



## DOWNTOWN ORMOND BEACH OBSERVER



### Club Leaders



Rebecca Parker  
President



Brandon Perry  
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Treasurer



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President-Nominee  
Secretary



Sean Kramer  
Community Service  
Chair  
Treasurer

### Club Events

April 25th  
PR Committee Meeting

May 6th  
Membership Committee Meeting

May 14th  
General Membership Meeting

### Club Birthdays

Stephanie A Casimiro  
April 2nd

Tom Mondloch  
April 30th

Carleen A Leffler-Nicastro  
May 10th

Jeffrey A Gilster  
May 17th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Ricardo V Shelton  
April 14th

Cory J Hutcherson  
April 27th

Catherine E Moutsopoulos  
May 6th

### Cub Meets at the Grind!

By Tom Mondloch on Friday, April 19, 2019



**Next Club meeting this Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at our new meeting location, GRIND GASTROPUB in the WINE CELLAR ROOM, located at 49 W. Granada Blvd in Ormond Beach starting at 5:00pm.** Our speaker is **Diana Simmons** from the Ormond Beach Historical Society. Diana was born and raised in Texas, then lived in Minneapolis and Chicago before coming to Florida in 1991. She is a retired college professor, national sales and marketing manager, financial services manager and is past president of the Ormond Beach Historical Society and Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens. Diana says "I believe that the preservation of historical sites in our community is important both to our heritage and to our economy for visitors who often vacation in places where there is an abundance of local history. I love telling the stories of Ormond Beach and am one of the tour guides for our bus loop tours. I also enjoy creating children's programs that are both educational and fun".



April 23: Ellen Crotts (Invocation)  
Rick Durgin (Pledge)

May 14: David Ferguson (Invocation)  
Jami Gallego (Pledge)

Jennie Eldredge-Bird (middle) was just inducted with her Sponsor, Jennifer King (right) and her Mentor, Laraine Burns. WELCOME to the Club Jennie!!



Recently inducted Rotarian, [Alex Schumann](#), presenting his classification talk and telling us all about his passion for making beer!!



Rotarian, [Carleen Ashby](#) Leffler-Nicastro , giving her Classification Talk. She beamed with pride as she told the Club how she diligently worked to get her MBA and JD and graduated on the same day for both in just one (1) year. You are a rock star Carleen!!



If you're feeling like you missed something, you certainly did! Join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings and make sure you don't miss out! [#serviceaboveself](#) [#bethinspiration](#) [#rotarydistrict6970](#)

## Message from Becky

By Rebecca Parker on Friday, April 5, 2019

Good Afternoon, Rotary Family,



It's officially SPRING and its a very busy time for our club! The month of April brings us a brand new networking event, service projects (Adopt -A-Highway, work at OBE), two don't-miss-it club meetings & more! The month of May will bring even more, so don't forget to check the calendar in DACDB frequently (login --> My Club. --> Calendar).

### BOARD MEETING TUESDAY

Our April board meeting will be this Tuesday, April 23rd at 4PM just prior to our Club Meeting at Grind Gastropub in the Wine Cellar. Prior to the meeting please: 1) Review our March Meeting Minutes, 2) Send the board any agenda items, 3) Send the board your committee reports. All are invited.

### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

April is Maternal & Child Health Month! Through the Rotary Foundation and the money WE pledge, Rotary is saving lives by providing high quality healthcare to women all over the globe - we're talking free cancer screenings, mobile prenatal clinics, and disease transmission prevention. Rotary knows that healthy mothers = healthy kids. We've done our own part here in Volusia County through our support of Project W.A.R.M and Addiction Treatment Advocates, aiding local mothers in their recovery process; our donations to St. Brendan's Food Bank & Provision Packs that feed families in poverty, and more. Any ideas you may have to expand our work towards health mothers and kids locally or beyond - bring them forward!

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 17, 18, 19!

How exciting is it that this year's District Conference will be hosted right in our backyard! And Guess what - The District Training Assembly on Friday, May 17th is FREE for you. PLUS - If you choose to attend ALL conference events, our club will reimburse you \$100 dollars. No excuses! I would love to see the majority of our club attend. It will be an awe-inspiring Rotary weekend and you won't want to miss it.



# DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY & DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 17 & 18, 2019 AT THE DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

## ALL ROTARY. ALL FUN. FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register for Conference and Hotel at [RotaryDistrict6970.org](http://RotaryDistrict6970.org)

ALL CONFERENCE EVENTS **\$200** OR PICK INDIVIDUALS EVENTS OF YOUR CHOICE:

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY ONLY – \$30 *BILL TO YOUR CLUB* FRIDAY, MAY 17TH, NOON - 5PM  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE KICK-OFF PARTY ONLY – \$50 FRIDAY MAY 17TH, 5PM - 9PM  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE DAY SESSION ONLY – \$75 SATURDAY MAY 18TH, 8AM - 3PM  
ROTARY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS – \$75 SATURDAY MAY 18TH, 5:30 PM - 11PM

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH THE FAMILY OF ROTARY IN THE WALK TO END POLIO  
- ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TO END POLIO NOW AND HELP QUALIFY CLUBS FOR THE ROTARY CITATION!



### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### -DAY ONE-

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY 12PM - 5PM LUNCH • CLUB, OFFICER & MEMBER TRAINING • CLUB ROLL-CALL  
HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP 12PM - 6PM CLUB PROJECT DISPLAYS • ROTARY VENDORS • NON-PROFIT EXHIBITORS  
DISTRICT 6970 HAND CYCLE RACES 5PM - 6PM DISTRICT AREA TEAM COMPETITION • \$500 A TEAM  
CONFERENCE KICK-OFF AT HARLEY J'S SPORTS BAR 6PM - 9PM FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT  
ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS HOSPITALITY HOUSE 9PM - 11PM

#### -DAY TWO-

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS 8AM - 2:30PM BREAKFAST & LUNCH • RYE PARADE OF FLAGS  
HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP 8AM - 3:30PM CLUB PROJECT DISPLAYS • ROTARY VENDORS • NON-PROFIT EXHIBITORS  
YOUTH CONFERENCE 10AM - 2PM INTERACT • RYE • RYLA • COLLEGE ROTARACT • LUNCH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP  
DISTRICT 6970 WALK TO END POLIO 2:30PM - 3:30PM CHARITY WALK • EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE  
MAJOR DONOR RECEPTION 5PM - 6PM COCKTAILS & APPETIZERS  
RED CARPET EXPERIENCE/COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30PM - 6:30PM COCKTAILS • VICTORY CIRCLE RED CARPET  
ROTARY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS 5:30PM - 11:30PM DINNER • ENTERTAINMENT

### INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS

MIKE & ANGIE SKINNER

*A modern-day NASCAR power couple*

SUE GERBER

*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Polio Team*

MICHAEL WALSTROM

*Young Professional Membership Development*

MICHELE RIGBY ASSAD

*Former CIA Operative, Author "Breaking Cover"*

JEFFREY CADORETTE

*Rotary International Director*

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### MAIN HOTEL:

FAIRFIELD INN 386-254-4700  
\$119.00 per night •taxes  
1820 Checkered Flag Blvd  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Group Code: ROTROTA

Upgrades to the Marriott may be available  
once hotel opens in April or May.

HAMPTON INN 386-257-4030  
\$109.00 per night •taxes  
1715 W International Speedway Blvd  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
Group Name: Rotary International

HOMEWOOD SUITES 386-258-2828  
\$99.00 per night •taxes  
165 Bill France Blvd, Daytona Beach, Florida  
Group Name: Rotary Group Code: ROT

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 386-944-1100  
\$109.00 per night •taxes  
90 Professional Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL  
Group Code: ROT 'Please note you must  
enter code to get the District Conference Rate'

See Conference Registration for Clickable  
links to hotel booking.

### WHAT MAKES A ROTARY DISTRICT EVENT SUCCESSFUL??

**ROTARIANS.** So how can you help to make this event successful? **SPONSORSHIPS.** Help keep District Monies for Projects. Please Support Our Conference!  
**CONTACT** Marie Turnbull at [marie@turnbullenvironmental.com](mailto:marie@turnbullenvironmental.com) for more information.

**ENTERTAINMENT SPONSORS | 2 SPONSORS @ \$1000/EACH** SPONSORS WILL BE PLACED ON ALL ADVERTISEMENTS. RECEIVE ONE FULL WEEKEND  
EVENT PASSES & HAVE A SIGN AT THE EVENING EVENTS **WALK TO END POLIO SPONSORS | 10 SPONSORS @ \$500/EACH** SPONSORS WILL BE  
PLACED ON ALL ADVERTISEMENTS & ON END POLIO NOW T-SHIRTS **YOUTH CONFERENCE EVENTS SPONSOR | 2 SPONSORS @ \$500/EACH**  
SPONSORS WILL BE PLACED ON ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND ON YOUTH T-SHIRTS **ROTARY STAR WALK OF FAME | UNLIMITED @ \$25/EACH** STARS  
WILL BE PLACED ON POLIO WALK PATH & HAND CYCLE RACE **HOSPITALITY HOUSE SPONSORED BY ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS**

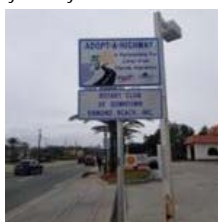


See you Tuesday!

-Becky

### On the Road Again

By Jeffrey A Gilster on Friday, April 5, 2019



Our Club Adopt A Highway program is really picking up! Led by Jeff Gilster, our next date is **Sunday, April 28th**. We are responsible for the stretch of Granada Blvd. between Nova Rd. and Yonge Street. Club members and their guests assemble at Fletchers Irish Pub (393 W. Granada) about 9:30am to get organized. Participants are invited to return to Fletchers after the work for some refreshments and trash talk!!



## Spotlight on Sean Kramer

By Rebecca Parker on Friday, April 19, 2019

We are spotlighting on Club Member Sean Kramer for this month. Sean is a founding member of our Club and currently serves as the Treasurer, a member of the Board, as well as Community Services Chair. He is ever present at Club meetings and serves as our Sergeant-At-Arms (fearless in fining!) as well as manages the 50/50 raffle. Most recently, Sean did a spectacular job in serving as our MC for the highly successful Glow Run fundraiser that our Club sponsored this past January. Sean has an energy level that is contagious and is always ready to jump in to help. We are indeed grateful to have Sean Kramer as a member of our Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach!



## April Social - ♦Not So Cinco de Mayo♦

By Karen Holmay on Friday, April 5, 2019



**April Social-** Sabrina Jack is hosting the April Social. Let ♦s all get together for a Mexican themed ♦Not So Cinco de Mayo♦ party. Sabrina will be making slow cooked beef tacos as well as other delicious dishes for the main course. You just bring what you are drinking and an appetizer or a dessert. The event is open to members, families and friends. Please invite anyone you think would like to enjoy the Rotary lifestyle.

Friday April 26, 2018

**6:30 pm**

7 Whipper In Circle  
Ormond Beach Florida

RSVP by Tuesday, April 23rd to Sabrina [386-852-8414](tel:386-852-8414). Text or call!!!

**Our May Social** - Pedal Bike Tour

Planned for Friday May 10 from 6:30-9:30 at Hop Cycles at 816 Main Street. We will be doing a pedal bike tour of local pubs/breweries.

## Ormond Beach Beer Festival

By Tom Mondloch on Friday, April 5, 2019



Come join our fellow Rotary Club or Ormond Beach for it's inaugural Ormond Beach Beer Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 2pm-8pm at Riverside Park. The event will feature **unlimited (yes unlimited)** beer from over 30 different breweries that day. Sponsored by S.R. Perrott, tickets are \$30 and can be purchased on-line at the Ormond Beach Beer Festival FB page or will be available at the gate that day for \$35. The proceeds will go to the Rotary Clubs of Ormond Beach!

In addition to attending the Saturday, May 11 event, the Club is asking for support from 3-4 folks during five (5) periods:

13:00-15:00  
15:00-17:00  
17:00-19:00  
19:00-20:30 hours

A sign up sheet will be circulated at our Club meeting on April 23rd!

## Tomoka State Park Clean Up

By Alexander D Schumann on Wednesday, April 17, 2019

### Hold Saturday, June 8, 2019!!

Our Club, along with the other Ormond Beach Rotary Club, and the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach West, are hosting a clean up of Tomoka State Park on Saturday, June 8th from 9 AM to 2 PM. A barbecue at the park will follow the clean up. More details to come!



## We Want Your Story!!

By Tom Mondloch on Friday, April 19, 2019



Did you know that any Club member can submit a story for the Newsletter? Each of us have our own story about the ways that Rotary is impacting our lives and the lives of those that we serve. It is as easy as logging in to DACdb, finding our Club tab, and then looking for the Ez Story icon. Rotary intends for the Ez Story to be a building block for great Club communication. Ez Stories can be published to our website as well as our Newsletter, and provides content for our Facebook page. I invite every Club member to explore DACdb, including the Ez Story tool. Go ahead, tell as a story!!

## Book Club - "Where the Forest Meets the Stars"

Friday, April 5, 2019

Club member Sabrina Jack leads a Club sponsored book club that meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm (following our regularly scheduled Club meeting). The next book club will be on Tuesday, April 23rd starting at 7pm at 31Grind Gastropub. This month's book is "Where the Forest Meets the Stars" by [Glendy Vanderah](#)

◆Vanderah ◆s beautifully human story reminds us that sometimes we need to look beyond the treetops at the stars to let some light into our lives.◆

Club members, spouses and friends welcome



### April 2019 Edition



### April is Maternal and Child Health Month

In April Rotarians celebrate Maternal and child health.

Basically, maternal health ensures that we have healthy moms raising healthy kids, but it◆s not quite as simple as this.

Maternal health begins with nurturing the young girl and ensuring that from an early age they have access to an education, quality health care and



gender equality.

If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, which ultimately can lead to the alleviation of poverty, hunger and disease.

Rotarians around the world recognize the importance of these basic essentials and provide the help and training necessary for mothers to take control of their own health and that of their children.

We fund and support medical and dental clinics right here in Northeast Florida and have equipped a pink medical Jeep with medical supplies in Haiti so volunteers and midwives can reach mothers and children in the most remote areas.

And when local families fall under hard times, Rotary is here to help. We send backpacks filled with food home with school children for the weekend and fund and build playgrounds like with one here at the St Francis House in Gainesville. This was built by Rotaractors who visited the homeless shelter only to find children inside huddled around a tv instead of outside playing. Those Rotaractors contacted their local Rotary Clubs and with the help of a district grant built this beautiful playground so families could have a space to run and play and enjoy fun in the Florida sun.

During April and throughout the year, I invite you to Be The Inspiration to the moms and families in your community.

**Jeanette Loftus**  
**District Governor 2018-19**  
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## Jeff Hart Obituary

### Jeff Hart: Hands Across the Sea



Those who have participated in recent District Conferences recall that the Rotary Youth Exchange's parade of flags was accompanied by John Philip Sousa's popular march "Hands Across the Sea." In the words of the composer, it was addressed to no particular nation, but to all of America's friends aboard.

At those occasions, Jeff Hart would introduce that parade with the quotation: "A sudden thought strikes me; let us swear eternal friendship! With our District, Jeff best epitomized that oath of friendship. And much more.

Rotarians throughout our District are deeply saddened by the loss of Jeffrey F. Hart, charter-member and Foundation Club Chair of the Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset Club, and past District Chair of Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE).

In his role as RYE Chair, Jeff touched hundreds of lives around the world. He welcomed and supported hundreds of high school students from dozens of countries, and made the same opportunity available for our own young women and men -- representing the best of our communities, our nation -- to other lands. At the 2018 District Conference, District Governor Brent Coates bestowed upon Jeff the Brent Williams Spirit of Rotary Award. Under Jeff's leadership, the District was repeatedly recognized, internationally, with the Gold Achievement Award by the North American Youth Exchange Network.

But RYE was only one of Jeff's many involvements through Rotary. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Sunset, served as President in 2010-11, on the club's board of directors for many years, led the Interact and RYLA programs, and participated in countless service projects, fellowship events, and fund-raising opportunities, including Players Senior Center Rotary Pancake Breakfast (3 years), Wine Auction (2 years), Art Auction (2 years), Plant Sale (3 years), and Comedy 4 A Cause (2 years). Leading by example, Jeff not only made monthly personal contributions to the Rotary Foundation, but also became a Foundation Benefactor. His devotion to Service Above Self inspired numerous RYE host parents and others to not only contribute to the Foundation, but also join Rotary as members.

Over the past year, Jeff's inner strength became apparent, but only to family members and close friends. While he was undergoing treatment for a serious ailment, he persevered with his Rotary duties despite the discomfort and fatigue he endured.

A Vietnam-era US Army veteran, Jeff joined Rotary in 2004, while he was the executive for the local Belks Department Store. As he concluded his career in retail sales management, he recognized the opportunity to apply his leadership skills and knowledge through his Rotary membership.

His legacy will live on, through the Foundation's Endowment Fund, the many, many exchange students, their host families, Rotarians and others whose lives have been enriched by his tireless efforts. In Ponte Vedra Beach, and across the sea.

Rest well, dear Jeff! Your passion and leadership live on through several generations. And -- to Janeene and family -- please know that your loss is felt worldwide. Across the globe, hearts and minds share your love of Jeff and all he has done to make our world a much better place.

In lieu of flowers the Hart family requests a donation to Rotary International. Jeffrey Francis Hart was very active in the Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset Rotary club for over 15 years. Helping others and what Rotary stands for is something he believed in dearly. Rotary International is a service organization whose stated purpose is to bring people together in order to provide humanitarian services and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

Services will be held April 23rd, 1:00 PM at the Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church with a private burial.

