



Saturday, September 14, 2019

## Letter From President Clarence 09-13-2019

By Clarence Hill on Friday, September 13, 2019

This week's meeting will be a Club Assembly. Each Chairman will provide an update on their activities and plans for the rest of the year.

As noted in the last Newsletter, the deadline for committing to hosting an inbound exchange student for next year is September 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$1,750 to the Club. It was a struggle to get volunteers for our last exchange student. Meleah has suggested that we decline to host a student this year, but spend the year getting volunteers organized to take a student next year. This is an important program and a great opportunity for the kids. If you have any thoughts on the issue or would like to volunteer, please let Meleah know.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is scheduled for Palm Coast on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Reservations can be made on the Calendar in DACdb. Parts 1, 2 and 3 are offered, as well as breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$100. Registration begins at 7:00 AM. I'm sure we can car pool if there is any interest in attending.

## Invocation & Pledge

Rotary International recognizes that each club is autonomous and recognizes that each club may adhere to its own traditions and customs in the offering of an invocation at club meetings. The understanding is that these rituals are nondenominational and respecting of religious convictions and faiths of all members.

Our tradition is to offer a brief invocation and pledge at the start of each meeting and this year, we will do so on a volunteer basis so that members may participate in a meeting where they know they will be in attendance. Please let Chris know if you'd like to volunteer for an upcoming meeting!

**The invocation and pledge will be offered by:**

September 17---Volunteer Needed  
September 24---Volunteer Needed

## World Polio Day Event

By Krystal Martz on Tuesday, August 27, 2019



Join Town Center and Beaches Rotaract for the Happy Hour to #endpolionow! On Tuesday, October 22 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Whiskey Jax - Beaches, attendees will enjoy games, raffles, food and drink while knowing they are at one of the hundreds of events happening all over the world in support of the #endpolionow campaign.

Tickets are \$20/person and include 1 drink ticket, 1 raffle ticket, and appetizers.

For more information [visit our Facebook event!](#)

## Hurricane Dorian Donations

Don't forget to bring in your donation for Hurricane Dorian relief to the Bahamas. The Board of Directors has voted to match the first \$5,000 contributed by club members and as of last week's meeting, we were well over \$2,500!

The District is also matching the first \$10,000 to come from clubs.

## Week 11 - September 8, 2019

**Rotary** **Minutarian**  
District Governor  
Mike Darragh

Here's an email that District Governor Mike got last Monday from the President of the Abaco Rotary Club in the Bahamas:

*There's nothing left on Abaco. This is total devastation. 95% of all structures have severe damage. I don't know what we're going to do.*

After 36 hours of Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands being pummeled by 185 mph winds, residents are in survival mode.

Since cash is the quickest way to help, our district will match the first \$10,000 of donations made to our Disaster Fund. Go to our website [RotaryDistrict6970.org](http://RotaryDistrict6970.org) and give. The donations are tax deductible, and will be overseen by our Relief Committee so they are used most effectively often through networks of Rotarians, like our Rotary International Past President, Barry Rassin, who lives in the Bahamas.

September 17th Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-September 17, 2019	September 24th Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-September 24, 2019
October 1st Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-October 1, 2019	October 8th Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-October 8, 2019

Clarence Hill President	Raymond F. Joseph President-Elect	Cathryn Hagan Vice President
Wendy Ranson Secretary	Ashley Zur Davis Treasurer	Niels Hansen Assistant Secretary
Josh Curls Club Director	Charles Diebel Club Director	Donald J. Dyer Club Director
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Mary Stutts Club Director	Craig Ames Club Admin Chair	Mark Allen Leininger CPA Rotaract President
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Kelly Ballard Social Chair	Debbie Cole Social Chair	Robert J. Devers Speaker Chair
Andres Gallo International Service Chair	James Lucas Flag Project Chairman	Daniel J. Charletta Vocational Service Chair
Meleah Noland-Dennis Youth Services Chair	Michael R. Phillips IPast President	Jeffrey E. Michelman Assistant Governor

The need is HUGE. We will keep updating our website on how you can help. Our Disaster Relief Committee is plugged into a large network of government and relief organizations, and knows what donations will help, and which donations might actually get in the way.

Thank you for all you do as Rotarians.

Mike Darragh  
District 6970 Governor  
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## Hurricane Dorian 2019 UPDATE



### HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Update: September 7, 2019**

Our District Leadership Team, in conjunction with our Disaster Relief Committee, is in ongoing contact with the key humanitarian-relief and governmental agencies in the Bahamas. The situation is continuously changing. We are focusing on those areas where there is extensive damage and where enormous needs have been identified.

Many of our D6970 Rotarians are asking how they can assist. We are initially collecting funds through the **2019 Hurricane Dorian Relief & Recovery Assistance Program** administered by our District's IRS-qualified charitable entity: **The York Foundation**. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, can accept tax-deductible contributions; and provide contributors with the receipt(s).

*NOTE: Our District Funds & Procedures Committee has approved \$10,000 to match the first \$10,000 of donations made through The York Foundation for 2019 Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts.*

#### **This is how you can make a contribution to The 2019 Hurricane Dorian Relief & Recovery Assistance Program:**

**I. By Check-** Checks are to be made payable to: **York Foundation, Inc.-**

Send via mail to **Rotary International District 6970 | PO Box 47195 | Jacksonville, FL 32247**. Please be sure to make a notation on the MEMO line that this contribution is to be applied to- **The Hurricane Dorian Relief Effort**.. Donors of \$100 or more will receive a receipt.

*Please complete the information requested below and send along with CHECK to receive a qualifying receipt for AMOUNTS OVER \$100.*

Please send Receipt to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please acknowledge the following Rotary Club

For this contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please call DONOR at \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_ if there are any questions regarding this contribution.

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**II. Electronically-** Please utilize the **DONATE** link below. Tax Receipts will be sent to those donors of at least \$100; please be sure to leave your NAME and FULL MAILING ADDRESS in the COMMENT SECTION once you are in the electronic network. You may also email [Office@Rotary6970.org](mailto:Office@Rotary6970.org) requesting a receipt.

Click **HERE** to donate: [PayPal/Credit Card](#)

**Questions:** Please contact Patti Chapman, Executive Secretary at either 904.994.7355 or [Office@Rotary6970.org](mailto:Office@Rotary6970.org)

*Rotary District 6970, York Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation under 501(c)(3), EIN 59-2319085: No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.*

**THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING OUR BAHAMIAN NEIGHBORS.**

Mike Darragh  
District Governor 2019-20  
Rotary District 6970



Rotary District 6970  
**DISASTER RELIEF**  
Committee

### Club Meeting

Jacksonville-Oceanside  
Atlantic Beach Country Club  
Tuesday at 07:30 AM

### Birthdays

[J David Pesterfield](#)  
September 15th

[Norman Reimer](#)  
September 17th

[Kathie McGuinness](#)  
September 19th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Years of Service

[Michael R. Phillips](#)  
7 Years

