



Upcoming Programs

August 02, 2022

Joe Pickens
St Johns River State College

August 09, 2022

Keith Powers
Jacksonville Fire & Rescue
Department

August 16, 2022

Crawford Powell
Clay Florida Economic
Development Corporation

August 23, 2022

Jim Renninger
Clay County Commissioner
District 3

August 30, 2022

Dr. Jeffrey Michelman
District Governor 6970



Birthdays

Jack Scorby
August 2nd
Ginger Rivers
August 3rd
Mike Rubel
August 14th
Gerald Roberts
August 15th
Jane DiLoreto
August 20th
Lisa Ashworth

The COG

2022-23 #5

Club Program - August 2, 2022

Joe H. Pickens, J.D., President - St. Johns River State College



Joe H. Pickens, J.D., received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wofford College. He went on to the University of Florida and earned his Juris Doctorate degree.

He served the College as Special Counsel to the President from 2005-2008. In 2008, Dr. Robert McLendon retired, having served as College President for 36 years. In September, 2008, after a three-month presidential search conducted by the College Board of Trustees, Mr. Joe Pickens was selected as College President. He accepted the position and began work on November 1, 2008.

During the eleven plus years that he has served as President, Mr. Pickens has spearheaded many initiatives including the College's transition from a community to a state college, the College's first Bachelor degrees, the creation of an honors program, and the expansion of the College's mission to provide nontraditional community educational opportunities throughout the service district. Prior to becoming College President, Mr. Pickens spent eight years in the Florida House of Representatives. During that time, he served as Chair of the Public Lands and Water Resources subcommittee, the Education Appropriations Committee and the Schools and Learning Council.

August 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle Abshire

August 3rd

John Peden

August 5th

Curtis McClees

August 10th

Bill Byrns

August 12th

Carolyn Krall

August 17th

Steve Rodesney

August 18th

Jim Cribb

August 22nd

Jim Kaelin

August 27th

Patrick Golemme

August 27th



Celebrating in August

Ed Sellars

46 Years

Helen Williford

30 Years

Janice Kerekes

9 Years

Then Representative Pickens also chaired the House Select Committee on Constitutional Amendment Reform.

Mr. Pickens' Career Achievements include:

~ President of SJR State – since 2008

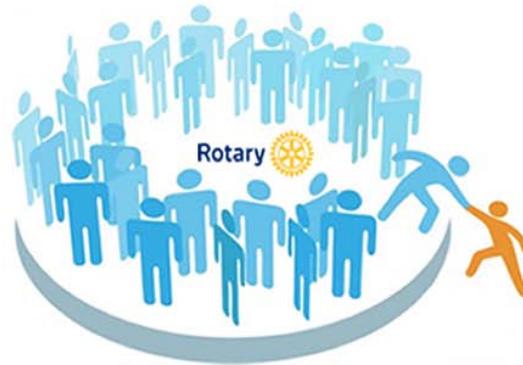
~ District 21 Florida House of Representatives 2000 - 2008

~ Chairman of the House Education Appropriations Committee

~ Chairman of the House Schools and Learning Council

~ General Counsel for the North East Florida Educational Consortium~ Attorney for the Putnam County School Board

Rotary News



August is
Rotary Membership
&
New Club Development
Month

As we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month, let us reflect not only on our road to Rotary, but also how we have led others down that road. As club members, we all play an important part in keeping each other active and engaged in our club and Rotary, as well as helping attract new members. There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who cares about their community and strives to make the world a better place **just like us!**

So remember to show some extra Rotary pride this month...

~ Add a Proud Rotary Member to your profile picture on your Social Media

~ Wear all your Rotary bling

~ Invite a guest or two each week

~ Tag or share our meeting recap

~ Post a selfie with President Bo, the Club, the Program Speaker

President's Message

Thoughts on Membership...

Rotary International's theme for August focuses our attention on "Membership and New Club Development". As we look at our own club, we see that about half of the club is under 60 years of age. We also see that with respect to average years of service, the two largest groups are those with less than (3) years (44%) and those with greater than (21) years (35%). Yet, the highest turnover is in the group with (3) years or less of service.

While there are a number of factors that can contribute to this turnover, there are only a few that we can control and all of them center around what our members experience at each and every meeting, social, service project and district events. So, while we can all do our part by inviting potential members to club functions, once they join, our challenge is to engage our members in order to keep up the excitement level so we retain them. This is the collective responsibility of all us and we always need your great ideas on how to improve our programs, our service projects and to assist the local community. Get involved – look for ways to help and when asked to do so, in true Rotary fashion, always say yes!

Looking to the future, our responsibility as club members also requires us to do what we can to prepare today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders. As Rotarians, we have two unique vehicles for doing so, Interact and Rotaract, both of which deserve our support and encouragement. For our club, it means mentorship programs starting in grade schools, working with the Interact clubs in our

high schools, Rotaract clubs in local colleges and life beyond. If we are successful in discharging this duty as Rotarians, we will also be ensuring the future of Rotary.

Our guest speaker this week, Mr. Joe Pickens, is the President of St. Johns River State College (SJRSC). The topic of his presentation will be how SJRSC is preparing its students for the challenges they will face when they enter the workforce and eventually lead it. I encourage you to join us this week to hear what Mr. Pickens has to say.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Bo

What's Happening This Quarter



Raffle Drawings – every week starting July 5th

RCOP Board Meeting – July 11th @ 6:00pm

RCOP Club Assembly – July 12th

Social's –

Dine Around – July 21st, August 18th & September 15th

Service Projects – *dates to be scheduled

School readers/mentors (May-August), Clothes Closet volunteers for donation sorting (July), Back to School Teacher lunch at Grove Park Elem (August), Orange Park Jr HS lunch for culinary students (September) and St Johns River Cleanup with Interact Club (September)

Training –

Rotary Leadership Institute – August 6th in Palm Coast

District Training – August 20th in Palatka

2022-23 Club Leadership



Bo Norton
President



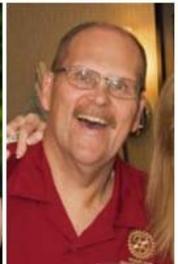
Gi Teevan
President-Elect



Jack Scorby
Secretary



Michele Riley
Treasurer



Curtis McClees
iPast President



Shelley Farmer
Sergeant-at-Arms



Dan Powers
Administration
Club Chair



Jake Young
Foundations
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David Tarkington
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