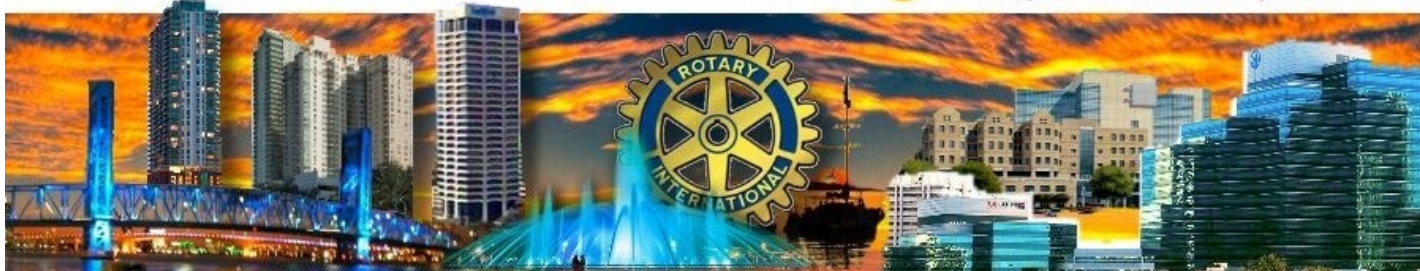




South Jacksonville  
Rotary



Putting Service Above Self since 1955



## This Week's Topic: Debbie Porter, volunteer with Mercy Ships

### Club Meeting

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

### Events

June 11th  
[Debbie Porter](#)  
June 18th  
[Mayor Donna Deegan](#)  
June 27th  
[Hail and Farewell](#)  
July 2nd  
[Holiday week-no lunch meeting](#)

### Birthdays



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



[PP Jay Plotkin](#)  
June 8th



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



[Michael B. Hotaling](#)  
June 25th



[Greg Anderson](#)  
June 27th



[PP Charles G. Cofer](#)  
June 27th



[Jennifer Suharmadji May](#)  
July 2nd



[Tom Tappan](#)  
July 4th



Debbie Porter has been a resident of the Amelia Island, FL area for several years. Before that, she worked around the globe as an English teacher in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the United States. Prior to her career in education, she worked in the field of Engineering as a consulting transportation planner. Both her education and consulting professions have provided her with opportunities to pursue her love of travel and cultural explorations. Debbie has served as a volunteer in various positions with Mercy Ships since 1995 in Ghana, West Africa, Honduras, and US port cities and enjoys sharing her life-changing adventures of serving with this organization.

## Assignments in DACdb for the month of June 2024

Attention South Jacksonville Rotarians! Don't forget to check the Assignments tab in DACdb! This is where you'll find important information for upcoming meetings, including weekly invocation assignments, craft talk duties, and other essential details. Staying on top of your assignments ensures a smooth and engaging experience for everyone at our meetings. So head over to DACdb and check the Assignments tab today!



Date	Greeter	Pledge/Prayer	Intro Guests	Craft/Industry Talk	Intro Speaker
11-Jun-24 Club Meeting	Richardson, Jan		Grange, James D.		
18-Jun-24 Club Meeting	Rudderman, Katie K.	Vaughn, Edward Scott	Hotaling, Michael B.	Struys, Odette	
25-Jun-24	No Club Meeting-Hail & Farewell Party				

### Years of Service

## Hail & Farewell President Leslie Redd



[William H. Harrell](#)

03-31-1981  
44 Years



[PP Bea Fore](#)

03-08-2011  
14 Years



[PP Odette Struys](#)

03-26-2019  
6 Years

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Christy King](#)

June 6th



[PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)

June 14th



[PP Harlan S. Bost](#)

June 16th



[Greg Anderson](#)

June 24th



[Robert B. Massey Jr.](#)

June 24th



[PP Daniel K. Robie](#)

June 25th



[PP Allan P. Clark](#)

July 2nd



[H. Warner Webb](#)

July 3rd



[PP Bill R. Jaycox](#)

July 4th



[Tom Tappan](#)

July 5th





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.

[Rotary Oratory Competition - rotaryoratory.org](http://rotaryoratory.org)



**Volunteers needed for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA),  
June 21-24**



JUNE 21-24

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,

Claudia L. Dencer

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District 6970 Youth Services Chair

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## Winner

**Photographer:** Keith Marsh  
Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley, California

In March 2014, Thangavelu Saravanaraj, a member of the Rotary Club of Madurai North, India, accompanied Rotaractors volunteering at a tollbooth during a National Immunization Day in his hometown. Each time a bus stopped, the eager Rotaractors would hop on to administer polio drops to children. As one of the buses was about to roar away, volunteers spotted an unvaccinated baby inside. “They jumped to action,” recalls Saravanaraj. “As the mother brought the baby close to the window, one Rotaractor reached out to steady the child while another gave the drop.”

Saravanaraj, an avid photographer, captured the fleeting moment and submitted the photo for this magazine’s annual photography awards.

Nearly a decade later, we tracked down Saravanaraj, who now chairs the International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers. Founded in 2012, the fellowship includes as members more than 1,400 professional and amateur photographers and photo enthusiasts around the world. They connect and share work through a lively Facebook page. Local chapters organize photo contests, workshops, and photography outings.

We worked with Saravanaraj to invite four fellowship members to judge this year’s Rotary magazine Photo Awards. In total, we received 856 entries covering a broad range of genres, from landscape and nature to portraits, events, and food. After the judges evaluated the technical skill and esthetics of our finalists’ work, we selected 14 of the best images to share with you in this issue. They include a spectacular night photo of the Milky Way over a canyon in eastern Washington state, a novel campaign by Rotaractors in Nigeria to educate not just girls but their male peers about menstrual health, the tranquil birthplace of the Lord Buddha in Nepal, and an enchanting early morning scene in the holy city of Vrindavan in northern India pictured on the cover.

Saravanaraj says photography and Rotary have opened the world for fellowship members. “The Photo Awards enable us to share the work of Rotary members and learn from each other,” he says. “It is a new level of exposure.”

[Rotary Magazine Photo Awards \(Complete Story\)](#)

## Club Leaders



[Leslie Miller Redd](#)  
President



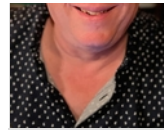
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