



Friday, January 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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Feb 2: St. Simon's Response Team

By Julie L. Graham on Friday, January 29, 2021

Lieutenant Commander Daniel Donovan is the Liaison Officer for the St Simons Response. He received his reserve commission in the United States Coast Guard in 2004. Prior to his commission in the USCG Reserves LCDR Donovan also served on active duty with the US Navy for three years as an Aviation Electronics Technician, and later in the US Navy Reserves as an Information Systems Specialist. LCDR Donovan has a Master's degree in Emergency Management, is a qualified Master Exercise Planning Practitioner. In his civilian status he works for the US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC as an Emergency Management Specialist. He is presently a resident of Virginia, but plans on retiring in the North Florida/South Georgia area.

Scott Jackson serves as the Environmental Unit Leader for the St Simons Sound Incident, where he coordinates with the GA Dept of Natural Resources and other agencies, as well as the Operations Section to ensure effective and appropriate assessment and cleanup methods. Mr. Jackson earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from the University of West Florida, and a master's degree in Soil Science from Auburn University. He has 22 years of experience as an environmental consultant working on a wide range of projects including environmental studies and permitting for large industrial and highway construction projects, marsh restoration projects, noise studies, and emergency responses. He served as the Natural Resources Advisor Lead in Alabama for 2 years on the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill and has served as the Environmental Unit Leader on the St Simons Sound Incident since the first days of the Response in September 2019.

Jan 26: Craft Talks

By Julie L. Graham on Friday, January 29, 2021

Wes Caldwell is a Florida native of Delray Beach, where he grew up water skiing and enjoying ocean activities. He graduated from Florida Atlantic University while working his way through his 10-year plan. He has worked in the hospitality industry, experiencing all positions from the front to back of the house. He then entered into the life insurance business and has become an expert in multiple lines. He moved to Jacksonville 30 years ago. His clients have received over \$20M in disability claims throughout his career. His daughter Brittany works for Wounded Warrior and he has been married to his second wife Karen since 2017. Wes has always been involved with the community, serving various organizations including the Juvenile Diabetes Association and was the Finance Chair for San Jose Country Club (which the CFO was charged with embezzlement). His passions include music, cooking, and service. He joined Mandarin Rotary in 2000. He was a charter member of San Jose Club later, but moved back to Mandarin after fourth months, and is now our sitting Rotarian of the Year and Member Chair.



Al Katter was born in New York City in a hospital on Madison Ave that no longer exists. He moved to Bethpage, NY as a child and has younger twin brothers. He excelled in music and math in high school and graduated in 1969, the summer of Woodstock. He attended SUNY Binghamton (Harpur College) studying liberal arts and worked at the campus radio station while taking some of the first offered, college computer courses. He continued working in radio after college on a night time sports show. He broadcasted for the Syracuse Firebirds hockey team. In 1979, he moved to Syracuse, married his wife Sue and joined Rotary Club of Eastwood. In 1982, he began working with a computer software company and his daughter Kate was born a few years later. In 1991, he became involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange. In 2000, Al moved to Jacksonville to join APPX Software and became a member of Mandarin Rotary. APPX is a software company that helps different businesses as consultants. Al has a long list of Rotary accolades including creating YEAH software for the Rotary Youth Exchange. His wife Sue is mostly retired, but does some gardening and landscape consulting. His daughter Kate graduated from FSU and works for UNF, and his exchange daughter lives in Miami. Al plans to retire this year and start his next chapter.



Julie Graham is a Jacksonville native, attended University Christian then Wolfson, and is a summa cum laude graduate of UNF. She began her banking career her first year of college and then accepted a banking position in 2008 with a private bank, Axiom who was failing well during the financial crisis. In 2014, she left Axiom to work for BB&T. Axiom began to focus on service/fee based transaction products and she wanted to return to traditional banking. She served as treasurer for Arlington Chapter of JAX Chamber, while at BB&T and left for a promotion opportunity at Regions Downtown, after being robbed at gun point at the branch. While at Regions, she gained experience in Business and Commercial finance while serving with various organizations including the Cultural Council, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Fashion Group International of NEFL. She also began partnering with the Jacksonville Women's Business Center where she still serves as a mentor. She was recruited by First Citizens in 2019 to focus solely on Business and Commercial Banking and enjoys working for a partially privatized institution that allows for autonomy and is not vulnerable to the same disruptions other banks are facing. She became a member of Mandarin rotary one year ago after learning her predecessor, Stacey Gambrell was very involved and loved her experience. Her favorite type of transactions are commercial buy/sell's and commercial real estate refinances, where she is able to drop rates and save her clients money. She currently serves as our chapters Bulletin Editor. She also serves on the Florida Bar's Section 4A Grievance Committee and is a member of Celebration Church. She has an older sister and younger brother here in Jacksonville. Her parents live in South Africa, running their project they founded to foster orphans. Julie's interests include working out, spending time with her nieces, traveling, enjoying good food and wine, boating and attending social events with friends.



Steve Lazar was born in St. Petersburg at St Anthony's Hospital and has one brother and two sisters. His mother was a combat nurse and brought Dad home as a war trophy. He grew up in St. Petersburg and enjoyed a great deal of fishing Tampa Bay. He grew up watching the Yankees spring training at nearby park and also enjoyed playing sports in high school. His father was a pianist. Steve was told at thirteen he would never be an architect by a local business owner. He is UF graduate and recalls studying while others party. He went to Saudi Arabia for a few years and his Starter wife brought him to Jacksonville, where they had their son Cody. He enjoys breeding and riding horses. Steve has been practicing architecture since 1974 and has worked on schools, churches, public buildings, and many military projects. He ensures he listens and provides guidance with compassion to those who come to interview with him, due to the nature of his early rejection. He lives on a 6-acre horse farm in Mandarin.



New Meeting Assignments

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

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle	Meeting Notes
1/26	Harlan	Mark O'Connor	Hugh Harby	George	Charles Denny	Brian Hall
2/2	Mark Mouro	Michael Sullivan	Jeff Edwards	Ed Washington	Mac Coble	Liz Shaw
2/9	Fred Pozin	Louis Dunbar	Max	Harlan	Michael Boylan	Liz Shaw
2/16	Ray	Gale	Mac Coble	Mac Coble	Michael Sullivan	Liz Shaw
2/23	Wilson	Charles Denny	Liz Shaw	Jeff Edwards	Gale	Liz Shaw
3/2	Steve Lazar	Michael Boylan	Mark O'Connor	Ed Washington	Steve Lazar	Jock Hart

3/9	Julie	Steve Lazar	Fred Pozin	Jeff Edwards
3/16	Kenn Allen	Max Zahn	Steve Lazar	Max Zahn

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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=b2lNUUM2OEdCTlRzY3d2Zz09>
 Meeting ID: 201 019 4121 Password: 2Pe3Gf

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!

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[Wesley R. Caldwell](#)
February 7th



[John Edgecombe](#)
February 14th



[Major B. Harding Jr.](#)
February 17th



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

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 E. O'Connor](#)
30 Years



[Mark A. Mouro](#)
28 Years



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



[Robert McLean Coble II](#)
15 Years



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9 Years



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15 Years



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14 Years



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8 Years