

Monday, January 16, 2023



### Club Meeting

East Arlington Meets at Blue Sky Golf Club 1700 Monument Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225-2807 Time: Thursday at 07:30

#### **Events**

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October 6th **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting** Speaker: Paul LaLonde, Insurance Wagon October 13th **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting Speaker:** Marie & Rich Turnbull, District Experts, Rotary Polio Eradication October 15th **Regatta Parking Lot Fundraiser: First Coast Head Race Speaker:** Scott Schuler October 20th **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting** October 27th **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting Speaker:** Nicole Hamm, Exec Director, **Blue Zones Project** November 3rd **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting** November 10th

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November 17th **East Arlington** 

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### **President's Quarterly Letter: October-December** 2022

By Sonja Jones on Saturday, December 31, 2022



The Rotary Club of East Arlington's energy is so contagious (I probably shouldn't use that word anymore, but it is!) that service work feels more like being out at a social event. Regardless of whether the East Arlington Rotarians are working together to support events for children, clearing away invasive plants to make the grounds of Tree Hill beautiful, or painting the storage units out at Timucuan Preserve, there is always great conversation and laughter. We truly enjoy our time together, and it shows how fast the time flies and how much we get done.

So what else have we accomplished in just half of our Rotary year? Well, to name a few of our completed goals and their project managers, we...

- Created and provided funding for a NEW scholarships and introduced the idea of an Interact club for students for Terry Parker High School students to build future leaders in our community. Leads: CW Phipps, Mark Vanderberg, Sandy Rogers, Kendall Starkweather, Richard Marsh, and Sonja Jones
- Raised funds to help provide a NEW room to support care for the underprivileged at Volunteers in Medicine, Lead: Mike Selah
- Dedicated funds to send 2 young members of the community to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for our local youth to join young leaders in the district for fun and leadership training. This is one of the most loved events. Leads: Mark Vanderberg, Sonja Jones and CW Phipps.
- Our members donated Christmas gifts to the residents of the Youth Crisis Center. Lead: Stephanie Langford
- Improved our productivity and capabilities by tracking down all of our resources and documenting their location. Club members now have an easy way to identify what physical and electronic resources are available to them when planning an event. Sandy Rogers and Sonja Jones
- Researched solutions for document storage so that we can begin to build a record of the club's history, learn from our past, and have steps to reproduce our favorite service and social events. Leads: Jim Smith and Sonja Jones
- Donated to the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation and pulling our golf players together. Leads: Mark Vanderberg
- Hosted karayoke and quiz competition socials for some rowdy fun! One fo the best parts of Rotary is the fun we have together. Lead: Scott Schuler
- Hosted the 30th Anniversary and Christmas party for current and past members. Leads: Stephanie Langford and Sandy Rogers
- Held a fundraiser that provided parking spaces for the First Coast Head Race. Leads: Stephanie Langford and Todd Mackey
- Installed a new member, Rick Marsh, who earned his Blue badge in December, and Liz Ferrell, who joined more recently and is in the process of moving from Red to Blue! We have two more in the pipeline and look forward to growing in size and service projects.

So much in so little time, and we are looking to do even more in the remaining 6 months. We are ready for 2023! Look out for our innovative ideas in the coming months!

**#ServiceAboveSelf** 

November 19th **Tree Hill Service Day** Speaker: Stephanie Langford November 24th **East Arlington Weekly Club Meeting** December 1st Speaker: Felicia **Boyd, Professional** Geologist, **Environmental Con** Speaker: Felicia Boyd, Professional Geologist, Environmental **Consulting Owner** December 8th **Speaker: Leonard** Lawrence, Finance **Industry** Speaker: Leonard Lawrence, Finance **Industry** December 10th **East Arlington 30th Anniversary and Holiday Party** December 15th **Quarterly Meeting** January 5th Michael Binder -**Public Policy Research Lab at UNF** Speaker: Michael Binder - Public Policy Research Lab at UNF January 12th **Tammie Talley -Athletic Director for Duval County** Speaker: Tammie Talley - Athletic Director for Duval County January 19th **Peter Hicks-Youth** Crisis Center Dr. of **Strategic Partnerships** Speaker: Peter Hicks-Youth Crisis Center Dr. of Strategic Partnerships January 26th Tim Armstrong - Eat **Your Yard** Speaker: Tim Armstrong - Eat Your Yard February 2nd Denise Reagan, **Garden Club of Jacksonville** February 9th **East Arlington** 

Weekly Club Meeting

## Join us Weekly at Our Beautiful Location at Blue Sky Golf Club

By Sonja Jones on Thursday, December 29, 2022 Join us!!!

Blue Sky Golf Club provides the perfect venue for our weekly meetings. We have a hot breakfast buffet, comfortable seating, a great meeting space, and ample parking. Every Thursday from 730 to 830am we come together, not just for a meeting but to also catch up on our ongoing projects, how we can get involved in the community and updates on Rotarians around our District, 6970 and what is happening around the world.

We welcome everyone interested in service in the community to join us for breakfast and fellowship. Come share ideas to improve the lives of your neighbors in the Arlington area and Jacksonville, local schools, and families.







February 16th

<u>East Arlington</u>

<u>Weekly Club Meeting</u>

February 23rd

Dr. Diana L. Greene 
Superintendent

DCPS

Speaker: Dr. Diana L.

Greene - Superintendent

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March 2nd
East Arlington
Weekly Club Meeting
March 9th
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March 16th
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March 23rd
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### **Club Leaders**

March 30th

East Arlington

Weekly Club Meeting



Sonja Jones
President
Public Image
Chair
Communications
Officer
Webmaster



Stephanie
Danielle
Langford
President-Elect
Service Projects
Chair



<u>Brian Lee</u> Secretary



<u>James Oliver</u> <u>Smith Jr.</u> Treasurer



<u>Scott Schuler</u> Social Chair



Mark T. Vanderberg Youth Services Chair



Thomas A.
Trotta
Club Admin
Chair
Jaguars Chair



Ron M.
Heymann Jr.
Assistant
Governor

### **Rotarian Travels**

By Liz Ferrell on Saturday, December 24, 2022 A recent memorial discovery in Queenstown, New Zealand

My November vacation to New Zealand was a reminder of the global reach of Rotary. As a new member, I tried to connect with clubs in various cities as I traveled, but I was a day ahead or behind the meeting days for each city. However, it did not take long to understand Rotary's principles have always been global. Walking around the shops and eateries surrounding Lake Wakatipu, I saw a barricaded section of a walkway I needed to get around and a monument stole my attention. The memorial was dedicated to World War I veterans inscribed with "Service Above Self.†This was the most unexpected sight during my trip to the other side of the world and a reminder the selfless act of service to country and to others. Rotarians commit countless hours and resources to serving others, reinforcing their commitment to improving circumstances for so many. I am so proud to be a member.



### **Birthdays**

Kendall N. Starkweather December 12th Todd D. Mackey December 22nd Sandra Jean Rogers November 30th **Carroll Phipps** October 14th Stephanie Danielle Langford October 28th Damon Kitchen March 21st Brian Lee February 4th Jane A. Sievers January 3rd

# **Navy Safe Harbor Foundation 9th Annual Tournament**

By Sonja Jones on Friday, October 28, 2022

It's great to see our golfers, shown from left to right: CW Phipps, Todd Mackey, Brian Lee, and Tom Trotta participating in the 9th Annual Tournament for the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation.

Every year our club supports this important organization that helps the brave members of the Navy thanks to East Arlington member, Mark Vanderberg.

If you love golf and you love service, come join us!

https://eastarlingtonrotary.org/index.php

https://safeharborfoundation.org/



# NAVY SAFE HARBOR FOUNDATION 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FACTS AT A GLANCE WHO: The Navy Safe Harbor Foundation (NSHF) provided direct support to our seriously found Salors, and their families through respite care, financial support, specialized equipment, legal support, housing/family support.

T: The NSHF Annual Golf Tournament includes an 18-hole Scramble on an outstanding course, pre-tee off breakfast, lunch sandwich and drink delivered while golfing, live raffle and numerous prizes including a free BMW.

Friday, October 28, 2022 8:00 am Registration Starts 9:00 am Moment of Silence Admin/Rules 9:30 am Shoteun Start

1:30pm Scorecard Turn-In 1:30pm Reception 2:00pm Awards luncheon and "Prize Drawing"

WHERE: Windy Harbor Golf Club Building 1981 Mayport, FL 32228 904.270.5380 (tel)

and their families by assisting them with resources not available through government or community avenues.

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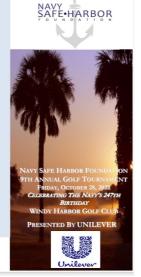
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Navy Safe Harbor Foundation 2961-A Hunter Mill Rd., Suite 644 Oakton, VA 22124 www.SafeHarborFoundation.org

# **Timucuan Preserve in Fort Caroline and Tree Hill Beautification Project**

By Sonja Jones on Saturday, November 5, 2022

The Club had nearly 100% turnout over the months and completed the Beautification project at the Timucuan Preserve in Fort Caroline in time and we look forward to our next big project there!

A big thanks to Ranger Rodney Collazo for being a great guide and making us honorary Jr Rangers.

We also had the great turnout each month for our continued work to keep Tree Hill Preserve's grounds looking beautiful.



### **News and Announcements**

By Liz Ferrell



### **Semi-Annual Pork Butt Sale**

- Total number of units available: 64
- Total number of units sold: 64

#### **Congratulations**

- Richard Marsh- Blue Badge
- Elizabeth Crawford-Ferrell â€" Red Badge

### **Prospects (Future Rotarians)**

- Shanell Jones
- Leonard Lawrence

### Find your voice and your home with the Rotary Club of East Arlington

The hybrid format will continue to be used for all meetings, allowing those participants who would rather do so to join via Zoom. Contact Liz Ferrell at liz.ferrell@gmail.com, Tom Tratrotta at tom.tratrotta@hotmail.com, or Sonja Jones at sonja.skinner.jones@gmail.com if you need login details.

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### **Welcome to District 6970**





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