

# Rotary

## Club of Flagler Beach



## Let Our Hearts Be Full of Thanks & Giving



Tis the season for thanks and giving and it seems to me the Rotary Club of Flagler Beach is always in this season. Just look at what we have going on for December:

- Starry Nights will feature a lifeguard chair decorated to highlight our Rotary Club. Starry Nights kicks off Friday, December 2 at 6pm. Reach out to Debby Myer if you're interested in helping with this.
- Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3 at 2pm. If you want to walk with the float, help decorate the float, etc. also reach out to Debby.
- Project Share...whew, boy! December 10-17 is gonna be BUSY! However, it's sure to get you in the Christmas spirit, making sure kids have a blessed holiday. Please reach out to Laura Biddle if you want to participate. Additionally, if you are able to help pick up larger items, such as bicycles, reach out to Deb Horst.
- Pierson will be Wednesday, December 14 and is the last food distribution before Christmas; it's especially important since we had to cancel November's distribution due to the tropical storm. Laura and Deb can also point you in the right direction if you want to help.

There's a Thanksgiving quote from Amy Grant that reminds me of our Club: "Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving." It is with a grateful heart that I get to spend time with each of you on Thursday mornings and at Club projects. It energizes me to be around people who give their time, talent and treasure so generously. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with whatever makes you happiest and gives you time to embrace those who enrich your life.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Sheila Pilath  
President, 2022-2023

## Here's What's Happening

**Tuesday, November 22 - Bunnell Club Meeting 5:30 pm**

Club social and potluck.

**Thursday, November 24 - No Club Meeting**

Happy Thanksgiving

**Thursday, Dec 1 - Flagler Beach Club Meeting, 8am**

Andrew Williams, VP of SMA Health Care in Flagler County

**Saturday, Dec 3 - Holiday at the Beach Parade 2 pm**

**Thursday, December 8 - Flagler Beach Club Meeting, 8am**

Nick Vincent

Owner and operator of Nathan's Forge. He will provide information on blacksmithing.

**December 11 -17 - Project Share Toy Packing**

Many volunteers are needed for our biggest service project. See further details in the newsletter.

**Wednesday, December 14 - Pierson Food Distribution**

Volunteers are needed at the Pierson food distribution at 165 Emporia Rd., Pierson, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, December 15 - Flagler Beach Club Meeting, 8am**

Club Networking and Committee meetings

**Wednesday, December 21 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm**

Flagler Executive Airport. All members are welcome.

## Giving Tuesday



Save the Date

Giving Tuesday is November 29. Please give to your favorite charities so they can continue to do more good during a vulnerable time of year for many families. 40% of Flagler County residents live paycheck to paycheck, making the holidays especially challenging. There are so many worthwhile causes helping people where you live, work and play. Or, maybe your heart lies with a global effort to help people live their best life, such as Polio Plus. Either way, GIVE, and be part of a global movement to make a difference in the world on Giving Tuesday.

## Holiday at the Beach Parade



The parade is fast approaching! Add Saturday, December 3 at 2pm to your calendar. While the planning is handled by committee, on the day of the parade, we need you to help set up, take down and walk with our float! If you can participate in any way, please let Debby Myer know.

And, if you know anyone who wants to register for the parade, here's the [link](#):

## Project Share Toy Packing Schedule



Project Share  
Toy Packing Schedule 2022  
Santa Maria del Mar Learning Center  
Thank you. Your help is needed and appreciated!

Sunday Dec 11 12:00 – 4:00 (Santa Maria)  
Monday Dec 12 10:00-5:00  
Tuesday Dec 13 10:00-7:00  
Wednesday Dec 14 10:00-7:00  
Thursday Dec 15 10:00-3:00 (if needed, check first)  
Friday Dec 16 2:00 load trucks. Many hands needed  
3:00 depart for Pierson  
4:00 – 6:00 set up at Taylor HS

Saturday Dec 17 7:30 – 12:00 Distribution. We need many volunteers, especially at 7:30am!!

Distribution is at Taylor-Middle High School  
100 E Washington Ave, Pierson, FL 32180

## Race of the Runways



Race of the Runways

The race is three months away! (Say what??!!) Here's the short list of what we are focused on:

1. Sponsorships- reach out to Paul Handley if there's a business you think we should contact and you're not comfortable doing so.
2. **Registration** is open! Tell your friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances, strangers, EVERYBODY, they can register with this link:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/PalmCoast/5KRaceofTheRunways>
3. Sponsorships- it's so important it's listed again. Most of the profit on this event is realized through sponsorships. Who do you think would be a great sponsor? (Maybe YOU'RE business??)
4. Marketing- soon we'll have fliers and social media posts available for sharing. Be on the lookout!
5. Sponsorships- really and truly, this is the bread and butter of the event. And, more importantly,

this event allows us to do A LOT of good in our community.

Beginning in December, the race committee will get together after each club meeting until the race in February. Sometimes the meetings will last 10-15 minutes, other times might be longer. Exceptions: December 15, January 26 and February 23; these are networking/committee meetings without speakers, so the committee will meet during the regularly scheduled club meeting time.

You're not on the race committee and want to be? We can solve that! Let Sheila know and she'll plug you in to a sub-committee of your choice.

## Growing Generations: Planting Trees in Ecuador Grant Update



The grant for the Ecuador Rotaract Club's project, "Sembrando Generaciones", which is a reforestation and habitat restoration activity, was approved.

The first 400 trees were planted and the remaining trees will be planted in February. So many Rotarians and Rotaractors came together to make this grant happen. Thank you to everyone involved. A special thanks to Sam Saenz for bringing this project to our attention.

As you can see from the pictures, it is a rewarding feeling to bring awareness of the importance of caring for nature and reforestation of native trees.

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## Minutarian Week 21: November 21

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On behalf of the leadership of District 6970, we want to wish you and your family the happiest of Thanksgivings. If you are traveling, please be safe and enjoy the time together.

On Friday, Maureen and I drove to Tampa to meet Past District Governor Andy Lyman from District 6960 and have him handoff the District 6970 Disaster Trailer. Even though Hurricane Ian is still being

cleaned up and the recovery will take years, we now have work on Hurricane Nicole in our district to complete. It was a true joy to drive this Rotary Billboard through central Florida and when we arrived in Deland, we were warmly greeted by two Rotarians from Belgium. We then returned the trailer to Past District Governor Rich and Marie Turnbull in St. Augustine. A very rewarding Rotary trip!



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## Inspirational Message

"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse." - Henry Van Dyke

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