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Club Meeting

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

Diane Machaby, Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens, Oct 22nd

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 20, 2019

Florida native Diane Machaby grew up in Daytona Beach. She moved to the Jacksonville area in 1988 and in 2008, she made Nocatee her home. Diane proudly spent her time as a stay at home mom before serving more than 20 years in the nonprofit field. Passionate about serving others and making the community better, Diane worked with the Keep Jax Beautiful Commission and Habitat for Humanity (Habijax). Later, she transferred to Habitat for Humanity in St. Augustine, where she served as executive director for more than a decade. In 2014, Machaby started work with Home Again St. Johns to help the homeless, primarily in St. Johns County. In October of 2018 Diane was named the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens.

Rotaract Clubs, Mike Selah, District Chair

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 20, 2019



Taylor Aldridge, Kenn Allen, Mike Selah, and Sarah Braglie

Mike Selah, Rotary District Rotaract Chair and long time member of the Rotary Club of East Arlington, gave the club an update on the growth and development of Rotaract. He brought with him two Rotaract leaders, Sarah Broglie, VP of Beaches Rotaract, and Taylor Aldridge, President of Downtown Jacksonville Rotaract. He showed a film that was recently developed to showcase the benefits of Rotaract.

Rotaract is growing at a phenomenal rate. Currently there are 9539 clubs with total membership around 300,000. In District 6970, there are 7 community and 9 collegiate clubs. The newest club is meeting at Orange Park Mall.

Rotaract Clubs are traditionally after hours clubs that meet around drinks to socialize and plan activities. Many are 2nd generation Rotarians. They use social media heavily in recruiting new members.

Mike advised the club of two recent changes in how Rotary views Rotaract members. The most significant change is that Rotaract members are now recognized as a new class of membership in Rotary. Additionally, RI now encourages dual memberships so that Rotaract members may be a member of a Rotaract Club as well as a traditional Rotary Club. This is a great way to increase retention of the Rotaractors after they reach the age limit for Rotaract.

Rotary Social, Thursday, October 24th

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 13, 2019

The Rotary Club of Mandarin's upcoming "Social Event" will be held at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Mandarin, Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$21.00, plus tax and gratuity.

Choice of Entrees:

- Pork Marsala
- Salmon Tomato Vinegarette
- Chicken Parmesan

Complimentary appetizers & desserts.

Please RSVP to Fred Barnett at f.barnett@comcast.net, 716-7866 (mobile) or 262-3800 (office)



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Birthdays

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

Stephen F. Lazar
November 10th

Sam Hathy III
November 18th

Joint Meeting with South Jax Rotary, Oct 29th

By Rita F. Story on Sunday, October 13, 2019

There will not be a BREAKFAST meeting on October 29th. Instead, we will share in a joint LUNCH meeting that afternoon with the South Jacksonville Rotary Club. This is our traditional celebration of the Florida/Georgia football rivalry. Dress in the colors of your team.

October 29th

Buffet Lunch begins at 12:00 PM

River City Brewing Company

Address: 835 Museum Way
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Go Dawgs!

New Meeting Assignments

By Wendy Hughes on Saturday, September 14, 2019

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Introductions	Raffle	Invocation
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
3 Dec	Sam Hathy	Wendy Hughes	Al Kalter	Denny Lafer	Steve Lazar
10 Dec	Jim Johns	Ken McCauley	Robert Meek	Ladson Montgomery	TBA

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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 \$374 in the pot. Get your tickets!

Max's Corner

Tuesday, July 9, 2019



THE WISDOM OF PHYLLIS DILLER

As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.



The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.



Evidentially, golfing with Max can be dangerous!

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Week 12 - September 15, 2019

Rotary  |  **Rotary CONNECTS THE WORLD**

Minutarian

District Governor
Mike Darragh

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](#)

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.-**

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*

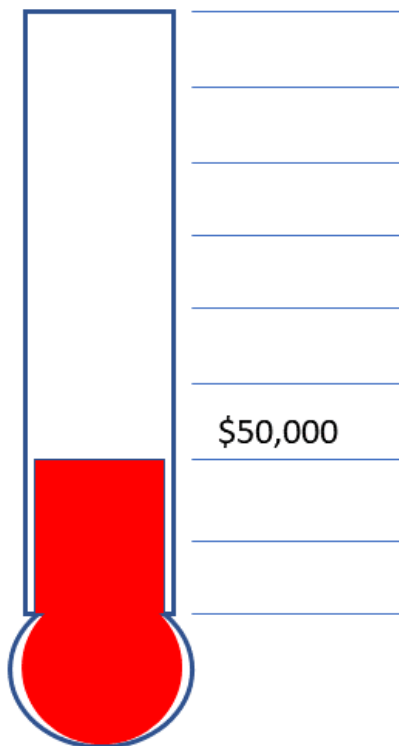
Questions: Please contact Patti Chapman, Executive Secretary at either 904.994.7355 or Office@Rotary6970.org

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



POW-MIA JAX 2019



National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sep 21st, 2019 Cecil Field Observance

The Rotary Club of North Jacksonville and several Clubs of Rotary District 6970 are Significant Partners in the development of the National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum at Cecil Field. In 1971, Mary Helen Hoff, from the Jacksonville Area, spear-headed the design of the now world-famous black & white

POW/MIA Flag (representing sorrow / anxiety / hope) in order to remind the world of the missing-in-action soldiers, sailors and airmen. She was one of the many waiting on the home front to see if her husband who was stationed at Cecil Field, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hoff, would ever return home to his family after his plane was shot down over Laos.

There is a major event planned for Saturday 21 Sep 2019: The POW/MIA National Recognition Weekend Observance and Ceremonies. This 2019 Observance is being held to ensure that ALL AMERICANS remember to stand behind those who serve and to make sure that we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned home, such as Mrs. Hoff's husband. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency there are still over 83,000 Americans missing-in-action from:

- WW II
- Korean
- Vietnam
- Cold War
- Other Conflicts

[Please see the Flyer: National POW/MIA Recognition Day](#)

By- Padraic E. Pat Mulvihill, President-Elect Rotary Club North Jacksonville; and, Member of The Advisory Board of The Cecil Field POW-MIA Memorial.



Years of Service



[Fred Pozin](#)
34 Years



[Edward Washington](#)
22 Years



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21 Years



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18 Years



[Kenneth D. McCauley](#)
11 Years



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8 Years



[M Lee Curtis](#)
5 Years