



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary 
Club of Orange Park

The COG

2024-25 #7

Speakers

August 13, 2024

Randy Robb & Preson
Mangus
Rosani Lens Project 2025

August 20, 2024

Trace Roth
Mission Possible - Haiti
School & Nursing

August 27, 2024

RYLA Students

Birthdays

Jack Scorby
August 2nd
Ginger Rivers
August 3rd
Gerald Roberts
August 15th
Lisa Ashworth
August 23rd
Ryan Trevett
August 26th
Lisa Teifke
August 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle & Margaret Abshire
August 3rd
John & Sharron Peden
August 5th
Ray & Michelle Sjogren
August 10th
Curtis & Liz McClees
August 10th
Bill & Joanne Byrns

Club Program - August 13, 2024

August 12th
Eric & Carolyn Krall
August 17th
Steve & Janet Rodesney
August 18th
Jim & Kathy Cribb
August 22nd
Jim & Susie Kaelin
August 27th

August Club Service Anniversaries

Ed Sellars
48 Years
Helen Williford
32 Years
Michelle Sjogren
1 Year

Rosani Lens Project



The Rosani Lens Project was started in 2019 by Dr. Benjamin Thomas as a means to expand glasses access around the world, but the idea for the project stretches back to 2013 and a residency research project at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida. Presented with the problem of how to bring good glasses to more people, with limited human resources but plenty of human goodwill, we imagined a solution that inspired the initial research project and, now, the Rosani Lens Project. With medical missions experience on five continents, including as a fellow with the Himalayan Cataract Project, this lens project is the culmination of a career-long desire to help others through the restoration of sight.

Core Principles

The work of the Rosani Lens Project is to provide a unified, aligned solution to three core problems:

1. Millions of people are living visually impaired because they cannot get an appropriate set of glasses due to significant barriers to access and availability;
2. One of the main barriers, especially in low- to middle-income countries (LMICs), is that there are simply not enough trained eye specialists to provide the necessary testing and make the glasses; and, finally
3. Thousands of groups and individuals pursue charitable endeavors annually—“including for medical missions” but often lack the training and resources to make the lasting change to which they aspire.

How do we get *more* high-quality, life-changing glasses to *more* people? Where do we find the human resources to reach the most remote communities, when such a shortage exists? How can we help good-hearted people maximize their charitable efforts abroad?

These are the questions that drove the formulation of the Rosani Lens Project. With our curated technique for refractive testing and custom glasses production, we can recruit and “deputize” thousands of people without formal ophthalmic training to go out into communities where access to glasses has been absent and distribute sight-improving lenses at a fractional cost—“improving vision, maximizing long-term impact, and providing care and dignity in the process. This is the heart of the Rosani Lens Project.

District News

A vibrant promotional graphic for a workshop. It features three overlapping circles: a purple one at the top with the word "ENGAGE", an orange one on the left with "ADAPT", and a blue one at the bottom with "IMPACT". To the right of these circles, the text reads: "You're Invited . . . Saturday August 24th Vibrant CLUBS Workshop". Below this, in a smaller font, it says: "Innovative tools and fresh ideas to help all members make their clubs simply irresistible!"



Thrasher-Horne Center
283 College Dr, Orange Park, FL
Sign-In & coffee opens at 7:30am
Workshop sessions 8:30am-1:00pm
(includes lunch)



Register NOW On-Line . . .
Go To The District Calendar On DACdb

[Register here to attend.](#)



Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise

FLAGS FOR HEROES

Join Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise in honoring all heroes, including those who supported the post 9-11 recovery.

We honor current Service Members, Prior Service Members, Retired or Veteran Service Members, Local First Responders, Health Care Workers, Pharmacy Workers, Grocery Stores, Teachers, Truckers and Delivery Services.

CEREMONY: WED, SEPT. 11 AT 10AM AT TOWN OF ORANGE PARK
200+ Flags will be displayed Sept. 6-13th

With all donations, your hero's name(s) will be mentioned at the ceremony, event program, social media & www.oprotarysunrise.com

Hero: \$50- 1 flag displayed & keepsake medallion
Friend: \$100- up to 2 flags & medallions
Bronze: \$250- up to 4 flags & medallions
Silver: \$500- up to 6 flags & medallions, business logo
Gold: \$1000- up to 8 flags & medallions, business logo
Platinum: \$2000- up to 10 flags & medallions, business logo inclusion, opportunity to display a table at the ceremony

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE AUGUST 28

Proceeds will support Clay Fire, OP Police, GCS Police, Clay Sheriff, Florida Army National Guard, YMCA Clay Military Programs and more

www.oprotarysunrise.com/flags-for-heroes.php

LEARN MORE



Rotary News

AUGUST IS

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH





Make the most of your membership. Here's a dozen ways to do it:

1. Learn more about [Rotary Global Rewards](#), a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services – travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the [Member Center](#).
2. Identify a need in our community and work with our club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
3. Learn how to [apply for a grant](#) to implement a project.
4. Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
5. Explore other clubs. Did you know that you™re welcome to attend any club™s meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the [Club Finder](#) tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
6. Try a new role. Our Club need leaders. Get involved and help our club by serving as an officer and/or committee member.
7. Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It™s the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary.
8. Be part of history and help eradicate polio. [Find out how to support PolioPlus and join the movement to end polio.](#)
9. Use the resources in the [Rotary Brand Center](#) to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
10. Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
11. Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), LinkedIn, [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), Flickr, and more. [Join the conversation.](#)
12. Support **The Rotary Foundation**. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. [Learn more.](#)

Club Service Projects



Volunteer Opportunities

- Tuesday, August 13th, Stock the Pantry donations due
- Thursday, August 15th, 3:00 pm, prepare food bags/ 5:00 pm, starts distribution to community

2024-25 Club Leadership



Jack Scorby
President

David Tarkington
President Elect

Nicole Hepler
Secretary

Michele Riley
Treasurer

Gi Teevan
Dist President

Shelley Farmer
Sergeant at Arms



President

President-Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Immediate Past President

Sergeant-at-Arms



Michelle Sjogren
*Administration
Club Chair*



Dan Powers
*Foundations
Club Chair*



John David Horne
*Membership
Club Chair*



Geraldine Hartin
*Public Image
Club Chair*



Mary Fisher
*Service Projects
Club Chair*