



## Speakers

- October 10, 2023**  
Buddy Harris  
National POW/MIA  
Memorial & Museum
- October 17, 2023**  
TBD
- October 24, 2023**  
Low Country Boil  
No lunch meeting
- October 31, 2023**  
TBD

## Birthdays

- Tom Brown  
October 10th
- Michelle McLeod  
October 10th
- Bob Cowie  
October 11th
- Carol Studdard  
October 13th
- David Broskie  
October 17th
- Patrick Kennedy  
October 18th
- Wendell Davis  
October 18th
- Mary Virginia Fisher  
October 28th
- Larry Nichols  
October 28th
- John Linge

## The COG

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## Club Program - October 10, 2023

### National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum



*Buddy Harris, Memorial Spokesperson*

Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to establish a national memorial that will serve as a historic and key destination site for the nation. Prosser, Inc. has created a site design for the National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum complex. Their innovative design will incorporate the more than 80,000 service members still listed as missing and unaccounted for since December 7th, 1941.

October 29th  
Mike Chamberlain  
October 30th



## Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Frances Nichols  
October 6th

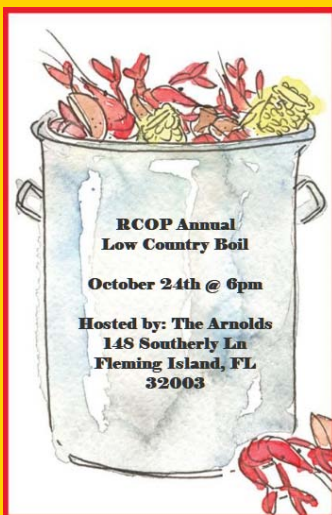
## Years of Service

Gerald Roberts  
35 Years  
Cristina Luciano  
4 Years  
Jane DiLoreto  
4 Years  
Bob Cowie  
3 Years  
Cindy Grassi  
1 Year  
Ryan Trevett  
1 Year  
Carolyn Krall  
1 Year

The memorial site, located at the former Naval Air Station Cecil Field, was originally dedicated on September 11, 1973 and consisted of markers and associated trees for each of the 16 POW/MIA pilots (Hero's Walk and Freedom Trees) stationed at Cecil, a pavilion, a stage area, a starburst metal display of aircraft, a granite base seal of NAS Cecil Field and a chapel (Chapel of the High-Speed Pass).

This property was given to the City of Jacksonville when Cecil Field was decommissioned in 1999 and the existing memorial forgotten. However, the non-profit organization was given a lease by the Jacksonville City Council and the Mayor's office, and given the rights to develop, expand and maintain the 26-acre property. The organization has since completely refurbished the Chapel, now dedicated as "Chapel of the High-Speed Pass", and commenced construction of the five phase Memorial project.

## Rotary News



Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.

The Rotary Foundation and members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

Rotary creates opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially. Rotary members help train people to become resources for their community, offering networking activities, advice on new business development, and mathematics and financial management training. **To make amazing things happen, like:**

**Breaking the cycle of poverty for women:** Most of the women living in rural Guatemala do not have the collateral to get loans from regulated financial institutions. The Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Ermita helped 400 local women complete financial literacy courses so they could pool their money and fund their own microlending program.

**Skills development, business training:** In Esmeraldas, Ecuador, Rotary members helped grant more than 250 microloans and train more than 270 community members in sewing, baking,

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plumbing, microcredit, business management, and leadership.

**Sustainable farming:** In west Cameroon, soil erosion and loss of soil fertility have significantly reduced farmers' harvests. Rotary members gave farmers the skills they needed to improve soil fertility, control soil erosion, and market their produce. The results: increased crop yields and profits.

## Club Service Projects

### PET Florida - Penney Farms



Most of us never give a second thought to mobility. However, for more than 70 million people in developing countries who are unable to walk, it is a major concern. These individuals have suffered the loss of mobility because of landmine explosions, illness, birth defects, disease, or accidents.

The three-wheeled, hand-powered carts manufactured by PET Florida (Mobility Worldwide–Penney Farms and other Mobility Worldwide Affiliates), provide a means for these physically-challenged individuals to achieve this gift.

[Click here to read the latest \*\*PET Florida Penney Farms Fall Newsletter\*\*](#) 😊

#### **Volunteer Day:**

**- Friday, October 20th starting 9:00am at Penney Farms**

Sign-up sheets will be at club meetings, please see Jim Kaelin with any questions.

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#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Tuesday, October 17th, Stock the Pantry donations due**
- **Wednesday, October 18th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, prepare bags for monthly food distribution**
- **Thursday, October 19th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, distribute food bags to community**

Please see Mary Virginia Fisher for the school's volunteer registration forms.

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#### **St. Johns Country Day School Mr. St. Johns Contest**

- **Interact Club fundraiser**
- **Saturday, October 21st - 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, SJCDs, 3100 Doctors Lake Dr**
- **Entry is \$5.00 to benefit Interact's Relay for Life team for the American Cancer Society**

Our club provides judges and funds for door prizes - come join the fun!!

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## 2023-24 Club Leadership



**Gi Teeven**  
*President*



**Jack Scorby**  
*President-Elect*



**David Tarkington**  
*Secretary*



**Michele Riley**  
*Treasurer*



**Bo Norton**  
*iPast President*



**Shelley Farmer**  
*Sergeant-at-Arms*



**Doug Fuzzell**  
*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*



**Nicole Hepler**  
*Social Events  
Club Chair*

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