



Club Meeting

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

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Club Leaders



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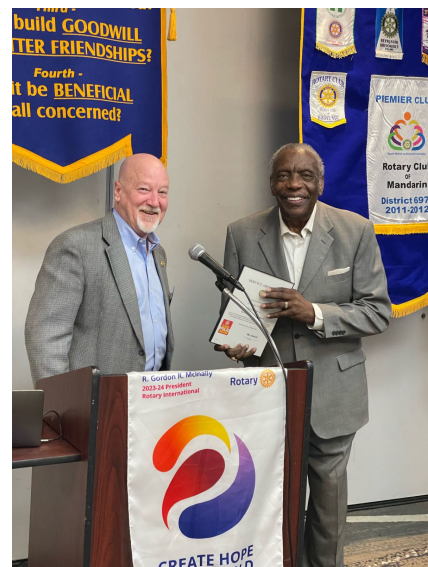
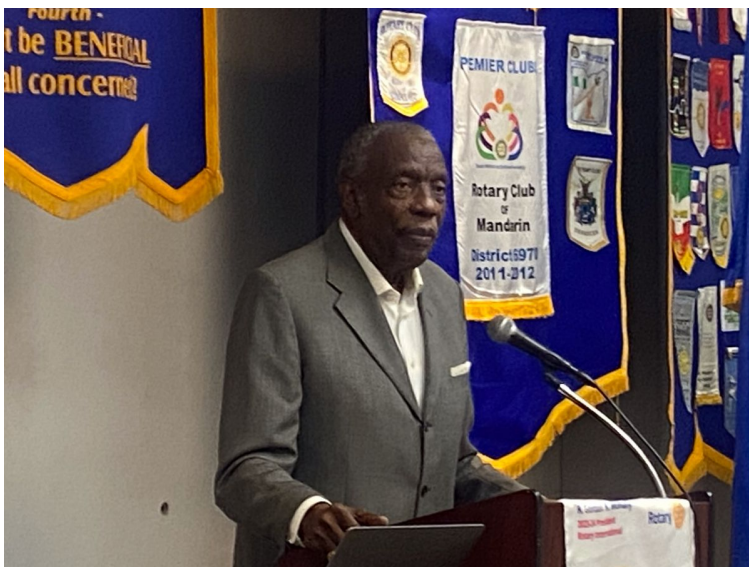
Michael Cooley - Speaker - February 20th 2024

Friday, February 16, 2024



Michael is a husband, father, and agriculturalist. He holds a B.S. in Business and Government, the Permaculture Design Certification, a Graduate Certificate in Agroforestry, and an MSc Natural Resources/Agroforestry from University of Missouri. Before joining Equipping Leaders International (ELI) and now Equipping Farmers International as an agricultural specialist, he had a successful career in executive management and finance, and taught permaculture design. Michael is Director of Agriculture/Technical Director for Equipping Farmers International. He is also a Rotarian of 37 year and past president of the Woodstock Virginia Rotary Club.

Last Week at Rotary...



It was Mandarin Rotary's honor to host former JSO Sheriff, Dr. Nat Glover, this past Tuesday morning. Dr. Glover shared stories and lessons from his life that everyone can learn something from. As he mentioned many times, his life has not been easy, but divine intervention has brought him to where he is today. Dr. Glover has compiled his memoirs in a book, Striving for Justice: A Black Sheriff in the Deep South. It is very well written and full of valuable information. Check it out!





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Foundation Chair, and all-around great-guy, Jock Hart made a visit to the Key West Rotary Club. He was able to bring back some good ideas about promoting our club's Run to Feed the Hungry 2024, and perhaps a new flag for our banners.



Who wouldn't want to join the club these handsome gentlemen are checking IDs for?

Run to Feed the Hungry 2024

By James K. Johns



RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY 5K

Run to Feed the Hungry

Saturday, April 27 | Mandarin Presbyterian Church

5K | 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk



Join us for the 3rd annual Run to Feed the Hungry benefiting
Mandarin Food Bank
and **Daily Bread Food Pantry**.



Make an impact

100% of proceeds will go directly to the sponsored charities

For details and to register,
scan the QR code:



Want to **volunteer** at the event?

Know a business or individual that would like to join as a **sponsor**?
Scan the QR code below to make the connection!





1stplacesports.com/races/rotary5k/
mandarinrotary.org

It is time to start getting excited about our opportunity to feed those in need in the community through our annual Run to Feed the Hungry. All members are encouraged to help with fundraising by seeking out business sponsors locally. The local business community is encouraged to participate in this event, which provides so much value back to the community that we all treasure. Let's get the fundraising out of the way so we can focus on the fun!



Rotary Club of Mandarin Charities, Inc
501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

LOCAL CHARITY REQUEST APPLICATION

Legal Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

501(c)(3) Tax ID#: _____ Year Founded: _____

Mission of Organization: _____

List Organization's Primary Source of Funding: _____

Total Operating Budget: _____ Amount Requested: _____
(Provide a copy of Last Year's Financial Statements)

Total Project Budget: _____ Timeline: _____

SPECIFIC Reason for/Use of Funds Requested: _____

Does Applicant primarily service the Mandarin area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Names of Involved Mandarin Rotarians and positions in the organization: _____

As Applicant's Authorized Official, I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and should funds be awarded to Applicant, such Applicant will adhere to and be bound by all the terms and conditions outlined in the Application and Guidelines.

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Authorized Official _____

Please see our updated Local Charity Request application. It is not only time to hit the ground running with our fundraising efforts, but it is also time to think about where we would like those funds to be allocated back to our community.

Wheelchair Ramp Build Upcoming February 24th

By Louis Dunbar

Wheelchair Ramp Build

Saturday, February 24, 2024 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM



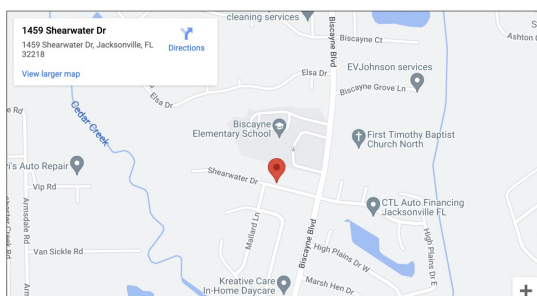
February
24
Saturday

Description:

Our next club wheelchair ramp build will be held on February 24th, starting at 8:30am. We will be building the ramp for Emma Mosley. The service address is 1459 Shearwater Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218. You can contact Louis Dunbar on his cell phone at (904) 222-1037 to sign-up or for questions. Please follow the link to sign-up. Sign-up sheets will also be available at this week's club meeting.

Location:

Mosley Home
1459 Shearwater Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32218





[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Farnham Dentistry Social

Farnham Dentistry Social

Tuesday February 27, 2024 05:30 PM

February 27 Tuesday

Topic: A Social event at our member MacK Farnham's office to help us find out why he is a 5.0 rated Dentist in our community.

Description:
11528 San Jose Blvd.
Jacksonville FL 32223

Come join us on February 27th (Tuesday) starting at 5:30p for an evening of Wine, Food and fellowship with Farnham Dentistry. This is our member, MacK Farnham's Dentistry Practice, and he promises an evening of education and great Food & Beverage without the fear of going to the "Dentist".

Location: **Farnham Dentistry**
11528 San Jose Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32223

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Community Happenings



Click below to view the February 2024 Mandarin Museum and Historical Society Newsletter

[Read More](#)

I, yet again, have a favor to ask...

We finally have a permanent Facebook Page! I appreciate the patience of the club with this matter. Please [Click Here](#) to follow our Facebook page for the last time! This page has content that members should share on their business and personal pages. Thanks again!



February-March Speaker Schedule



One of Mandarin Rotary's strongest features - SPEAKERS

List of Speakers, Newsletters, Calendars, Events, and Meeting information is always updated at MandarinRotary.org

Date:	Speaker	Title	Subject
20Feb	Michael Cooley	Equipping Farmers Intl	
27Feb	Judge Rose Marie Preddy	Circuit Court Judge	
5Mar	Tracey Bradley, Sr.	Pgms Dir. Operation New Uniform	
12Mar	Nick Primrose	JAX Port Authority	
19Mar	Jessica Scheidler	LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services	
26Mar	No Morning Meeting		

On Deck-Meeting Assignments Feb 2024

By Donald R. Trombly

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle
2/20	Delonyx Cortez	Ken Allen	Duke Addison	Louis Dunbar	Jeff Edwards
2/27	John Edgecombe	Dorrie Felder	Brittany Cohill	MacK Farnham	Donald Trombly

If you are assigned to serve and cannot fulfill your obligation, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement!

Max's Corner February 20th

By Maxwell C. Zahn





A Story for Valentine's Day



Larry and Jo Ann were an ordinary couple. They lived in an ordinary house on an ordinary street. Like any other ordinary couple, they struggled to make ends meet and to do the right things for their children.

They were ordinary in yet another way—they had their squabbles.

Much of their conversation concerned what was wrong in their marriage and who was to blame.

Until one day when a most extraordinary event took place.

“You know, Jo Ann, I’ve got a magic chest of drawers. Every time I open them, they’re full of socks and underwear,” Larry said. “I want to thank you for filling them all these years.”

Jo Ann stared at her husband over the top of her glasses.

“What do you want, Larry?”

“Nothing. I just want you to know I appreciate those magic drawers.”

This wasn’t the first time Larry had done something odd, so Jo Ann pushed the incident out of her mind until a few days later.

“Jo Ann, thank you for recording so many correct check numbers in the ledger this month. You put down the right numbers 15 out of 16 times. That’s a record.”

Disbelieving what she had heard, Jo Ann looked up from her mending.

“Larry, you’re always complaining about my recording the wrong check numbers. Why stop now?”

“No reason. I just wanted you to know I appreciate the effort you’re making.”

Jo Ann shook her head and went back to her mending.
“What’s got into him?” she mumbled to herself.

Nevertheless, the next day when Jo Ann wrote a check at the grocery store, she glanced at her checkbook to confirm that she had put down the right check number. “Why do I suddenly care about those dumb check numbers?” she asked herself.

She tried to disregard the incident, but Larry’s strange behavior intensified.

“Jo Ann, that was a great dinner,” he said one evening.
“I appreciate all your effort. Why, in the past 15 years I’ve bet you’ve fixed over 14,000 meals for me and the kids.”

Then “Gee, Jo Ann, the house looks spiffy. You’ve really worked hard to get it looking so good.” And even “Thanks, Jo Ann, for just being you. I really enjoy your company.”

Jo Ann was growing worried. “Where’s the sarcasm, the criticism?” she wondered.

Her fears that something peculiar was happening to her husband were confirmed by 16-year-old Shelly, who complained, “Dad’s gone bonkers, Mom. He just told me I looked nice. With all this makeup and these sloppy clothes, he still said it. That’s not Dad, Mom. What’s wrong with him?”

Whatever was wrong, Larry didn’t get over it. Day in and day out he continued focusing on the positive.

Over the weeks, Jo Ann grew more accustomed to her mate’s unusual behavior and occasionally even gave him a grudging “Thank you.” She prided herself on taking it all in stride, until one day something so peculiar happened, she became completely discombobulated: “I want you to take a break,” Larry said. “I am going to do the dishes. So please take your hands off that frying pan and leave the kitchen.”

(Long, long pause.) “Thank you, Larry. Thank you very much!”

Jo Ann’s step was now a little lighter, her self-confidence higher and once in a while she hummed. She didn’t seem to have as many blue moods anymore. “I rather like Larry’s new behavior,” she thought.

That would be the end of the story except one day another most extraordinary event took place. This time it was Jo Ann who spoke.

“Larry,” she said, “I want to thank you for going to work and providing for us all these years. I don’t think I’ve ever told you how much I appreciate it.”

Larry has never revealed the reason for his dramatic change of behavior no matter how hard Jo Ann has pushed for an answer, and so it will likely remain one of life’s mysteries. But it’s one I’m thankful to live with.

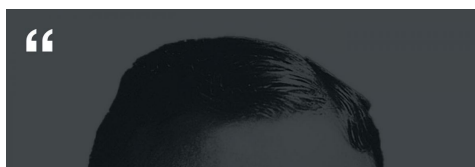
You see, I am Jo Ann.

Jo Ann Larsen

Deseret News

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Thought of the Week



Comparison is
the thief of joy.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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“

The only true wisdom
is in knowing you
know nothing.

SOCRATES

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“

Everyone thinks of
changing the world
but no one thinks of
changing themselves.

LEO TOLSTOY

”

“

A fool is known by his
speech; a wise man
by his silence.

PYTHAGORAS

”

Birthdays



[Mark A. Mouro](#)
February 28th



[Brian Allen Hall](#)
March 2nd



[Michael T. Sullivan](#)
March 17th

Years of Service



[Lowry A. Daniels, Jr.](#)
42 Years



[William G. Gowen](#)
39 Years



[Major B. Harding Jr.](#)
30 Years



[Paul R. Hardaker](#)
29 Years



[Fred Schramm](#)
18 Years



[Brian J. Register](#)
12 Years



[E. Robert Meek](#)
2 Years



[Jim J Mathews](#)
1 Year



[Delonyx Cortez](#)
0 Years