



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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 9th

[Mark Mahon](#)

March 16th

[Melissa Nelson](#)

March 23rd

[Melissa Ross](#)

March 30th

[Dr. Albert Loh](#)

Birthdays



[Ryan Maloney](#)
March 7th



[Dinkins Grange](#)
March 29th



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

Club Anniversaries

Years of Service



PP & PDG [Mike H. Darragh](#)
02-25-1992
30 Years

Weekly Speaker

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 5, 2021



Mark Mahon is a former Representative in the House of Representatives of the U.S. state of Florida. As of July 2015, was Interim Chief Judge of Florida's 4th Circuit Court. He resides in Jacksonville, Florida. Mahon received his bachelor's degree from the Florida State University in 1978. In addition, he received his Juris Doctorate from Florida State University in 1981. In 2007, he was appointed by governor Charlie Crist as a circuit judge for the 4th Judicial Circuit of Jacksonville, Florida. This ended his term as a Representative of the 16th District of Florida.

This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 5, 2021

March 9th, 1959 Barbie makes her debut

On March 9, 1959, the first Barbie doll goes on display at the American Toy Fair in New York City. Eleven inches tall, with a waterfall of blond hair, Barbie was the first mass-produced toy doll in the United States with adult features. The woman behind Barbie was Ruth Handler, who co-founded Mattel, Inc. with her husband in 1945. After seeing her young daughter ignore her baby dolls to play make-believe with paper dolls of adult women, Handler realized there was an important niche in the market for a toy that allowed little girls to imagine the future.

Barbie's appearance was modeled on a doll named Lilli, based on a German comic strip character. Originally marketed as a racy gag gift to adult men in tobacco shops, the Lilli doll later became extremely popular with children. Mattel bought the rights to Lilli and made its own version, which Handler named after her daughter, Barbara. With its sponsorship of the Mickey Mouse Club TV program in 1955, Mattel became the first toy company to broadcast commercials to children. They used this medium to promote their new toy, and by 1961, the enormous consumer demand for the doll led Mattel to release a boyfriend for Barbie. Handler named him Ken, after her son. Barbie's best friend, Midge, came out in 1963; her little sister, Skipper, debuted the following year.

Rotary Works

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 5, 2021

Rotary Works is a vocational service project offered by Rotarians, for Rotarians and Rotaractors. If you're not in career transition, perhaps you can do someone else a favor and forward this email to them. OR, if you're able, you can help financially, as well: Support the Impace Fund. We have raised \$20,000 to help Rotarians impacted by job loss.



[Tyrie W. Boyer](#)
02-06-2001
21 Years



[Les Loggins III](#)
02-20-2001
21 Years



PP [Dan K. Robie](#)
02-01-2011
11 Years



[Ryan Maloney](#)
02-07-2013
9 Years



[Richard L. Miller](#)
02-06-2018
4 Years

If you are in career transition, we hope you found value in last month's program, **Building Your Personal Brand**. That recording, along with those of prior sessions are at: www.rotaryworks.com **Non**- Rotarians can register there, also for upcoming sessions that are packed with ideas and strategies that will be helpful to anyone at any point in their career path. Do forward this link to anyone you know who is in or contemplating a career transition.

Do you think a personal, confidential Career Coach would be helpful?

Don't miss the March 10 Session -- **Essential Tech Tools for Marketability**. Brush up on the array of technology tools you need to move yourself into "front-runner" position for your dream job. Hear dozens of common mistakes and potholes in candidates' use of technology in a job search or business startup.

Upcoming sessions are open for Registration. The Zoom link will be exactly the same, but we would appreciate you registering for each of the upcoming sessions (**all at 1:00 pm EDT, 2nd Wednesdays**). If you're not sure whether you're registered, click the links below to check - we won't double-register you.

Breaking News-Oratory Contest Final!

For those that attended last year, and witnessed the outstanding speeches delivered by the Regional contest winners, I am sure you were equally impressed by this year's contest. These high school seniors are the best of the best. I did not have a chance to get feedback from the judges, but I am sure they found their job to be a challenging one, in having to judge speeches on what I consider as being very much a college level.

A delicious dinner was catered by Bone Fish Grill that notably included their famous salad dressing for the salad and their seafood Mac N Cheese, with cheese cake for desert.

Also notably present was the U.S. Army which spoke briefly, and Peter Bragan who gave his outstanding rendition of Casey At The Bat.

Former Rotarian Jack O'Brien did his usual outstanding job of masterfully emceeing the event. And even though he was flying solo without the accompaniment of Mary Baer, who was notably missed, Jack handled the event masterfully. A huge thank you goes out to Jack.

The contestants at the event were (1) Fernandina Regional Winner Ebby Archer from Yulee High School; (2) Jacksonville Regional winner Fapiancy Alexandre from The Bolles School; (3) Orange Park Regional winner D-Marre Craddock from Orange Park High School; (4) St. Augustine Regional winner Connor Ambrose from Creekside High School; (5) Westside Regional winner Jacob Gazalch from Samuel Wolfson School of Advanced Studies.

Fapiancy Alexandre from The Bolles School prevailed in winning the competition. Congratulations to Fapiancy.

The competition was recorded by the extraordinarily talented and professional team at WJCT, and expect it to be aired sometime in May or early June.

Wedding Anniversaries



PP [Vicki-lyne Gloger](#)
March 5th



[Steve F. Madden](#)
March 13th



P [Tom Ranney Jr.](#)
March 18th



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



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



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
March 22nd



[Rick Morales III](#)
March 24th



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



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

Club Leaders



[Tom Ranney Jr.](#)
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[Richard Dow](#)
President-Elect



[Charlie G. Cofer](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[Greg Anderson](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms
International Service Ave Dir



[Bea Fore](#)
RI & District Awards Chair
iPast President



PP [Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
Club Service Ave Dir



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
Mentor & Training Chair
Vocational Service Ave Dir



PP [Vicki-lyne Gloger](#)
Community Service Ave Dir



[Julia Kalinski](#)
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