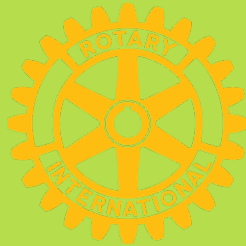


Rotary



Club of West Jacksonville

Please join us on Zoom or in person at Timuquana Country Club

Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM

Events

May 15th

[Chris Fischer](#)

May 22nd

[No Lunch Meeting - Social](#)

May 29th

[Memorial Day - No Lunch Meeting](#)

June 5th

[TBA](#)

WestWord May 15, 2024

In-Person **Virtual**

[Please click here to join Zoom meeting or join by phone:+1 646 558 8656](#)

Meeting ID: 939 1198 2460

Passcode: 588417

Chris Fischer
OCEARCH



Chris Fischer leads his life through the guiding principle of doing good for the world and including the world in the work.

A full-time explorer, Fischer has a special gift of seeing the “big picture,” creating solutions around that picture, and communicating that picture in an accessible way to others.

An explorer and disruptor, Chris has led 45 global expeditions focused on accelerating the ocean’s return to balance and abundance, by unlocking the life history puzzle of white sharks and other keystone species through expeditions aboard the OCEARCH.

A serial entrepreneur, Fischer’s collaborative vision for OCEARCH connects the practical (expert fishermen) with the academic (researchers). By connecting multi-disciplinary experts, OCEARCH is able to gather information about a white shark’s migrations, reproductive condition and cycle, genetic status, diet, inorganic and organic contaminant loads, fecundity, parasite species presence, abundance, and infection sites, all in a short 15 minutes. This approach drastically reduces the time and data deficit that has long existed for large marine animals in the field of research and directly addresses the environmental policy paradox for ocean ecology. Since founding OCEARCH in 2007, Fischer’s team has: engaged with more than 190 researchers from global institutions; safely tagged more than 400 animals and worked globally with partners across varying sectors. OCEARCH has advanced science through 75 peer reviewed papers, 20 of which Fischer is a co-author.

His approach completely disrupts the research and policy process by making data collection and distribution collaborative, inclusive, and open-sourced. This data-centric approach has inspired global ocean environmental protection policies, with Fischer working alongside Presidents of several countries, including the U.S.

In the spirit of including a global audience in his work, the OCEARCH SHARK TRACKER launched in 2013, allowing nearly 2 million annual users to learn about sharks while tracking them across the planet in near-real-time. Further, a STEM curriculum based on the Tracker contains more than 100 lesson plans and is made available at oearch.org.

A graduate of Indiana University, Fischer began his career as an explorer as host of the four-time Emmy Award-winning “Offshore Adventures” from 2001 to 2009. It was the #1 watched outdoor TV series and had the goal of pouring the oceans back into people’s lives. From 2009 to 2012, Fischer hosted 20 hours of TV episodes on the National Geographic Channel and 10 hours on the History Channel, chronicling the research on the white shark.

Fischer has received numerous prestigious recognitions, including The Explorers Club Lowell Thomas Medal for Imagination in Exploration and the Nominee Trust 100 Award for top social innovators list. Further, OCEARCH has been featured in more than 10,000 outlets including The New York Times, CNN, CBS Morning News, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, 60 Minutes, and most major news media organizations worldwide.

Fischer’s work through OCEARCH is supported through socially innovative partnerships with Costa Sunglasses, SeaWorld, YETI Coolers, Ulysse Nardin, Jefferson’s Bourbon, Blundstone, Cisco Brewery, Jacksonville University, Yamaha Righttaters, and the support of fans across the globe.

Fischer continues to explore the world alongside his wonderful family and crew.

"Escape to Margaritaville" Fundraiser Results

Your enthusiastic support of the Escape to Margaritaville event led to **\$10,175** being raised for the Club's youth programs. Congratulations, Rotary Club of West Jacksonville!

Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, 10000 West Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida 32217

Rotarians who purchased a snow ticket, were a Sponsor or Friend of the Show, or provided a gift received a ticket(s) in drawings for seven prizes. There were 210 tickets in the drawing, and the winners were:

1. \$25 gift card to Loop - **Will Croft**
2. \$25 gift card to Anjeo - **Vince Coyle**
3. \$25 gift card to Biscotti - **Mark Eldridge**
4. \$50 value bottle of 818 Tequila and Jimmy Buffett book signed by Phil Voss - **Drew Bisbee**
5. \$50 gift certificate to Cross Creek - **Vince Coyle**
6. \$50 gift certificate to Cross Creek - **Ken Baker**
7. \$600 value gift certificate for 2 night stay at Margaritaville Hotel Jax Beach and \$100 cash- **PE Tim Johnson**

Photos



Pres Dane Jensen (R) with our club's newest member, Amanda Urbizu. Welcome, Amanda!



District Interact Chair Gigi Carroll speaking at the year-end Interact Celebration



Special recognition for Executive Secretary Patti Chapman by DG John Tabor at the District

2023-2024 Duty Roster (2nd half) -- view [online](#) or [download](#)

Previous event:
Ed Lamont
History of Henry Flagler

Next event: Wednesday, May 22nd
Club Social
Riverside Liquors
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
*** No lunch meeting ***

Birthdays



[Carter Rosenbloom](#)
May 16th



[Douglas J. Milne](#)
May 17th



[Cedrick Gibson](#)
May 18th



[Terry Vereen](#)
May 20th



[Alfred Aviles](#)
May 20th



[Timothy H. Johnson](#)
May 26th



[Meredith N. Smith](#)
May 29th



[William L. Milne](#)
June 1st



[Shawn Corrigan
Asmuth](#)
June 6th



[Mark Eldredge](#)
June 7th

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