



Meet Sheriff Mike Williams

Friday, April 16, 2021



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Since being elected to serve the City of Jacksonville as its fifth Sheriff, Mike Williams has demonstrated his commitment to driving down violent crime by leveraging newer technology including body cameras and gunfire detection systems to solve crimes. He is further growing the public's trust in the JSO through his mandate for enhanced transparency. Sheriff Williams continues to highlight the use of diversion programming; and increase mental health and special needs awareness among officers and the public JSO serves. He recognizes Jacksonville's success depends on the involvement of citizens from every neighborhood of the city, and every walk of life.

◆ I love this job and consider myself to be the most fortunate public servant anywhere. My community is wonderful, and together we are deeply committed to the success of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The public officials I work with are passionate about reducing crime and support my efforts to do that with our strategic vision, steadfast rigor, and a determination to succeed. The men and women that I am privileged to lead - they make the job a true calling for me. I am working every day to solidify the confidence the community has shown in me and earn their continued support. ◆ - Sheriff Mike Williams

Feeding the hungry - Round 2

The members of the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville did it AGAIN!

We delivered food to support Jacksonville families in need due to COVID-19. The food was distributed to three

Club Meeting


South Jacksonville
Meets at Southside Baptist
Church, Fellowship Hall Buffet
Lunch begins at 12:00 PM
1435 Atlantic Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM


Events

April 20th
[Mike Williams, Sheriff](#)
April 27th
[TBD](#)
May 4th
[Dr. Madeline Zavodny](#)
May 11th
[Gene Frenette](#)

Birthdays

 PP [Lee F. Mercier](#)
April 18th

 [Crystal Broughan](#)
April 28th

 [Lisamarie Winslow](#)
May 4th

 [Julia Kalinski](#)
May 11th

 [Marcus Haile](#)
May 14th

Club Anniversaries

Years of Service



[William H. Harrell](#)
03-31-1981
41 Years



PP Bea [Fore](#)
03-08-2011
11 Years



[Ken R Flottman](#)
03-20-2018
4 Years



PP [Odette Struys](#)
03-26-2019
3 Years

area food-banks including St. Catherine Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Community Health Outreach and First Haitian American Christian Church Food Bank. Our donations will enable these food-banks to serve families during these challenging times. This is what we do in Rotary, we come together to help our neighbors and our community just like we would for our own families.



Wedding Anniversaries



[Marie O'Keefe](#)
April 28th



[Ron Patrick](#)
May 9th

Drop Us a Name...

TIME FOR RENEWAL AND GROWTH

***** **LOOK HERE!!!** *****

During the past 14 months attracting new members has been a struggle. **Here's the good news - People are ready for activity, service, and good times!** We need to position our club as an excellent place to start getting your life back to normal and we need everyone to help achieve our goals.

Take a few minutes and think of just 1 or 2 persons that you know from work, the neighborhood, church or the community and give us their name and contact information using the information cards on the lunch tables, or send an email to blanlgey@visitingangels.com. This will take you less than 10 minutes and you can change a life by doing so!

We will compile the names and start sending out Rotary information, including club activities, the weekly Gear, socials and service project opportunities. Once we get solid dates on the service projects and socials, we will ask that each of you reach out and invite the prospect to one of our events. They can see first-hand what Rotary is all about. Then we will ask you to report back on their interest in joining. This may take several events and months to make happen but they will see all the good that we do for our community.

***** **BECOME A NAME DROPPER!!!** *****

This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, April 16, 2021

Columbine High School Shooting

On April 20, 1999, two teenage gunmen kill 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, south of Denver. At approximately 11:19 a.m., Dylan Klebold, 18, and Eric Harris, 17, dressed in trench coats, began shooting students outside the school before moving inside to continue their rampage. By 11:35 a.m., Klebold and Harris had killed 12 fellow students and a teacher and wounded another 23 people. Shortly after noon, the two teens turned their guns on themselves and committed suicide.

The crime prompted a national debate on gun control and school safety, as well as a major investigation to determine what motivated the teen gunmen. In the days immediately following the shootings, it was speculated that Klebold and Harris purposely chose jocks, minorities and Christians as their victims.

It was initially reported that one student, Cassie Bernall, was allegedly asked by one of the gunmen if she believed in God. When Bernall said, **Yes**, she was shot to death. Her parents later wrote a book titled *She Said Yes*, honoring their martyred daughter. Apparently, however, the question was not actually posed to Bernall but to another student who had already been wounded by a gunshot. When that victim

replied, ♦ Yes, ♦ the shooter walked away.

Subsequent investigations also determined that Harris and Klebold chose their victims randomly. Their original plan was for two propane bombs to explode in the school♦s cafeteria, potentially killing hundreds of people and forcing the survivors outside and into the gunmen♦s line of fire. When the bombs didn♦t work, Harris and Klebold went into the school to carry out their murderous rampage.

Club Leaders



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President



[Richard Dow](#)
President - Elect



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Secretary
Treasurer



[Greg Anderson](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms
International
Service Ave Dir



[Bea Fore](#)
RI & District
Awards Chair
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[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
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Training Chair
Vocational
Service Ave Dir



PP [Vicki-lynn Gloger](#)
Community
Service Ave Dir



[Julia Kalinski](#)
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