

## Events

April 15th  
[Jacksonville-Oceanside Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 28th  
[Jacksonville-Oceanside Monthly Board Meeting](#)

April 29th  
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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!

Dad joke of the day: My piano teacher said I wouldn't be any good. On my way out, I just looked after her said, "I'll be Bach."

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 life-threatening 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  
Fred Richards  
04-30-2024  
1 Year

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#/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 involve 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