

Events

March 19th
Jacksonville-Oceanside Weekly Club Meeting
March 23rd
Fletcher Rise Against Hunger
March 26th
NO MEETING
April 6th
PossAbilities Plus Work Day
April 13th
Save the Date: Happy Hour at the Cahill's

Club Leaders

Kenneth R. Cahill
President
Debbie Cole
Vice President
Rebekah Gleason Hope
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Club Director
Public Image Chair
Kimberly Spencer
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Club Director
Mary Stutts
Club Director
Rosemary Takacs
Club Director
Rex J Williams
Club Director
Christine Hoffman
Speaker Chair

Birthdays

Gerald W. Bialka
April 3rd
Emme Devonish
April 3rd
Kendra Pressley
April 12th
Jacquelyn E. Smith
April 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

George Garcia IV
March 26th
Joshua Wiley Dixon
March 31st
William Ernest Miller Jr.
April 15th

Years of Service

President's Message



Hello Oceansiders!

All my grandparents or great grandparents were born in Ireland, so a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks
May your heart be as light as a song
May each day bring your bright happy hours
That stay with you all year long ??

I would also like to note that our Membership committee will be conducting a short mid-year membership survey. The survey will be more open ended type questions designed to get your thoughts and ideas on things that could be done to enhance our member's experience and continue our mission to make our communities great places to live.

Ken

This Week's Speaker: The Honorable Rory Diamond



Elected in 2019, Rory proudly represents Jacksonville City Council District 13, including the Beaches communities of Atlantic Beach, Intercoastal West, Jacksonville Beach, Mayport and Neptune Beach. In addition to his work on behalf of the Beaches community, Rory is a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer with the Florida National Guard and the U.S. Army. Prior to his service in uniform, Rory was the Chief Executive Officer of K9s For Warriors. Under his leadership, K9s For Warriors grew into the nation's largest provider of Service Dogs for disabled American veterans and the largest Service Dog agency in the world using primarily

rescue dogs. Rory was also a litigator at two international law firm and served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. Before earning his law degree, Rory served as a Special Assistant for California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and as a Deputy Associate Director at the White House for President George W. Bush. He was working in the White House on 9/11 and, ultimately, served as part of the startup staff for the U.S. Office of Homeland Security.

Rory is a national advocate for American veterans focusing primarily on combat-related PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injuries, veteran suicide, and veteran homelessness. In 2015, he partnered with then-Florida Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL-6) to author and introduce the Puppies Assisting Wounded Service Members (PAWS) Act (signed into law in 2021). Rory also founded The FireWatch, the nation's first regional effort to combat veteran suicide; the Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans; and Service Dog Pass, the nation's first nationally recognized credential for legitimate Service Dogs. In 2014, Rory scored a tie in his first ever run for political office and a seat on the Neptune Beach City Council was decided by the drawing of numbered ping-pong balls. In 2016, Rory was elected to the Neptune Beach City Council. He earned his JD from the University of San Diego School of Law, graduating cum laude, and completed his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Go Blue!).

Accomplishments:

David A. Liedtke
04-01-1989
35 Years

Norman C. Reimer
04-01-1994
30 Years

Robert Alton Hall
03-31-1998
26 Years

Kathie McGuinness
04-10-2012
12 Years

Mark Leininger
04-08-2014
10 Years

Kendra Pressley
04-08-2014
10 Years

Michele Tucker
03-28-2023
1 Year

â€¢ Leadership Jacksonville (2014 (the best class))

â€¢ Leadership Florida (2015)

â€¢ Presidential Leadership Scholars (2017)

â€¢ Jacksonville Business Journal â€œ40 Under 40â€ (2017)

â€¢ Pet Age â€œ40 Under 40â€ (2017)

â€¢ Jacksonville Business Journal â€œUltimate CEOâ€ (2018)

â€¢ National Association of Veterans and Families, â€œChampion for Veteransâ€ Award (2018)

â€¢ Maverick Pack â€œFuture40â€ (2019).

Upcoming Events!

Mark Your Calendars! ~ more details to come

March 23: (10 - 12) Rise Against Hunger at Fletcher High School

April 6: PossAbilities Plus Workday

April 13: Happy Hour at the Cahills' house

April 20: Bikes and Brews

Jacksonville-Oceanside
Meets at ABBQ

Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM