



Sunday, September 22, 2019

President's Message 09-20-2019

By Clarence Hill on Friday, September 20, 2019

Thank you to all the Chairmen who provided updates on their programs during the Club Assembly this past week.

Donations for Hurricane Dorian relief were nearly at the \$5,000 mark that the Club agreed to match. Thank you to all who donated.

If you have any suggestions for a title sponsor for our Golf Tournament, please let Guzman know. The committee will take care of contacting them so they just need a suggestion.

We welcome the beginning of Fall on Monday, and I for one will be glad for cooler weather.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is scheduled for Palm Coast on October 12th. 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. Jeff Michelman is attending and will be able to take other participants with him.

Invocation & Pledge

By Christine Hoffman on Saturday, July 13, 2019

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 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!](#)

Week 12 - September 15, 2019

Congratulations! In one week we raised over 40 THOUSAND DOLLARS for the Bahamas. The need is HUGE. Go to our [RotaryDistrict6970 website](#) to get the latest, and to give. THANK YOU.

Shifting gears to another huge priority: World Polio Day is October 24.

Polio cases spiked to 62 in Pakistan this year, compared to 5 last year, as a result of unrest in some areas. Afghanistan, with 16 cases, is the only other source.

World Polio Day helps us focus our communities so we finish this battle. Here are some great ideas:

- The Orange Park Clubs and Clay County Commissioners will **proclaim** October 24 ♦World Polio Day.♦
- Ridgeview Interact will have a Polio Day **display** in the school cafeteria.
- Town Center and Beaches Rotaract have a ♦**Happy Hour** to End Polio♦. That ♦s fun: have a drink, play games, and help end polio!

Get ideas and resources, and register your event, by going to [EndPolioNow.org](#)

September 24th **Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-September 24, 2019**
Speaker: Phil Shoose-Former Eastern Airlines Pilot
Subject: Mr. Shoose will share his first hand experiences about being hijacked. Bob Dinda to introduce.

October 8th **Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-October 8, 2019**
Speaker: Victor Cora- The US Census Bureau
Subject: Update and info on the upcoming US Census. Candace Kelly to introduce.

October 19th **Beaches Resource Center Lemon Bar Luau**

October 15th **Rotary Weekly Breakfast Meeting-October 15, 2019**
Speaker: Maggie Fitzroy
Subject: Maggie Fitzroy, author, will share some of the history of our Beaches community. Candice Kelly to introduce.

October 22nd **World Polio Day hosted by Town Center & Beaches Rotoracts**

Clarence Hill President	Raymond F. Joseph President-Elect	Cathryn Hagan Vice President
Wendy Ranson Secretary	Ashley Zur Davis Treasurer	Niels Hansen Assistant Secretary
Josh Curtis Club Director	Charles Diebel Club Director	Donald J Dyrmer Club Director
George Garcia IV	Christine Hoffman	Jonathan Paul Lee

Have a great week!

Mike Darragh
District 6970 Governor
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Hurricane Dorian 2019 UPDATE



HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF HOW YOU CAN HELP

Update: September 15, 2019

2019 Post-Dorian Recovery & Rebuilding Programs: Bahamas **Click HERE to donate: [PayPal/Credit Card](#)**

All funds donated are dedicated solely for Hurricane Dorian relief effort

The District 6970 Disaster Relief & Recovery Committee and several members of our District's Leadership Team spent time this past weekend in Orange Park meeting with Past Rotary International President, Barry Rassin (2018-2019) to discuss strategies for District 6970 on how we could be most effective assisting in certain Post-Dorian Recovery & Rebuilding Programs.

PRIP Barry: lives in the Bahamas; is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau (Rotary District 7020); and, is a retired healthcare professional (Former President of & Current Advisor to Doctor's Hospital Healthcare System-Bahamas).

Labor Day's 2019's Category 5 Hurricane Dorian left total devastation in many areas of the Bahamas, especially in the Abaco Islands. Currently Bahamian Authorities have reported 50 deaths; and, approximately 1,300 persons are listed as missing. Another 4,500 people have been evacuated to centers in Nassau. These centers are at capacity.

Trying to simultaneously provide local jobs & economic development programs, rebuild critical infrastructure and housing, is going to be an enormous challenge. It will take high levels of continuous cooperation and significant financial commitments from governmental, private and international civic organizations. The Bahamian government has requested that Rotary be involved on numerous committees to help guide and implement the recovery.

According to PRIP Barry the initial steps will encompass the following: temporary furnished housing, toilet, shower and other facilities for both evacuees and relief personnel; Accessing appropriate machinery, equipment, supplies, building materials and qualified personnel to clean-up debris. Damage assessment of critical infrastructure has begun and some crucial repair operations are already under way.

Our District is currently in direct communication with leadership Teams of both of the Bahamian Rotary Districts (D7020 and D6990). We are also working with several other Rotarian affiliates, such as Disaster-Aid International and ShelterBox. We have started to identify businesses who have the supplies and/or transportation expertise to help us deliver critical materials where they are needed. Throughout the process, we are being guided by local Bahamian Rotarians and government officials so that our efforts are targeted to the current needs. These needs change weekly; sometimes daily.

In addition to making monetary contributions to the 6970 Bahamian Recovery Programs, (see below), we will at times need specific items. We will regularly update this website to solicit the supplies requested by Bahamian Rotary leaders.

For further information: Our Disaster Committee Co-Chair, Pat Mulvihill, can be contacted at pem@axisp.com or by cell at 904.534.0035.

Thank you District 6970 Rotarians & Friends For Your Generosity and Support in Helping Our Bahamian Neighbors Recovery From This Tragedy!

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 (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.-**

Club Director	Bulletin Editor	Club Director
Community Service Chair	Public Relations Chair	
Tim Palmer	Stephen Proctor	Steve Shane
Club Director	Membership Chair	Club Director
Mary Stutts	Craig Ames	Mark Allen
Club Director	Club Admin Chair	Leining CPA
Rotary Foundation Chair		Rotaract President
Jeffrey E Michelman	Mark Stuart Sergeant-at-Arms	Kendra Dee Pressley Webmaster
Rotaract President		
Kelly Ballard	Debbie Cole	Robert J. Devers
Social Chair	Social Chair	Speaker Chair
Andres Alberto Gallo	James Lucas	Daniel J. Charletta
International Service Chair	Flag Project Chairman	Vocational Service Chair
Meleah Noland-Dennis	Michael R. Phillips	Jeffrey E Michelman
Youth Services Chair	iPast President	Assistant Governor

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 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.

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 requesting a receipt.

Click HERE to donate: [PayPal/Credit Card](#) All funds donated are dedicated solely for Hurricane Dorian relief effort

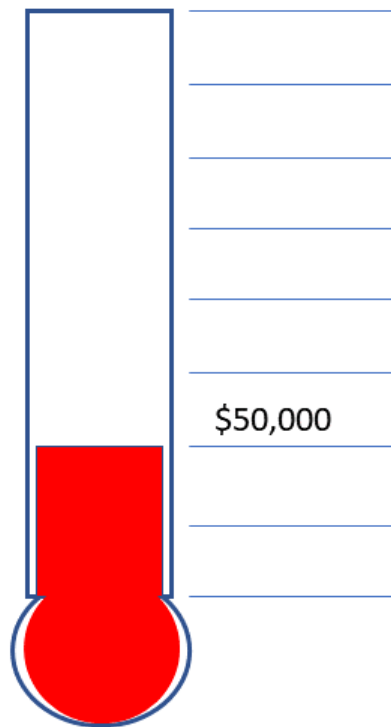
Questions: Please contact Patti Chapman, Executive Secretary at either 904.994.7355 or Office@Rotary6970.org

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

District 6970 Donations in Support of Hurricane Dorian Relief in the Bahamas As of September 19, 2019



Club Meeting

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

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

[Norman Reimer](#)
September 26th

[Jeffrey E. Michelman](#)
September 28th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found