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## Club Meeting

Mandarin  
Ramada Inn Conf. Center Mandarin. I-295 @ SR 13

## Adam Rosenblatt, Ph. D, Assistant Professor of Biology, UNF, October 8

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 6, 2019

Adam Rosenblatt is an Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of North Florida. He studies how climate change and urbanization affect animals, plants, and ecosystems.

His PhD research at Florida International University focused on the effects of sea level rise on American alligators in the coastal Everglades, and he has continued his research on alligators in the Jacksonville area. After graduate school, Adam worked as a research scientist at Yale University studying the effects of climate change on New England insects, then worked for the Department of Energy in Washington, DC in the Office of Biological and Environmental Research. Outside of his research, Adam works to raise awareness about climate change in the Jacksonville area and work toward common sense solutions to this dangerous and pressing problem.

## Senator Aaron Bean

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 6, 2019



Senator Aaron Bean began his presentation with his trademark humor. He said that during his tenure as Fernandina Beach Rotary President, his goal was "Strive for Average." With a grin, he explained that his club had poor attendance. The club achieved the goal when attendance increased to the district average. Aaron was the President of Fernandina Beach Rotary Club when Wilson Smith was District Governor.

Senator Bean highlighted a few of the accomplishments of the 2019 Legislative Session.

- As required by law, they passed a balanced budget.
- Transportation: received priority spending including \$45 million for roads and toll roads
- Purchase of Prescription Drugs: The legislature approved a measure that will allow the state of Florida to purchase prescription drugs from Canada. It has received the required approval at the federal level. During the next legislative session, the bill will become law and Florida taxpayers will benefit from the reduced cost of drugs for public health providers.
- Public School Safety: The Coach Aaron Feist Bill (Parkland High School) confronts the need to harden schools. Each school district has the option of how they want to do this. One of the options is to allow teachers who have undergone a rigorous training to carry guns. (Very few districts have opted for this measure so far.) The bill also strengthens mental health initiatives for youth.
- Sanctuary Cities/Counties: The legislature passed measures that discourage sanctuary cities/counties by enacting stiff penalties for any policing authority that does not cooperate with ICE. Additionally, it strips those offending districts of immunity from prosecution if crime results following a denied request to hold an individual for ICE.

Issues that Senator Bean expects to see debated in the upcoming session include mental illness, addiction, education (specifically funding for charter schools), and the rights of children to continue relationships with relatives after a divorce or other disruption in the relationship.

## Minutarian, Week 14

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, September 29, 2019

We are incredibly fortunate to have so many outstanding Rotarians in District 6970. Every year our Nominating Committee has the challenging task of selecting a District Governor. The committee is currently accepting nominations for the District Governor who will serve during the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Nominations are due by November 1 and the interviews will be conducted later that month. Complete details on the nomination process are available on the newly renovated Rotary District 6970 website. [www.rotary6970.org](http://www.rotary6970.org)

But Rotarians aren't the only ones making a difference. I visited the Interact Summit this past Saturday, where 53 Interact leaders from 19 clubs laid out



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Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

M Lee Curtis  
October 19th  
James F. Register Jr.  
October 23rd  
Lowry A. Daniels, Jr.  
October 23rd  
Peter T. Cummings  
October 26th  
Ryan Tiedeberg  
October 26th  
Michael T. Boylan  
November 3rd

their plans for this year. It blew me away! Here is just one of the ideas: a ♦Dance-Off♦ that raised \$50,000. These ♦kids♦ are truly People of Action. They are also our future. If you don♦t have an Interact club in your high school, call our Interact Chairs Gigi Carroll or Doug Brown to find out how to get one.

Have a great week!

Mike

## Membership Moment 10

By Wesley R. Caldwell on Sunday, October 6, 2019

Purposes of a Rotary Club (As stated in the RI Manual of Procedures)

♦The purposes of this club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.♦

One of the primary purposes of a club is to ♦contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership.♦ Membership is the key to advancing not only our club but Rotary International as a whole. Membership growth and sustainability is best achieved through invitation. Introducing an individual to Rotary is an opportunity to advance our reach in addition to enhancing that person♦s life through fellowship and service to our community. A big shout out to the following members who have introduced someone to the club during the first quarter: Lad Daniels (2), Major Harding (2 and 1 new member), Lee Curtis, Mark Snitzer, Ed Randall, George Robbins and Gale Ruskowsky. This list should be much longer!

Each of us has a responsibility to support our club by introducing potential new members. Unless Tuesday morning meetings are your only encounter with the outside world, this should not be too hard. Invite a friend to breakfast and introduce them to ♦The Friendliest Club in District 6970,♦ where we have fun doing good.

## New Meeting Assignments

By Wendy Hughes on Saturday, September 14, 2019

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Introductions	Raffle	Invocation
8 Oct	Ray Wolford	Max Zahn	TBA	Jim Barker	Fred Barnett
15 Oct	Michael Boylan	Wes Caldwell	Robert Coble	Peter Cummings	Lad Daniels
22 Oct	Lee Curtis	Charles Denny	Louis Dunbar	Harlan Eaton	John Edgecombe
5 Nov	Stephen Edmonds	Jeff Edwards	Dorrie Felder	Craig Fertenbaugh	Sam Folds
12 Nov	Nancy Babineaux	Dale Zimmerman	Steve Gallagher	Bill Gowen	Brian Hall
19 Nov	Hugh Harby	Paul Hardaker	Major Harding	Jock Hart	Marc Hassan

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## The Card

By Rita F. Story on Saturday, September 14, 2019

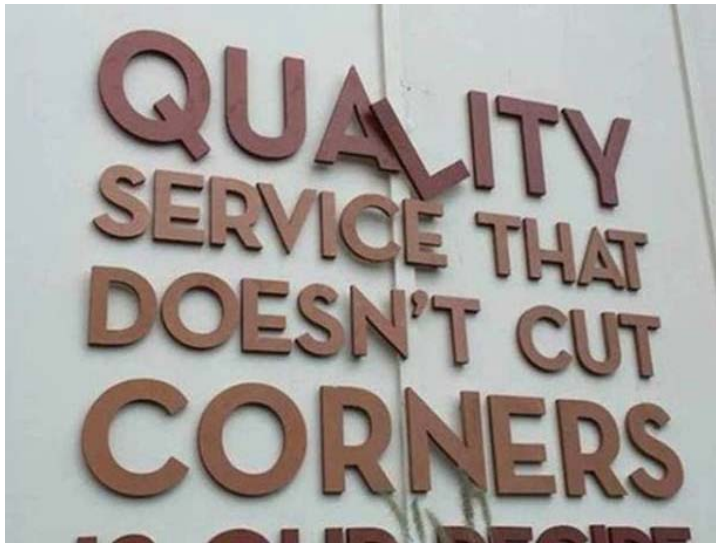
We are looking for the King of Diamonds. There is over \$300 in the pot now. Get your tickets!

## Max's Corner

Tuesday, July 9, 2019



**IRONY RULES:**



Max's Favorite:



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## Years of Service



[Fred Pozin](#)  
34 Years



[Edward Washington](#)  
22 Years



[Stephen B. Gallagher](#)  
21 Years



[Craig E. Fertenbaugh](#)  
8 Years