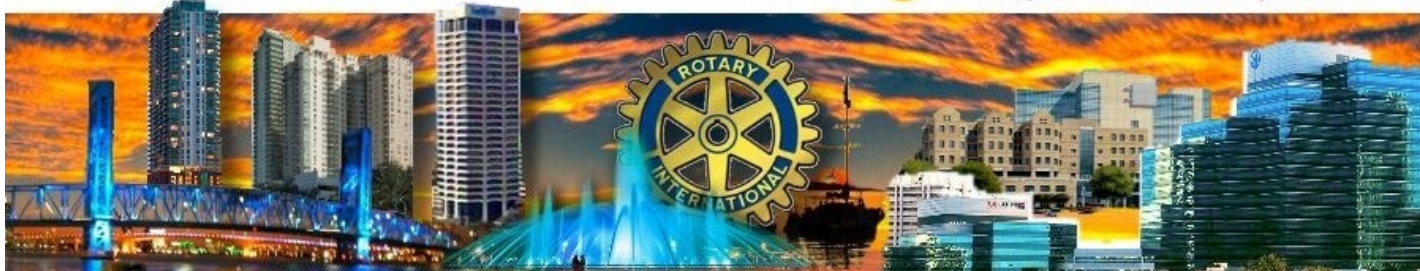




South Jacksonville
Rotary



Putting Service Above Self since 1955



Club Meeting

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

Events

June 18th
[Mayor Donna Deegan](#)
June 27th
[Hail and Farewell](#)
July 2nd
[Holiday week-no lunch meeting](#)
July 9th
[Pres Lisamarie Winslow](#)

Birthdays



[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 K Tappan](#)
July 4th



[Robert B. Massey Jr.](#)
July 7th

Years of Service



[William H. Harrell](#)

This Week's Topic: Donna Deegan, Mayor of Jacksonville



Mayor Donna Deegan is the 45th mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, and the 9th mayor since the City's consolidation in 1968. A Jacksonville native, award-winning local television news anchor, three-time cancer survivor, and non-profit founder, Mayor Deegan was sworn into office on July 1, 2023.

After graduating from Florida State University, Mayor Deegan started a career in broadcast journalism, which culminated in a role as a lead anchor at First Coast News. Over her tenure, she listened to and shared the stories of people living in every corner of this city, from all walks of life. She investigated many of Jacksonville's systemic problems and held people in power accountable. Over her 25 years reporting, she established herself

as a trusted voice for her community.

Mayor Deegan's three bouts with breast cancer inspired her to bring her passion toward a new pursuit. After seeing fellow cancer patients and survivors saddled with debt and struggling to make ends meet, she was called to action and created the DONNA Foundation. In 2003, she founded the nonprofit to support the same community of patients, survivors, and health care providers who stepped up for her when she needed it most.

Elected to office on May 16, 2023, Mayor Deegan is bringing her unique life experiences and deep Jacksonville roots to build a city that works for all of us. The Deegan Administration is working to create a good quality of life by focusing on infrastructure, public health, and economic development.

Mayor Deegan has two children and lives at the beaches with her husband, Tim.



03-31-1981
44 Years

Hail & Farewell President Leslie Redd



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



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

Wedding Anniversaries



[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 William R. Jaycox](#)
July 4th



[Tom Tappan](#)
July 5th



[PP Dick Morales Jr.](#)
July 8th



[RSVP](#)

Volunteers needed for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

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,

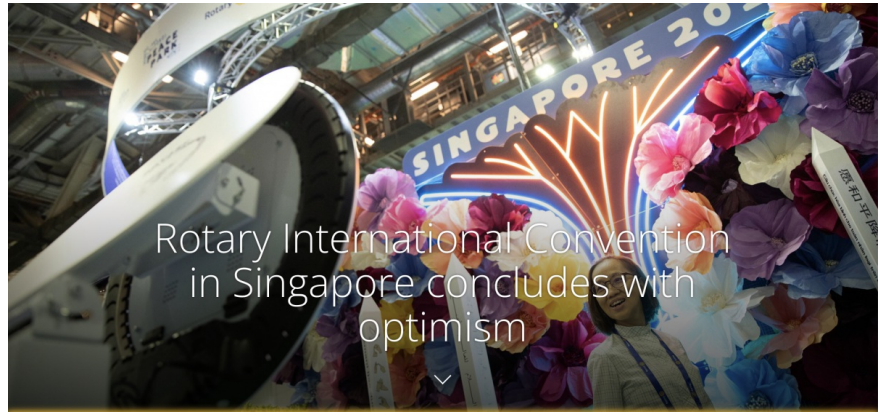
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By **Etelka Lehoczky and John M. Cunningham**

After five days of friendship, excitement, and cultural connections, the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore ended with a focus on the future. Speakers emphasized Rotary's continuing mission to promote peace and goodwill and previewed [next year's gathering in Calgary, Canada](#).

Fostering understanding was a central theme of the day, as Rotary Peace Fellows María Antonia Pérez and Clara-Valentine Tigenoah celebrated the 25th year since the Rotary Peace Centers program was announced.

“To believe in peace is to have hope, and to do so, one must be both stubborn and optimistic, and be eager to persist and make a difference,” Pérez said. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally emphasized Rotary's long-standing commitment to building peace and noted that the topic has been a key interest almost since Rotary began.

“Our dedication to building a more peaceful world has its ups and downs, but it has been a critical part of how we define ourselves, going back even before the First World War,” McNally said. “From our earliest days, we have always had a vision of our organization as something more than just the people we see right in front of us and the direct results of our service projects.”

The day's breakout sessions included even more discussion of peacebuilding, with topics such as Innovating Peace Education in Times of Crisis and Understanding the Global Peace Index.

Two breakout sessions focused on starting new clubs. During the session Rotary Your Way: Form the Club You Always Wanted, people learned key steps in the process, from finding a champion to help organize the club to choosing the club's leaders.

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Club Leaders



[Leslie Miller Redd](#)
President



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
President-Elect



[John L. Cumbow](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



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



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