

Monday, March 29, 2021

Club Meeting

Mandarin
Meets at Ramada Inn
Conf. Center Mandarin.
1-295 @ SR 13
3130 Hartley Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Time: Tuesday at 07:30
AM

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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 returned 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 and 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.



Kirk Wendland - Jax Economic Development

By John P. Hart on Saturday, March 27, 2021

Kirk Wendland spoke to the club Tuesday morning live and in person! Kirk is Jacksonville's Economic Development Officer as appointed by Mayor Curry. 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.

His talk was a good follow-up of the previous week by Aundra Wallace, president of Jax USA. Kirk explained that Jax USA is private, but the OED is a public effort of the city. He works with Jax USA and Enterprise Florida to bring companies and job opportunities to Jacksonville. The office promotes all of Duval except downtown Jacksonville, as the Downtown Investment Authority has that regional responsibility.

Kirk explained that the Development office encourages private capital investments which will in turn result in an increased tax base, more jobs and higher wages. The office also works with small business to grow their business in Duval. He outlined that since 2015 the office has brought 61 projects to the City Council resulting in ~9,00 jobs with an average wage of ~\$50,000. He claimed success of over \$2 billion dollars of private investment.

Kirk also talked about economic distressed areas of the county, Community Development Areas - CRAs and the impact of 14 Amazon facilities, with 12 location without incentives. Amazon has approximately 10,000 area employees!

















Jacksonville continues to grow and provide excellent employee opportunities to its residents and those residing in adjoining counties, and the OED claims some of the credit.

Mandarin Golfers at SJCC

By John P. Hart on Saturday, March 27, 2021

Four Mandarin members were featured in a story about the San Jose Rotary fundraising golf tournament! We didn't win, but we looked good. Kenny McCauley, Jock, and Ray watched as Charles Denny made the putt.



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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
3/30	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



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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=b2lNUUM2OEEdCTdEMnB1d2RzY3d2Zz09>
Meeting ID: 201 019 4121 Password: 2Pe3Gf

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April 3rd



[Fred Schramm](#)
April 8th



[Karilina Nix](#)
April 8th



[Marc Hassan](#)
April 18th



[William G. Gowen](#)
April 24th

Years of Service



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



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45 Years



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45 Years



[Harian K. Eaton](#)
36 Years



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



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28 Years

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

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20 Years



[Robert McLean Coble II](#)
15 Years



[James K. Johns](#)
9 Years



15 Years



[Michael T. Sullivan](#)
14 Years



[John P. Hart](#)
8 Years