

# Rotary



# Club of Daytona Beach

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## Speaker for Monday, August 22, 2022

### District Governor Jeff Michelman



Jeff grew up in the Northeast US, but over time, he had a chance to live and work abroad. His life changed dramatically when he met his wife Maureen (a charter member of the Satellite Club of Jacksonville Oceanside) while a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. When asked he proudly claims to be a Wisconsin Badger. Maureen and Jeff have relished living in Atlantic Beach for almost half their lifetime while Jeff has had his impact on the local community as he has proudly been a member of Jacksonville Oceanside Rotary for 26 years and served as club president.

Much of Jeff's passion for Rotary comes from helping to train future leaders. Jeff was an Assistant Governor for Area 7 and is currently a member of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) faculty. He has been active in all levels of Rotary throughout the state of Florida with a particular emphasis on youth and globalization having been the founding liaison for the UNF & Towncenter Rotaract clubs. He chaired the Rotaract Committee for Florida PETS, chaired the District 6970 Global Scholars selection committee and was the chair of the district End Polio Now Committee. Jeff twice participated in the Bike Ride to End Polio and he and Maureen completed a National Immunization Day (NID) in India. Jeff and Maureen are Major Donors, Benefactors, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society members.

Jeff is an alumnus of Leadership Jacksonville where he served on the Board of Directors, Chair of the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Council and the executive committee. He was also a member of the Inaugural Class of the Dupont Foundation's Community Coaches program.

Jeff served as a member of the national HFMA's Accounting Principles and Practices Board and was President of the Florida Chapter of the HFMA and received HFMA's Medal of Honor in 2006. Jeff is a graduate of the duPont Foundation's Community Coaches program and Leadership Jacksonville where he served as Chairman of the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Council as well as a member of the Leadership Jacksonville Board of Directors and executive committee. Jeff lives in Atlantic Beach with his wife Maureen.

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# Rotary Zoom Login



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## Rotary International News - August 22, 2022



It takes a village— to raise a child, create a community, or respond in times of crisis.

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## Birthdays

DJ Lebo  
September 3rd  
Traci Hultzaple  
September 8th  
Skip Lilly  
September 11th  
Stephen G  
Gardner  
September 15th

It's [#WorldHumanitarianDay](#), and with record-high humanitarian needs around the world, we're grateful to have our global Rotary network and partnerships with organizations like ShelterBox, Habitat for Humanity, and UNICEF to quickly and uniquely respond when disaster strikes. How do you support humanitarian efforts in your community?

## [Rotary Disaster Response](#)

## Minutarian Week 7 - August 14, 2022



On July 20, 2022, we lost the first lady of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, [Michele Agee](#). I met Michele in 2017 at the Bike Ride to End Polio when she took off like a Zoomie and left me in the dust! Our hearts go out to President Jim and the entire Agee family.

[Stephanie A. Urchick](#) is selected to be the 2024-25 president of Rotary International. Urchick will serve as RI's second female president and is from our sister Zone 33.

On Saturday we had a great planning day for Rotaract with Matt Whetstone – President-Elect, Clay County Rotaract, Caleb Whilden – President, Downtown Rotaract, Mike Selah – District Rotaract Chair, Alex Elias – President, Beaches Rotaract, and Rachael Daven – District Rotaract Representative.



For those of you wanting to help the communities in Eastern Kentucky after the flooding, I would like you to consider donating directly to the Rotary Club of Pikeville or our Rotary International partner [Shelterbox](#).

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. Is your club welcoming when a new member joins or a prospect comes in the door? [What is your club doing to make members feel](#)

[engaged?](#)

With the recent concern about Polio in the US, the importance of Polio vaccination education has never been greater. What is your club doing to celebrate World Polio Day on October 24? Please reach out to our District Polio Chairs Marie and PDG Rich Turnbull to update them on your plans.

### **Pictures of the Week**

A great visit to the RC of Orange Park Sunset with District Governor-Elect John Tabor, President Ralph Puckhaber and Assistant Governor Preston Mangus.



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Edgewater for 40 years of doing good in their community as we celebrated with Assistant Governor Charles Miller and President Lindsay Malia.



I have to be honest that the women of Edgewater certainly do know how to have a crazy good time!



### **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statue Unveiled**

-- Daytona Beach News-Journal

DAYTONA BEACH — If Mary McLeod Bethune was looking down from heaven on Thursday morning, she undoubtedly was smiling.

Gathered on the riverfront around a brand new plaza built in her honor were hundreds of people braving the searing August sun to remember how her achievements defied what seemed possible for a Black woman of her era and to watch the unveiling of a bronze statue of Bethune's likeness that will stand on the esplanade for generations.

"Some things on our journey are unforgettable, and this, my friends is such a moment," said Mayor Derrick Henry.

Henry said he hopes the new 13-foot-tall statue facing west toward the old city dump that Bethune transformed into a school campus in the early 1900s will "serve as a model of possibility for what can be achieved" and that "nothing is impossible."



The towering work of art celebrates the founder of the small school that evolved into Bethune-Cookman University, a woman who was also a civil rights and women's rights pioneer, a force in Washington, D.C., for decades and the champion of Black Daytona Beach residents who fought for their most basic needs and rights.

"If Mary McLeod Bethune could do all she did under those circumstances, how much can we do united?" Henry asked.

Bethune lived in Daytona Beach from 1904 until her death in 1955. But the impact she made in her 79 years is still felt as strongly as ever, said Lawrence Drake, interim president of Bethune-Cookman University.

"Despite the lack of her human presence, Dr. Bethune's prayers are still operational," Drake said at Thursday's ceremony. "I believe this is a season to reflect on her attitudes and accomplishments."

"I hope everyone here feels Mary McLeod Bethune's inspiration to us," said Nancy Lohman, president of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund and a key organizer of the statue project. "She guided our community on bridge building and with using positive ways of making change. Let this statue remind us all to do the same thing for our community."

Lohman shared a few of Bethune's notable quotes, including, "The progress of the world will call for the best we all have to give." Then Lohman concluded her remarks by asking, "Are we making Volusia County the best it can be?"

### **Journey of an anticipated statue**

The last leg of the very long journey taken by the bronze Bethune statue was completed a week ago.

Made from a maquette and carefully crafted in an artists' studio in a tiny Italian hamlet, the bronze statue was crated and shipped across the Atlantic to Miami, then trucked to Daytona Beach.

On Aug. 10, the 829-pound bronze sculpture and its separate 14,050-pound granite pedestal base were hoisted into place in their new home inside the city's Riverfront Esplanade.



It was no easy task maneuvering the 8-foot-tall, 40-inch wide bronze sculpture, nor the 5-foot-high granite pedestal the statue now stands on. It took three hours to carefully unpack and place the statue made by an artist who lives part of the year in south Florida and the rest in Pietrasanta, Italy.

It took a crane with a 165-foot-long boom to lift the pedestal and statue over power lines, traffic lights and light poles and gently place them in the plaza.

As the sculpture still hung in the air over the plaza about five feet off the ground, Lohman slipped a note into a hole on the bottom of the work of art.

The message left to be found in the future said the statue was "created with love by Nilda Comas." It said the work was made to honor Bethune, and added, "May she always be our guiding light for the Daytona Beach, Florida, community to live harmoniously with one another."

### **Daytona Beach's Bethune celebration**

The plaza named for Bethune is elevated above street level and framed by six magnolia trees.

All four sides of the shiny granite pedestal it stands on are engraved with gold lettering. The front features a quote from Bethune: "Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it may be a diamond in the rough." The other sides list names of dozens of donors.

The plaza flanked by Beach Street and the Halifax River is part of the \$31 million transformation of Riverfront Park into an esplanade with dozens of new mature trees, newly planted flower beds, chairs and benches to sit and gaze out at the river, swings for both kids and adults, a raised overlook behind the News-Journal Center and a dog park.



Those at Thursday's ceremony were given special commemorative fans that have pictures of both the bronze and marble Bethune statues created by master sculptor Nilda Comas. The marble statue was

unveiled July 13 in its new home, National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol building.

The back side of the handheld fans includes passages from Bethune's last will and testament: "I leave you love, I leave you hope, I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another, I leave you a thirst for education, I leave you respect for the uses of power, I leave you faith, I leave you racial dignity, I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man, I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people."

The Bethune-Cookman University Concert Choral performed twice during the ceremony. The choir's second song featured the angelic tones of a soloist singing, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."

The pledge of allegiance was led by Derrick "D.J." Henry, Jr., the mayor's young son, who donned a suit and white tennis shoes.

Speakers at the event included the mayor; Lohman; Drake; Volusia County Councilwoman Billie Wheeler; Robert W. Lloyd, executive vice president and general counsel for Brown & Brown Insurance; Johnny McCray, Jr., president of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune National Alumni Association; and Florida state Rep. Tom Leek.

"I'm so very proud to be standing in the shadow of one of our most beloved citizens," said Wheeler, who has served on the statuary fund board. "I get chills. This statue embodies peace, human dignity, compassion and service to others. I can't recall anything I've been more proud of than to be part of this historical project."

Added Wheeler: "Let's make the most of this moment by ensuring Dr. Bethune's dream lives on, and most importantly that we live in harmony."

Lloyd said Bethune is "a reminder of our past, but a beacon for our future and what we aspire to be."



Also in attendance were Daytona Beach city commissioners, Daytona Beach's city manager and two of his assistant city managers, the Daytona Beach police chief, Volusia County Council members, those involved with the ECHO program, Ormond Beach city officials, and Racing & Recreational Facilities District officials. Also invited were top Bethune-Cookman officials, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune National Alumni Association leadership and members of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund Board of Directors.

## Club Meeting

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Meets at Palmetto Club  
1000 S Beach St  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-6202  
Time: Monday at 12:15 PM