



Club Meeting

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

Events

- May 21st
[Isaiah M. Oliver](#)
- May 28th
[Memorial Day-no lunch meeting](#)
- June 4th
[Robert Peek](#)
- June 11th
[Debbie Porter](#)

Birthdays



[PP Hon Harvey E. Schlesinger](#)
June 4th



[PP & PDG Michael H. Darragh](#)
June 8th



[PP Jay Plotkin](#)
June 8th



[PP Jason B. Burnett](#)
June 15th

Years of Service



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



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

This Week: Isaiah M. Oliver, CEO of The Community Foundation



Isaiah M. Oliver

Isaiah Oliver is the third president of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Florida's oldest and largest community foundation. In this role, he oversees an experienced 30-person staff, which manages \$649 million in assets as of 12/31/2023 and distributed more than \$69 million in grants in 2023. Locally, he is a member of the Jacksonville Civic Council and a Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce trustee.

Prior to leading The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, he served as the CEO of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (MI), a top 100 community foundation, established in 1988 with peak assets of \$299 million. Isaiah serves as chair of the CFLeads National Board of Directors, on the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Leadership Council and on the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE) Board of Directors. Isaiah serves as on the Board of Trustees at his alma mater, Central Michigan University, and is a Fellow of the inaugural class of the Civil Society Fellowship, a Partnership of ADL and The Aspen Institute, and member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

Isaiah was previously vice-chair of the Council of Michigan Foundations Board of Trustees, chairman of the Michigan Community Foundation Committee, on the Community Foundations Public Awareness Initiative steering committee, president of the Flint Public Schools Board, treasurer of the Hurley Medical Center Board of Directors, member of the McLaren Home Care Board, member of the Flint and Genesee Group Board, the Uptown Redevelopment Corporation board and many others. Isaiah is a member of the Gamma Delta Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Isaiah and his wife, Shay, have four children: Zaiyah, Carrington, Chelyn and Isaiah II.

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

Wedding Anniversaries



[Laure Whitmer](#)
May 18th



[PP Charles G Cofer](#)
June 1st



[PP Hon Harvey E. Schlesinger](#)
June 2nd



[Christy King](#)
June 6th



[PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
June 14th

The Rotary Club of South Jacksonville is proud to sponsor the annual Rotary Oratory Competition.

This program provides a platform for high school seniors in Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker, and St. Johns counties to showcase their public speaking skills and

compete for college scholarship money. Students research a chosen topic and deliver a persuasive speech, fostering critical thinking, communication, and confidence.

Supporting the Rotary Oratory Competition is a win-win for our community and our Rotary Club. By investing in these young minds, we are helping to shape the future leaders of tomorrow. The competition provides an invaluable opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills, gain confidence, and earn scholarships to further their education. Your generous support will help us continue to offer this important program and make a lasting impact on the lives of deserving students.

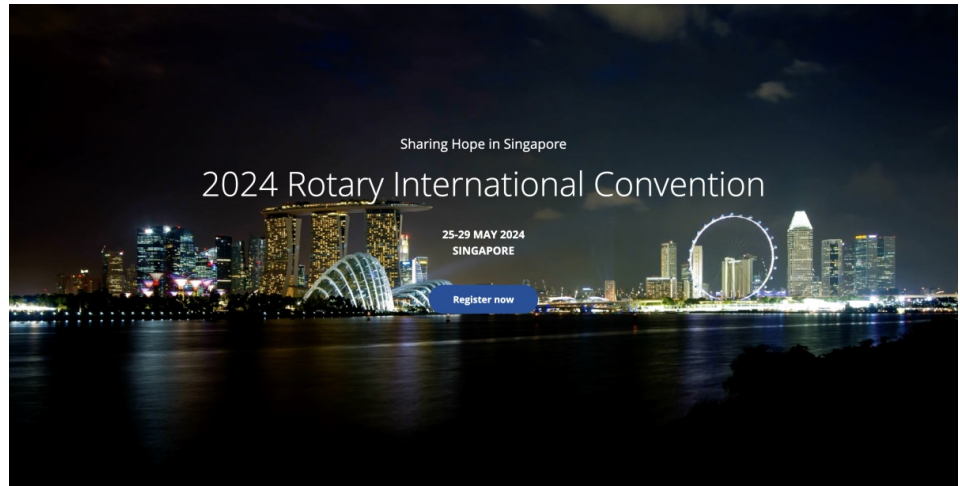
If anyone is interested in being a sponsor for the Rotary Oratory Competition, please contact Tom Ranney.



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South Jacksonville Rotary Goes to Singapore!



Excitement is brewing among members of the South Jacksonville Rotary Club as they prepare to set sail – well, metaphorically speaking – for the upcoming Rotary International Convention in Singapore! The event, scheduled for May 25th through 29th, promises to be a whirlwind of inspiration, learning, and fellowship for Rotarians from around the globe.

The South Jacksonville contingent is: Lisamarie Winslow, Megan Madrid, Jen May, Mike Darragh, Odette Struys and Tom Tappan. Our contingent is led by President-Elect Lisamarie Winslow who is particularly enthusiastic about this year's theme, "Sharing Hope with the World." Winslow, who also serves as President of Keiser University in Jacksonville, FL, sees the convention as a valuable opportunity. "Rotary is all about service and making a positive impact," she says. "This convention is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians who share our passion for helping others. We can exchange ideas, learn about successful projects from other clubs, and come back energized and full of new ways to serve our own community."

The convention program offers a diverse range of activities, from inspiring keynote speakers and breakout sessions to cultural events and networking opportunities. Beyond the official program, the chance to experience the vibrant culture of Singapore is another highlight for the South Jacksonville Rotarians. "We're eager to explore the city, sample the local cuisine, and immerse ourselves in Singapore's rich cultural tapestry," says Winslow. "This well-rounded experience will undoubtedly foster lasting friendships and a broader understanding of the world we strive to improve through Rotary."

The South Jacksonville Rotary Club's participation in the Rotary International Convention exemplifies the organization's dedication to global connection and service. Their experiences in Singapore will undoubtedly fuel their ongoing efforts to make a positive difference in their own community and beyond.

<https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>



Volunteers are needed for this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), which will be held on June 21, 22, and 23 at Stetson University. As you may know, RYLA is a premier leadership conference designed to foster youth development and is a key initiative under the Rotary International banner. This year, we anticipate welcoming 100-125 high school students who have completed their freshman or sophomore years.

These students, selected by Rotary Clubs within District 6970 covering northeast Florida, will participate in a series of leadership workshops, activities, and lectures at no cost, thanks to the support of our clubs. As Rotarians, we have the privilege of shaping these young leaders by sharing our experiences and skills.

We are seeking volunteers for various roles throughout the weekend, from overseeing activities to facilitating sessions. Whether you can spare a few hours or can commit to the entire weekend, your involvement would be invaluable. For those able to stay for the full event, accommodation will be provided at Stetson University.

Volunteering at RYLA not only supports our youth but also strengthens our Rotary community. It's an excellent opportunity to engage with fellow Rotarians and make a positive impact on the lives of young people. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit this link : <https://www.rotarydistrict6970.org/ryla/volunteers/> or reply to this email with any questions. We are grateful for any time you can offer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help nurture the next generation of leaders. Together, we can make a significant impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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South Jax ROTARY - family

We were saddened to hear over the weekend of the loss of PP Dick Morales' wife Marcia. Mrs. Morales was also the mother of our member, Rick Morales and sister-in-law to our member, Jorge Morales.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 11 am at San Jose Catholic Church. Please keep the Morales family in your thoughts and prayers.

Club Leaders



[Leslie Miller Redd](#)
President



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
President-Elect



[John L Cumbow](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[Edward Scott Vaughn](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Charles G Cofer](#)
iPast President

