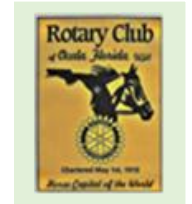




ROTOCLAN

The Rotary Club of Ocala



Norma L. Cress, Editor

November 13, 2023

Tim Dean, President

OPENING & INVOCATION

- *President Tim Dean* called the meeting to order.
- *Chaplain Richard Howard* offered the invocation and led the pledge.

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

- Visiting Rotarians:
- Guests:

Monthly Themes: Rotary Foundation Month

Programs: Ocala Steel Orchestra



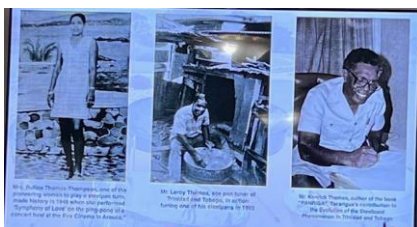

Sean Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a from Trinidad, he grew up in the Steelpan community, playing in his father’s orchestra, Moods Steel Orchestra.

He is the President of the Jazz Alliance of Trinidad & Tobago, the CEO of

SeanTMusic Global, founder of the Ocala Arts and entertainment podcast, founder and educator for Pan Jazz Community, and the author of “Calypso Real Book.”

Sean spoke about the fundamental principles behind Steelpan formulation. He added that his mother, father, and uncle played a significant role in shaping his interest in the music industry. He investigated several roles in the industry, composer, musician, performer, arranger, inventor, entrepreneur, and educator.

Sean founded Ocala Steel Orchestra Inc. It’s mission is driven by a profound commitment to democratizing access to the transformative world of steelpan and percussion music. To break down the barriers and offer people of diverse backgrounds the chance to not only learn but embrace the beauty of this music form. By providing fee education programs, fostering creativity, self-expression, and community. Aiming, through music, to create a more inclusive and harmonious world.

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District 6970 Governor
District and Global Grant

Rotary members contribute their skills, expertise, and resources to help solve some of the world's toughest problems. From providing clean water to promoting peace worldwide, Rotary Foundation grants bring service projects to life.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. Programs of scale grants fund intentional effort by Rotary members, in partnership with others, to expand proven program models within our areas of focus in order to benefit more people and in more places a foster lasting change.

In the 2021-22 Grant cycle, the following were awarded:

- 478 District Grants totaling \$27million
- 207 Disaster Response Grants totaling \$8million
- 1,199 Global Grants totaling \$73million
- 1 Program of Scale Grant totaling \$2million

In the past Rotary year District 6970 donated nearly \$900,000 combined to the Rotary Foundation in all categories. You can all take pride in the fact that our District ranks consistently in the Top 10 of all Districts Rotary-wide in terms of overall giving The District has many resources available to you and your club in developing and executing successful grant projects of all types. Contact your Assistant Governor or any member of the District Foundation Team to help you bring your ideas to reality. <https://rotaryfoundation6970.org/>

The Rotary Foundation
Doing Good In The World

From member J. D. Elliott:

I am excited to announce my photography exhibits next month at the Chelsea Art Center.

Exhibition: October 15 - December 15, 2023, Monday to Saturday 11 am - 3 pm.

Opening: October 15 at 2 pm. Chelsea Art Center 3305 E Silver Springs Blvd Ocala FL 34470.

Artist information: www.thehumanpulse.com.



District Calendar

October 7, 14 or 21 PETS 1

November 17 District Social at the Iceman

January 13, 24 RLI in Deland

January 27, 24 Membership, Summit

March 1-3, 24 PETS 2

May 3-4, 24 District Assembly and Conference

FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 6 – Dr Evans Pemba, Ocala Hears

November 13 – Sean Thomas, Ocala Steek Orchestra

November 20 – Robin Ford, Ocala Marion County Office of Homelessness

November 27 – Barbara Fife, Chelsea Art Center

50/50: Suspended for today

All meetings are adjourned with the recitation of



President Tim Dean presented Sean Thomas with our certificate denoting ten polio Immunizations to be given, in appreciation of his exhilarating presentation.



On November 13th, Jim Samuelson, Membership Director, and sponsor Herb Silverman, inducted our newest member Roberta Smith.

Roberta is an enthusiastic business networker who enjoys connecting with people in the community. She is inspired by the club's commitment to "Service Above Self."



Full house listening to Mr. Thom's exhilarating presentation.

