



Speakers

May 09, 2023

Representative Sam Garrison
What's Going On In Tallahassee!

May 16, 2023

TBD

May 23, 2023

Interact Club SJCDs & Athlete of the Year

May 30, 2023

Clay County Teacher of the Year



Birthdays

Farris Robinson

May 5th

Selena Barbieri

May 17th

Cindy Grassi

May 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Josh & Shelley Farmer

May 4th

Brett & Diane Hutchings

May 9th

Bob & Teresa Harrington

The COG

2022-23 #45

Club Program - May 9, 2023

Representative Sam Garrison



Sam Garrison was elected in 2020 to represent Northern Clay County in the Florida House of Representatives. Sam's district includes Orange Park, Fleming Island, Middleburg, Lake Asbury and Oakleaf.

May 16th
Lou & Cindy Grassi
May 23rd
Scott & Gi Teevan
May 26th
David & Susan Broskie
May 31st
Garland & Mary Lou Hudson
May 31st



Celebrating in May!

Jim Kaelin
34 Years
Curtis McClees
23 Years
Shelley Farmer
3 Years

Sam planted roots in his wife's hometown of Orange Park 20 years ago when he was offered a job in the State Attorney's Office as a young prosecutor. Responsible for investigating and prosecuting capital, felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, Sam brought more than 70 jury trials to verdict during his 10 years serving the public as an Assistant State Attorney.

Sam comes from a long line of teachers and is the first lawyer in his family. He is a partner at the Orange Park law firm of Bradley, Garrison and Komando, P.A. and serves as general counsel for the Town of Orange Park and The Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District (Eagle Harbor).

Sam's community involvement is extensive. He worked with law enforcement to establish Clay County's first rape crisis center and served as the Chairman of the Clay County Task Force on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Sam was appointed by Governors Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis to the Board of Trustees for St. Johns River State College and is a past president of the Clay County Bar Association.

Sam and his family are founding members of Grace Anglican Church and long-time volunteers in Young Life, a non-denominational Christian ministry to teenagers.

Sam married his college sweetheart, Gayle Simpson, in 1999, and they have two daughters, Mary Beth and Jane.

President's Message

As we kick off this month's RI theme of Youth Service, we are very fortunate to have a close working relationship with the Clay County Schools, both public and private, the Clay County School District and the Clay Education Foundation. Each of these organizations are focused on one the most important aspects of our society, that of educating our youth. Rotary fully recognizes the importance of this which is why it is listed as the Fifth Avenue of Service and an intrinsic part of the Object of Rotary.

Last week's meeting held with the Interact Club of Orange Park Junior High School, exemplified Rotarian spirit through volunteerism and financial support. The program, coordinated by Mary Virginia Fisher and Carolyn Krall, was emceed by President-Elect, Gi Teevan, who is also the Chair of the Clay Education Foundation. It included comments from Clay County School Superintendent, David Broskie; Clay Education Foundation President / CEO Carolyn Krall, OPJHS Principal Tania Auguste, Charles Amodeo, the Interact Director; Kristan Richard, the Choral and Band Director and Fatima Batul whose culinary students prepared the luncheon.

In addition, Glen Hair, the OPJHS STEM teacher talked about the new STEM Kit Library educational kits that are being made available through the efforts of the Clay Education Foundation. These kits are part of a multi-year program developed by the Foundation and the School District to provide much needed but unaffordable, STEM education in grades K-12.

This year we were able to secure the purchase of four (4) new kits for the STEM Kit Library through the generous support of our Club, Orange Park Sunrise, St Augustine Beach Sunset, the Clay Education Foundation and a matching grant from District 6970. As Rotarians, we take seriously our charge to give back to the community which we do in many ways, this being but one example.

Looking ahead, we have a great schedule of programs and guest speakers this month so please clear your calendars to attend the meetings.

Thank you again for your support of our great Club and the community.

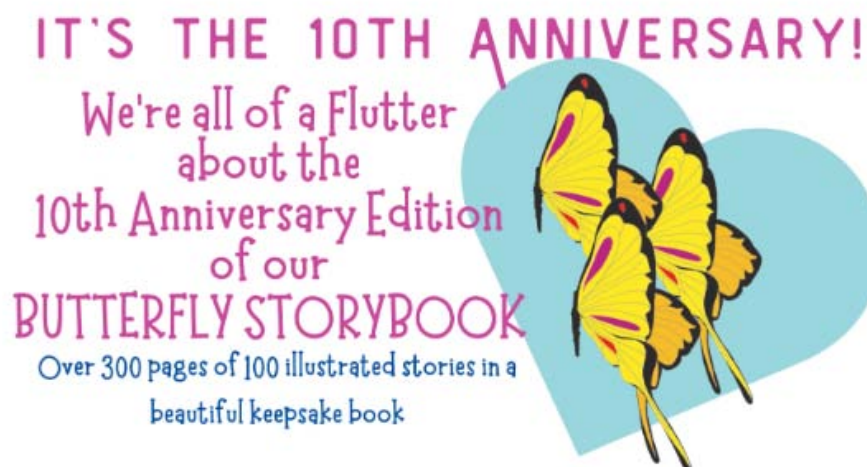
Yours in Rotary Service,
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Rotary News - Youth Services Month



Started in 2013, The Butterfly StoryBook is a unique collection of ten short stories written by the winners of an annual contest sponsored by the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020. The authors are all between the ages of seven and eleven. The stories are illustrations of good deeds, although the Caribbean culture is present in the stories, readers will recognize similar events, situations, and experiences in their own lives. The inspiration from the minds of children in these stories will delight and encourage readers. The published authors each receive a prize of \$50 provided by the E-Club along with being recognized in the book.

This year, a 10th anniversary edition was published with the past 100 stories from these amazing kids (many now adults)!



If interested, this book and the newest 2023 edition is available to purchase in Amazon.

Club Happenings

CLUB MEETINGS

May 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

~ Cemetery Clean Up at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Fleming Island from 9:00am - 11:00am - ***EVENT CANCELED AT THIS TIME***

~ Saturday, May 13th Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit the Clothes Closet Food Pantry

Food sorting at The Clothes Closet 1010 Fromhart St Orange Park is from 2:00-4:30pm or 4:30-7:00pm

~ Saturday, May 13th Unloading postal trucks and loading trucks for food transport to Clothes Closet Food Pantry at both the Kingsley and Ridgeview Post Offices from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Bring a truck if you have one.

~ Friday, June 2nd Casino Night

See Nicole Hepler to sign-up

~ PET Project at Penney Farms



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Secretary



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*Social Events
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