



New Year, New
Events, New
Speakers!

A LOOK AHEAD TO A
BUSY (AND FUN)
JANUARY



WANT 2 FREE TICKETS
TO THE JAGS GAME
NEXT WEEKEND?!?

FIND OUT HOW TO
CLAIM THEM BELOW



TWO TRUTHS & A LIE

HOW WELL DO YOU
KNOW CLUB MEMBER,
LUIS MONEGRO?



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 7:30AM
TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN
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Next Sunday, January 8, our club will gather at TIAA Bank Field in downtown Jacksonville for some tailgating and Jaguars football! If you want to join us, it's not too late! Club member, Denny Baldwin, bought two tickets and is donating them to anyone who wants to go. If you would like

to take advantage of those FREE tickets, please contact Denny (drbaldwin32@gmail.com) and our event Chair, Luis Monegro (luis.monegro@effectiveroofing.net), to work it out with them. Proceeds from this outing go towards Rotary's effort to eliminate Polio from the planet. Go Rotary and go Jags!



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SPEAKERS

January 8 - Jags vs. Titans Game

January 10 - Lisa Amato, Katie Amato Foundation/Katie Kup

January 17 - Andrew Nagorski, former Newsweek bureau chief in Moscow and Europe; author of "Saving Freud"

January 26 - "Beyond Business Cards" Event with RCPVB

January 31 - Rotary Heroes Event, 6:30pm-8pm

December Blessings in a Backpack Event



Club members give a thumbs up after completing this year's Blessings in a Backpack event.

Thank you all who helped packed food at our holiday party for Blessings in a Backpack. This year we packed 125 bags of food for Crookshank Elementary School in St. Augustine. This

school was identified to us as a school that had many children with food insecurities this holiday season. Through our Rotary clubs generous donation of \$500 we were able to supply food for these children for this coming weekend. It was great to end the year with us all supporting the children in St. Johns County.



Mark Your Calendars for 2023

- **January 28** - Membership Summit: Daytona State College- Palm Coast - 8-12:30pm.
- **February 18** - Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): Santa Fe State College, Gainesville, 7-3:30pm (your enrollment fee of \$100 to attend is reimbursed by our club; in other words, it's FREE for you to attend RLI!)
- **March 25** - Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), Act I - 8am-4:30pm, Beachside HS
- **March 25** - District Grant Training: mandatory training for 2023/24 District Grant Applications. Time and location TBD. There will be a food packing event afterwards as well as a Scotch and wine tasting sponsored by our Rotary District.
- **April 15** - RYLA, Act II - 9am-1pm - Zoom TBD
- **May 12** - Rotary District Training Assembly - Trinity Parish/Flagler College, St. Augustine
- **May 13** - RYLA, Act III - 8-4:30pm
- **May 27-31** - Rotary International Convention - Melbourne, Australia





Two Truths & a Lie

with

Luis Monegro



Which one of these is a lie about club member, Luis Monegro?

- I was born 3 months premature.
- I should have died at 10-days old and at age 2.
- I'm full of confidence.

Find out which of these is a lie at our next club meeting, Tuesday, January 10.

Follow the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra





Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra
President, 2022-23, Bob
Wiltfong.

From the President's Desk

Prior preparation prevents poor performance. I was reminded of this saying while reading one of my books over the holiday break. The words came from former Secretary of State, James Baker, who swears by them. When reading this sentence, I couldn't help but think of my current situation in life.

On December 12, a driver ran into my 90-year old mother as she was coming home from a nail appointment in Frisco, Texas. The collision broke 5 of my mom's ribs and her sternum. When I arrived a few days later, things did not look promising. She had just been put into ICU and the road to recovery was long and intimidating.

But then my mom did something that I was very proud to witness: she got to work. Instead of getting overwhelmed by her circumstances and the chances of survival, she put her head down and leaned into the recovery process. **Don't think, just do.** With that mentality driving her, she started to improve. Every day getting a little bit better, a little bit stronger.

I'm happy to report that yesterday I escorted my mom through the front door of her home. She's back! Her slow but steady approach to the work in front of her has landed her in a great place.

As a club, we have that same opportunity in 2023. There are several community service projects and club events in the works this year that require us to just show up and do the work involved. If called upon, I ask each one of you to show up for this work. After all, as James Baker said and my mom proves, prior preparation prevents poor performance

CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT

To realize our club's potential through increased membership and engagement; expanded diversity, equity, inclusion and service; and enhanced fellowship and comfort.

CLUB'S VISION STATEMENT

A vibrant, diverse and inclusive Rotary club that is widely recognized for highly effective programs and projects within a framework of friendship and service.

CLUB'S CORE VALUES

Fellowship•Integrity•Diversity•Service•Leadership



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Bob Wiltfong



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