



Welcome Melissa Ross



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

March 23rd
[Melissa Ross](#)


March 30th
[Dr. Albert Loh](#)

April 6th
[Dr. Lauri Wright](#)


April 13th
[Dr. Colleen Bell](#)

Birthdays

 [Dinkins Grange](#)
March 29th

 PP [Barry W. Covington](#)
April 2nd

 [Tamara Baker](#)
April 9th

 PP [Bill Langley](#)
April 13th

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

Melissa Ross joined WJCT in 2009 with 20 years of experience in broadcasting, including stints in Cincinnati, Chicago, Orlando and Jacksonville. During her career as a television and radio news anchor and reporter, Melissa has won four regional Emmys for news and feature reporting.

In addition to hosting [First Coast Connect](#) with Melissa Ross, she also co-hosts the weekly [Florida Roundup](#), which airs Fridays on NPR stations across the state.

Her many accolades include a fellowship with the [Metcalf Institute Science Immersion Workshop](#), where she learned hands on about the science of climate change.

As executive producer of *The 904: Shadow on the Sunshine State*, Melissa and WJCT received an Emmy in the documentary category at the 2011 Suncoast Emmy Awards. *The 904* examined Jacksonville's status as Florida's murder capital.

WJCT's *First Coast Connect With Melissa Ross* has received multiple national awards from Public Radio News Directors Inc. for best call-in program.

Prior to joining WJCT, Melissa spent three years in the corporate communications field at Jacksonville's Dalton Agency. During her stint at Dalton, she was cast in the HBO film "Recount" playing what else? a reporter!

Married with two children, Melissa is a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill

Reader Special:

If you are reading this section and are the 1st person to tell Tom, on Tuesday at the meeting, that "Sugar Cane and Pineapples are Hawaii's most valuable crop" you will receive a special prize!

Years of Service



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



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



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



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

Wedding Anniversaries



PP & PDG [Mike H. Darragh](#)
March 21st



[Jorge F. Morales](#)
March 21st



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
March 22nd



[Rick Morales III](#)
March 24th



[John L. Cumbow](#)
March 25th



[Meredith L. Porter](#)
March 28th



[PP Dean Scott](#)
April 11th



[Richard L. Miller](#)
April 12th

School of Journalism and Communications.

Food Drive This Week for the San Jose Elementary School Spring Festival

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 19, 2021

Friday, March 25, 5-6 PM

Let's help the families of this wonderful school again this spring! South Jacksonville Rotary Club is partnering with San Jose's teachers to provide food for hungry families during their Spring Family Festival.



We've partnered with this amazing school over the years to provide Spring Baskets for children and recently to provide food for families who are doing without. We are assured by the school that there are many families in need. Here is another opportunity to help. Bring your donations to the meeting on Tuesday-we'll be collecting for the Festival this week!!! If you're at Costco this weekend, you may be able to pick up great deals in bulk for these items!

Food Donations

We'll donate these non-perishable food items:

- pasta
- sauces
- rice
- soups
- canned fruit/vegetables
- cereal
- snack cups (fruit, pudding, applesauce...)
- juice boxes

Volunteering at the Festival

Volunteers from our club are also needed to work with school personnel on site that day (Thursday, March 25) to help with food delivery, setup, and distribution during the festival. Please contact Richard Dow at 904-955-9966 or rdow53@msn.com for more information or to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

**Get Ready to Socialize and Sparkle with
BUBBLES & PEARLS on the square
at
Rue St. Marc
Date and Time to be announced at Tuesday's Meeting
_:30pm to _:30pm**

	<p>A great way to catch up with fellow club members while enjoying the outside venue at Rue St. Marc.</p> <p>A few more details will be coming soon!!</p>
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Membership Minute

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

A community, defined in its simplest terms, is a group of people who have something in common. But in real life, it is something far more complex than that. Each member ♦ every individual, group, organization, and business ♦ draws benefits from the community in many different ways. For a community to thrive, each of its members must honor a commitment to contribute to the well-being of the whole by returning those benefits in kind.

Rotarians recognize the importance of giving back to the community. After all, Community Service is a core belief of Rotarians. Every Rotary club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. When those efforts are effective, they not only contribute to the greater good, they also promote Rotary's positive image.

What makes a community service effort effective? Relevance. A community service project must address a real, current community concern or issue. Ask your local community leaders what and where the help is needed. Once a club has listened to its community, it can begin to envision effective responses to the problems.



A Letter from an Irish mom to her son...

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast. We are all doing very well. You won't recognize the house when you get home - we have moved. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last Irish family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though: last week I put a load in and pulled the chain and haven't seen them since.

Your father's got a really good job now. He's got 500 men under him. He's cutting the grass at the cemetery.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out if it's a boy or a girl, so I

don't know whether you are an auntie or an uncle.

Your brother Tom is still in the army. He's only been there a short while and they've already made him a court martial!

Your Uncle Patrick drowned last week in a vat of whisky in the Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They cremated him and it took three days to put out the fire.

I'm sorry to say that your cousin Seamus was arrested while riding his bicycle last week. They are charging him with dope peddling.

I went to the doctor on Thursday and your father went with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice this week, first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy one of the chickens laid the same egg four times.

We had a letter from the undertaker. He said if the last payment on your grandmother's plot wasn't paid in seven days, up she comes.

About that coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Stanley said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pick-up truck. Ralph was driving He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much has happened.

Your loving Mum.

P.S. I was going to send you some money but I had already sealed the envelope.

Club Leaders



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