



This Week's Topic: Dr. Dana Kriznar, DCPS





Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets at Doubletree Hotel
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM




Events

March 26th
[Dr. Dana Kriznar](#)
April 2nd
[Beth Payne](#)
April 9th
[Evening Social-no lunch meeting](#)
April 16th
[Roger Handberg](#)

Birthdays

-  [James D. Grange](#)
March 29th
-  [PP Barry W. Covington](#)
April 2nd
-  [Tamara Baker](#)
April 9th
-  [PP William Langley](#)
April 13th

Years of Service

-  [William H. Harrell](#)
03-31-1981
43 Years
-  [PP Bea Fore](#)
03-08-2011
13 Years
-  [PP Odette Struys](#)



Dr. Dana Kriznar began her service to Duval area students in 1986 as a mathematics teacher after graduating from Iowa State University. She taught at John Gorrie Junior High School and then at Mandarin Middle School until 1993, when she entered school administration.

From 1993 to 2001, Dr. Kriznar served as a vice principal and assistant principal at multiple schools. As a first-time principal in 2001, she improved Thomas Jefferson Elementary School from a "C" to an "A" grade in just two years. She then transitioned to Kirby-Smith Middle School (now known as Springfield Middle School), where she again improved the school from a "C" to an "A" grade over three years. Her

success in school leadership led to district-level leadership positions, including:

- Executive Director, Multiple Pathways and Support Services (2008-2013)
- Assistant Superintendent, Strategic Planning and Partnerships (2013-2016)
- Chief of Staff (2016-2019)
- Deputy Superintendent (2019-2023)

In May 2023, the Duval County School Board selected Dr. Kriznar to serve as the superintendent of schools for a six-month period while it conducts a national search for the successor to the former superintendent, Dr. Diana Greene.

Upon being selected to serve during this interim time, Dr. Kriznar said, "At my core, I am Duval proud and grateful for this opportunity to work with our principals, teachers, and staff in this capacity. When it comes to student success and great schools, so much positive momentum has been generated in recent years, and I will be working with our school leaders to keep that momentum moving in a good direction."

Dr. Kriznar is married to Brad, a retired Navy Senior Chief and Duval County Public Schools teacher. They have two adult sons, who both graduated from Duval public high schools, and a wonderful dog named Pete.



03-26-2019
5 Years

Uncorking Generosity: Make a Difference with a Bottle!

Wedding Anniversaries



[PDG Michael H. Darragh](#)
March 21st



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



[PE Lisamarie Winslow](#)
March 22nd



[Ricardo Morales III](#)
March 24th



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



[PP Richard Dean Scott](#)
April 11th



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



[Megan Madrid](#)
April 17th



The Rotary Club of South Jacksonville is thrilled to invite you to contribute to our annual **Wine & Bourbon Pull** at the **Derby Gala** the evening of April 27. This year, your contribution can make a world of difference, as all proceeds go towards JU and other local projects.



This fine wine and bourbon will be used for our signature "Wine/Bourbon Pull" event. This fun-filled activity allows guests to purchase a ticket and blindly choose a bottle, creating a thrilling element of surprise and discovery.

Here's why your contribution matters:

- **Direct impact:** Every bottle donated translates directly into supporting projects at JU and other local charities.
- **Variety is key:** A diverse selection of wines and bourbons enhances the excitement and attracts more participants.
- **Showcase your passion:** Share your love for fine beverages and inspire others with your generosity.
- **Be a part of the community:** Join your fellow Rotarians and supporters in making a positive difference.

What we're asking you to do:

- Donate an *unopened* standard 750ml bottle of wine (worth \$20 or more) **OR** of bourbon (worth \$30 or more).
- Drop off your donation at our weekly lunches.
- **Attend the April 27th Derby Gala to try your own luck at the Wine and Bourbon Pull!**

Derby is Here! Derby Event of the Year, April 27th



As the Gala Committee Chair, I am so excited to share our club plans with you for the upcoming annual Derby fundraising event. If you were at the lunch meeting yesterday, you got to see a brief snippet of the newest opportunity to buy tickets and sponsorships online using Eventbrite. This is only for anyone interested outside our club. The link to the event is

below. Please share it with your friends and family. The committee's goal is to increase outside participation this year by 20 additional non-rotary guests. Based on last year's event and what we have in store for you and our guests, I think we will do this easily.

[Click Here for Non-Rotary Guest Tickets](#)

Your Derby event will provide you and your invited guests with:

- Fellowship
- Derby themed cocktails, specialty bourbon and open bar
- Buffett style menu
- Hat contest
- Chance betting and gaming
- Riverfront access to a beautiful sunset on the St. John's River
- Music & Dancing
- Wine and Bourbon Pull
- Sponsorship opportunities for you and your business/organization (see below)
- Other fun events

Funds will benefit Rotary Club of South Jacksonville Charities. This year, in honor of our current Club President, Leslie Redd, we are honoring Jacksonville University's President, Tim Cost. A special presentation will be held to honor him at our event.

Note, as a member, you will be billed for your 2 required tickets. Do not purchase tickets through Eventbrite link provided. The link is to provide to friends and family interested in attending. Please share this far and wide!

[Share this link to potential Non-Rotary Guests](#)

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions regarding the gala.

If you are interested in sponsorship,...

Sponsorship opportunities

Club members will be offered sponsorship opportunities first. Once they are sold out, they are gone. They are:

- *Winner's Circle Sponsorship, \$250*
- *Table Sponsor, Early Bird, \$800 (\$1200 after April 15th)*
- *Triple Crown, \$1,000*
- ◦ *Winner's Circle Sponsorship*
 - \$250.00
 - Sponsor one of 8 signature events.
 - Sponsor gets:
 - Recognition Name at the table/event and on marketing materials
 - Includes 2 submissions to Local Charity to be a "Rotary Club South Jacksonville Gala Grant Beneficiary"
 - One gala ticket
 - Each sponsorship is valued @ \$500 marketing spend.
 - Choose from:
 - Game of Chance Sponsor (6, choice of game table: Roulette, poker, black jack, craps, money wheel, baccarat)
 - Bourbon-Pull Sponsor
 - Wine-Pull Sponsor
- ◦ *Table Sponsor, Early Bird*
 - \$800.00, (\$1200 after April 15th)
 - Gala tickets for 8 (a \$1600 dollar value)
 - Recognition Name at the table at the event
 - Includes 8 charity submissions to Local Charity to be a "Rotary Club South Jacksonville Gala Grant Beneficiary"
 - Recognition at event and on marketing materials
- ◦ *Triple Crown Sponsor*
 - \$1,000.00
 - Includes (4) tickets to derby event
 - Recognition at derby event
 - Charity ticket submission (4)

If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Jennifer May, Jennifer.may@haskell.com which sponsorship you would like to sponsor, and:

Organization Name
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Point of Contact Name
Contact Phone Number
Contact Email

In Rotary,

Lisamarie Winslow
Gala Chair and President-Elect

Paul Alexander: 'Man in the iron lung' dies at the age of 78





"Paul Alexander contracted polio in 1952 when he was six, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. The disease left him unable to breathe independently, leading doctors to place him in a metal cylinder, where he would spend the rest of his life.

He would go on to earn a law degree - and practise law - as well as publish a memoir.

"Paul Alexander, 'The Man in the Iron Lung', passed away yesterday," a post on a fundraising website said."

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