

Rotary



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President's Message

By Wendy Ranson

Saturday, March 18, 202



Happy Sunday Oceanside family! I hope everyone had a fun St. Patrick's Day and that the luck of the Irish is with your favorite college basketball team as they strive to survive the early rounds of March Madness in the NCAA tournament! For your sake – I hope you weren't pulling for Purdue. If you were (or if like me you predicted they would make it to the final game), your bracket is already busted.



What a wonderful meeting we had this past week with an informative presentation from Heath Brockwell, Vice Flotilla Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Who knew our own Andrew Scammon was such an expert in this area?! Now we all know where to go with our boating safety questions. The membership team also presented Danielle Fisher with her Red Badge! Congrats Danielle! We also celebrated Bob Dinda's 99th Birthday (one day early)! Bob – I hope you had a full week of celebrations – you deserve it!

Don't forget that there is **NO MEETING THIS TUESDAY**. But be sure you don't miss our Meet the Mayors March social event on Tuesday Night at Kim Spencer's house or the March Service Project - the Meals of Hope food packing event on Saturday, March 25th at Beachside High School in St. Johns. I hope to see many of you at both events!

Did you know that this coming Wednesday, March 22nd is World Water Day? World Water Day is held every March 22nd to highlight the importance of clean water. This UN observance is also used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. This year's World Water Day will focus on accelerating solutions to urgent water and sanitation needs around the world. In Lebanon, for example, all the country's Rotary clubs united behind a global grant-funded project to bring clean drinking water to nearly every school in the country in partnership with other organizations and Lebanese government ministries. And in Ecuador, the Rotary Club of Guaranda, Bolívar, worked with community leaders in the village of Cochapamba and with a regional water agency to build a system that now provides clean drinking water for 133 families. If you want to make a direct gift to the Annual Fund to support these efforts, you can do so by visiting my.rotary.org and selecting the Areas of Focus tab. If you want to learn more about the amazing things that clubs in our district are doing to help with this critical issue – just reach out to our own Rosemary Takacs. She is

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Birthdays

Bartholomew Perry

March 25th

Gerald W. Bialka

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

David A. Liedtke

04-01-1989

34 Years

Norman C. Reimer

04-01-1994

29 Years

Robert Alton Hall

03-31-1998

25 Years

Kathie McGuinness

04-10-2012

11 Years

Kendra Pressley

04-08-2014

9 Years

Mark Leininger

04-08-2014

9 Years

dedicated to this Rotary area of focus and has a wealth of information in this area.



Yours in Rotary,

Wendy

An Evening With the Beaches Mayors March Social

Plan to spend an evening with the Beaches Mayors at our Election Night Social on March 21st. Our own Oceansiders, Jax Beach Mayor Chris Hoffman and Atlantic Beach Mayor Curtis Ford will be joined by Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown to briefly speak about their visions for their towns and answer questions. We will have the election returns showing and are preparing for a fun night of community fellowship.

When: March 21st 6:00 p.m.

Where: 2254 Oceanforest Dr. W AB

*Beer, wine, margaritas and heavy apps will be provided! RSVP:

https://www.needconnector.com/supportvoldetails.php?org_id=81&proj_id=205




Blood Drive

Next Oceanside Rotary Blood Drive!

Tuesday, March 23rd 8:00 - 11:30 am

461 Atlantic Blvd, Bloodmobile, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233



DONATE BLOOD

**Rotary Club Oceanside/Community
Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, March 28
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

All donors will receive*:


- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
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Member Spotlight!

Harold Gear

- I joined Rotary because of its focus on polio prevention. My father had polio, so I grew up with it daily.
- I play pickleball 3-4 days per week, walk another 10 miles per week, and travel extensively with my newly wed bride, the magnificent Jane Evans!



Harold Gear

- My first career was flying shipborne helicopters in the Canadian Air Force (yes I am a foreigner)!

From the Editor's Desk

By Kimberly Spencer

Saturday, February 18, 2023



Happy Sunday Oceanside Rotarians!

I'm so looking forward to hosting my Oceanside Rotary family this Tuesday night. I hope we get as lucky as we did on the day of our Cornhole Fundraiser with the rain prediction. Please remember to rsvp with the NeedsConnector link in this bulletin or just message me directly as many have, so I can make sure I have an accurate number. kspencer@bestversionmedia.com or (904)476-1375.

Thank you!
Kim

Jacksonville-Oceanside
Meets at ABBQ

Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM