



Speakers

February 28, 2023

Clay County Sheriff Michelle
Cook
Peace Building and Conflict
Resolution



Birthdays

Cindy Bosnyak
February 1st
Dick Keyworth
February 3rd
Carolyn Krall
February 8th
Yul McNair
February 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

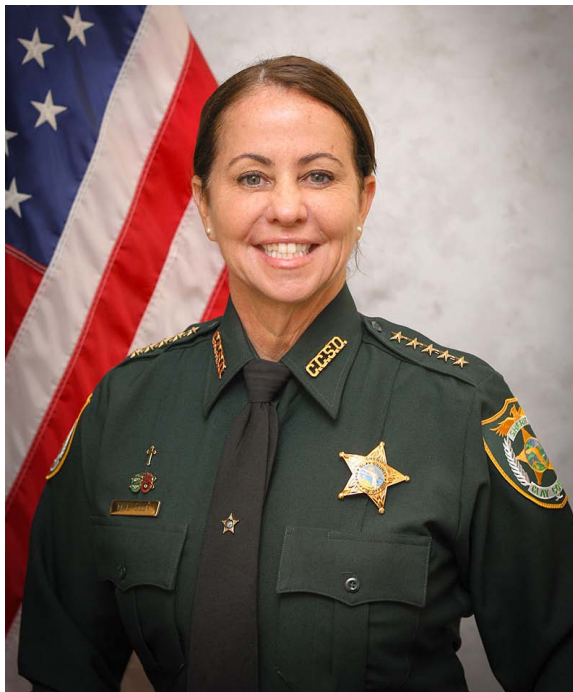
Don & Patti Holcombe
February 12th
Vaughan & Ginger Rivers
February 14th
Kevin & Lisa Ashworth
February 14th
Jim & Lori Horne
February 16th
Dave & Sandy Faraldo

The COG

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Club Program - February 28, 2023

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook - Peace Building and Conflict Resolution



The Cook family moved to Clay County in the early 80's when Michelle's father, a Navy veteran, was stationed at Naval Air Station Cecil Field. Michelle attended Orange Park Middle School and is a Clay High School graduate.

Michelle entered the law enforcement profession as a Patrol Officer, working as a beat cop on the street in 1992. With earned promotions throughout her career at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Michelle retired as a 3-star Director, and 3rd in command, from the JSO, a 3,300-person agency and the nation's 25th largest police department.

Years of Service

- Bill Nipper
43 Years
- Jack Arnold
43 Years
- Steve Rodesney
33 Years
- Charles Dellinger
27 Years
- Teresa Harrington
27 Years
- Bill Byrns
25 Years
- Larry Klaybor
22 Years

In 2017 Michelle accepted the position of Chief of Police for the City of Atlantic Beach, FL. The Atlantic Beach Police Department (ABPD). Under her leadership, the City of Atlantic Beach saw a decrease in the crime rate and improved employee and citizen morale and support.

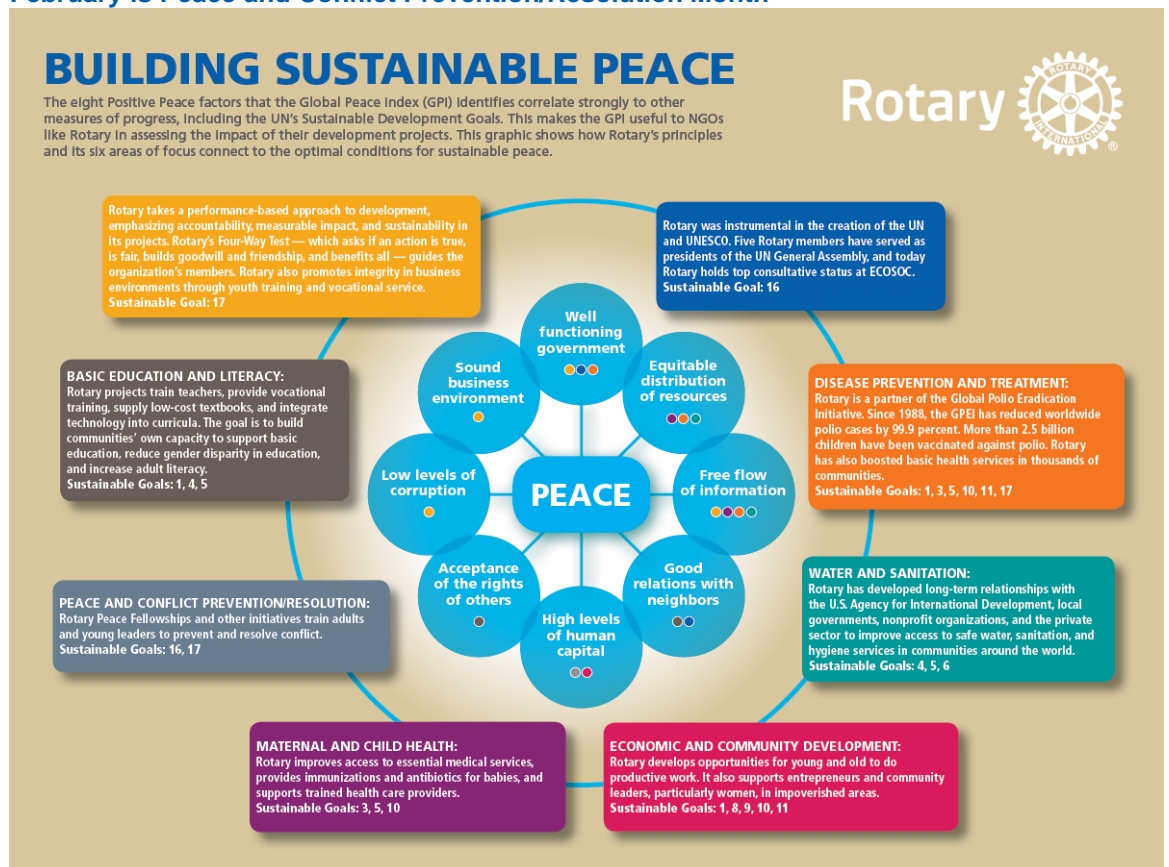
In early 2020 Michelle retired from the Atlantic Beach Police Department and began her campaign for Sheriff in the County she was born and raised in. She won the primary and was declared the winner of the race for Clay County Sheriff. Shortly after her victory, Governor Ron DeSantis stepped in and asked Michelle to start her term early and on September 1, 2020 she was sworn in as Sheriff of Clay County.

Recognized for her extensive experience and leadership in law enforcement, Michelle has built a reputation of being a firm, yet compassionate law enforcement leader whose integrity and genuine management style bring respect not only from her work family but also the community she serves.

Michelle is married to Don, and they have 6 children between them, 4 of which were adopted out of the local foster care system.

Rotary News

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



Conflict and violence has displaced more than 68 million people, and half of those were children. Rotarians do not think this has to be the norm, which is why one of the six areas of focus of Rotary is peace and conflict resolution and prevention.

If you look around, the conflicts that occur throughout the world that are the root causes of poverty, despair, economic hardship and poor health. As we continue the quest to eradicate polio, you can see that the only remaining countries where polio exists are war torn countries. It is very difficult to vaccinate the children while a war is taking place.

Through service projects, peace fellowships and scholarships, Rotarians are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflicts, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources. Two examples of Rotary helping others come to mind. Rotary's People for People Foundation has helped thousands of families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications and other necessities. Rotarar clubs haven taken the lead in conducting antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Learn more or become more engaged today, consider joining the [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#). It is a wonderful resource where you can learn about resources and support available world-wide to promote peace and turn ideas into life-changing realities.

Club Happenings

CLUB MEETINGS

February 28th

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

~ PET Project at Penney Farms



We continue to collect shoe boxes used for delivery of PET parts around the globe.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Courses available 24/7 - [Rotary Learning Center](#)

2022-23 Club Leadership



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