Jacksonville, a multi-generational philanthropic organization of mothers and daughters.

## **April Social!**

Our Karaoke social has been rescheduled for April 25th at the Spencer home in OceanWalk ~ Come to belt out your favorite tune or to discover your fellow Oceansiders' musical talent! (or bravery) - the food is Greek-themed - beer and wine, Ouzo ice shots and homemade baklava!



## **Community Service Opportunities**

#### **ALL NEON SIGN UPS**

https://oceansidejaxrotary.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events/ April is Autism Awareness Month. On May 3rd at 9AM we will meet up at PossibilitiesPlus (intersection of Atlantic & Mayport Road) to work in their garden which will involving weeding, fertilizing and perhaps some harvesting of vegetables. For those mechanically inclined there are several new bicycles which need assembling to include 1 tandem and 2 beach cruisers. Join us on Saturday May 3rd for a couple hours of fellowship and fun. And did I mention coffee & doughnuts?

# **Volunteer Proctors needed at San Pablo Elementary**

May 7th May 13th May 15th

During the month of May state testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be conducted at San Pablo (across from Fletcher High). Each session requires a test administrator and a proctor. In the past, testing has taken up a significant amount of time for the teachers who normally serve as proctors. By serving as a proctor, we are freeing up teachers' time which is better spent in the classroom. We are basically serving as another set of eyes; the administrator will cover all the instructions and the actual facilitating of each test.

The time needed is 8:15 to 2:45 for each day with the possibility of being done early. Plan to arrive at 7:45 for a short training session by the test administrator. There will be a break for lunch. This will be hard to make for some as it is all during the week but we only need to provide 3 or up to 6 volunteers if we split up each day. Sign up in Neon or see Doug or Dirk if interested.

### **Next Blood Drive**





Mark your calendars! Next Oceanside blood drive April 29th!

Jacksonville-Oceanside Meets at ABBQ

Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM