

Monday, March 22, 2021

Club Meeting

Mandarin
Meets at Ramada Inn
Conf. Center Mandarin
1-295 @ SR 13
1300 Hartley Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

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


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March 16: Aundra Wallace, President Jax USA

By Julie L. Graham on Monday, March 15, 2021

Jax USA is a partnership with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce with a \$3.3M budget with the primary purpose of bringing new companies and businesses to Northeast Florida including Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Nassau Baker, Clay & Putnam counties. Andre has been with Jax USA for almost 25 years and there is a total staff of 14 people. Since this is a private entity, they can negotiate confidentially between government entities and the company. They can help companies navigate the government regulatory environment and assist with any incentives.

The five key decision factors for a company to relocation to NE Florida in order are:

1. The availability of a workforce with skills for their industry with competitive labor costs.
2. The building & site location. Companies can get space in this area which are cheaper than most other locations around the country.
3. Quality of life including good schools and things to do.
4. Speed & Certainty of local & regulations.
5. Last on the list and only if the first four items work for the company, Incentives.

Jacksonville's unemployment rate is currently 4.4% which is lower than the State and National rates. The five targeted industries for our area are:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Financial services
- Health & biomedical
- IT & Innovation
- Advanced Transportation and logistics

So far in 2021 they have made several announcements of companies coming to town including another Amazon distribution center that will generate 550 jobs.

March 23 Kirk Wendland

By Julie L. Graham on Monday, March 22, 2021

Kirk Wendland has held several senior level positions in both the public and private sectors. In 2000, Mayor John Delaney appointed Wendland executive director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, and in 2003 Wendland was reappointed to the same position by Mayor John Peyton. In August of 2015, Wendland returned to the public sector when he was appointed as the City of Jacksonville's Economic Development Officer by Mayor Lenny Curry. During Mayor Curry's time in office, the Office of Economic Development has received approval for over 60 projects that are projected to result in over 9,000 jobs and \$2 billion of private capital investment.

While in the private sector, Wendland held management positions with LandMar& Stellar. He also spent three years as president of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Wendland is a graduate of Jacksonville University and a certified public accountant. He has served on numerous boards throughout the region, including ULI North Florida, NAIOP and the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Diana have two adult children.



2021 Virtual Fundraiser

By Julie L. Graham on Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The event will take place May 20-22. Liz asked members to start collecting gift certificate and items for the Virtual Auction, so we can double the money raised last year.

The Card

By Julie L. Graham on Monday, September 2, 2019

We are still looking for the King of Spades! Try your luck and you could be the next winner!

New Meeting Assignments

By Julie L. Graham on Saturday, July 11, 2020

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle	Meeting Notes
3/16	Kenn Allen	Jock	Lad Daniels	Steve Lazar	Max Zahn	Jack Hart
3/23	Mark Mouro	Hugh Harby	Bennie S	Max	Wilson	Jack Hart
3/30	Kenn Allen	Wilson Smith	Mark Mouro	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham	Robert Meeks
4/6	Mark O'Connor	Harlan	Jim Johns	Ed Washington	Wilson	Dale Z
4/13	Wilson	Max Zahn	Ryan T	Jeff Edwards	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham
4/20	Fred Pozin	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham	Michael Sullivan	Harlan	Steve Gallagher
4/27	Jeff Edwards	George Robbins	Mac Coble	Ed Washington	Mark Mouro	Gary Sneddon
5/4	Michael Boylan	Micheal Sullivan	Alana T	Ed Washington	Wilson	Denny L
5/11	Gale	Fred Pozin	Dorrie	Ed Washington	Mac Coble	Dorrie

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Max's Corner

Sunday, May 31, 2020



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Directions for Virtual Attendance

By William G. Gowen on Saturday, July 11, 2020

We plan to Zoom the meeting starting at 7:20 am. You should be able to click the link and be in the meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2010194121>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2010194121?pwd=b2lNUUM2OEEdCTldeMnB1dRzY3d2Zz09>
Meeting ID: 201 019 4121 Password: 2Pe3Gr

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March 25th



[Raymond G. Wolford](#)
April 3rd



[Fred Schramm](#)
April 8th



[Karilina Nix](#)
April 8th



[Marc Hassan](#)
April 18th

Years of Service



[James M. Barker IV](#)
45 Years



[Sam J. Folds](#)
45 Years



[Wilson L. Smith](#)
45 Years



[Harlan K. Eaton](#)
36 Years



[Mark F. O'Connor](#)
30 Years



[Mark A. Mouro](#)
28 Years



[Dennis J. Lafer, M.D.](#)
20 Years



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15 Years

[Robert McLean Coble II](#)
15 Years

[Michael T. Sullivan](#)
14 Years



[James K. Johns](#)
9 Years



[John P. Hart](#)
8 Years

