



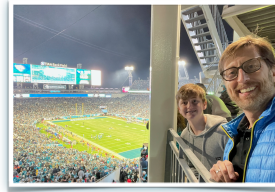
## Voted Best Civic Club in the Ponte Vedra area!

### Join Us in Ponte Vedra Beach!

RSVP TO ATTEND OUR JOINT MEETING WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF PONTE VEDRA BEACH ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26



ROTARY HEROES EVENT ON JAN. 31



### ROTARY + JAGS = FUN!

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE IMAGES CAPTURED AT OUR CLUB OUTING TO THE JAGS ON JAN. 8



### NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 7:30AM  
TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN NOCATEE

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The Marsh Landing Country Club Clubhouse where about 60-too members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach meet each Thursday morning.

**On Thursday, January 26, our club will join the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach for its "Beyond Business Cards" meeting.**

This meeting is an opportunity for every Rotarian in attendance to exchange business cards for deeper professional connections. Rotarians will rotate from table to table getting to know each other better. The conversations aren't just business related. You'll find yourself connecting with people in ways that have nothing to do with work as well!

"The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach is a big club with a well-connected and vibrant membership," says our club President Bob Wiltfong. "I highly suggest all our members to take advantage of this gracious offer to visit them for this annual 'Beyond Business Cards' event. You'll be so thankful you did!"

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach serves a full breakfast and coffee bar for its meetings. As a result, **each visiting member of our club must pay \$20 to cover the cost of attending** one of their meetings. **RSVPs for this "Beyond Business Cards" event are required by this Saturday, January 21.** Click [here](#) to RSVP.

**NOTE:** Our club will not have its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24. Instead, we encourage all members to join the above-mentioned Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach meeting that week on Thursday, January 26.



## ***UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SPEAKERS***

**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

**February 7** - Khalil Osiris: spent 20 years in prison before founding a nonprofit to aid at-risk youth



The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra and the Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation  
present the  
2022 Rotary Heroes Awards and Reception



Honoring

## **Lieutenant Mike Pepper, 2022 Firefighter of the Year**

St. Johns County Fire Rescue, Station 18, Nocatee



## **Senior Deputy Nate Datsko, 2022 Deputy of the Year**

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, Northeast Sector

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 6:30-8p.m.**

The Coastal Oaks Clubhouse

600 Bluewater Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

RSVP to [Kelly.a.sastre@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.a.sastre@gmail.com) or call/text Kelly at 305.710.6652

By Thursday, January 26, 2023



**Lieutenant Mike Pepper** is being honored as the 2022 Rotary Hero Firefighter of Year and he represents St. Johns County Fire Rescue Station #18 located in Nocatee. He is a 20-year veteran of the St. Johns County fire department. In addition to being a leader in his profession, he is a husband and father of four and soon to be a grandfather. Captain Shawn Vitori, who nominated this amazing Rotary Hero, said: "Lieutenant Mike Pepper puts absolutely 100% into everything that he does, and does so to the highest standard."

**Senior Deputy Nate Datsko** is being honored as the 2022 Rotary Hero Deputy of Year and he represents the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Delta Northeast sector of the county. Nate is a husband and father of six. He is a 29-year veteran of law enforcement. Sergeant Scott Yeoman, who nominated this outstanding Rotary Hero, said: "Senior Deputy Nate Datsko has always gone above and beyond the call of duty. He has a genuine passion for protecting the citizens of St. John's County."

## Mark Your Calendars!

- **January 28:** [Membership Summit, Daytona State College-Palm Coast, 8-12:30pm](#) (our club has already registered; if you'd like to attend, let President Bob Wiltfong know at [rotarybob1@gmail.com](mailto:rotarybob1@gmail.com))
- **February 18:** [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 the Rotary Leadership Institute, RLI!)
- **March 25:**
  - [RYLA, Act I--Youth Leadership Summit, Part I and Food Packing, Location Beachside HS, St. Augustine](#). 8am-4:30pm; RYLA is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards — find out more [here](#)
  - District Grants Training, Food Packing, Beachside HS, St. Augustine
  - Rotary Fellowship (Scotch & Wine Tastings), Location TBD
- **March 28:** District Grant Training Seminar, Zoom, TBD (mandatory training for 2023/24 District Grant Applications)
- **April 15:** RYLA Act II: Zoom, TBD, 9am-1pm
- **May 12:** District Training Assembly, Trinity Parrish/Flagler College, St. Augustine
- **May 12-13:** District Conference, Trinity Parrish, St. Augustine
- **May 13:** RYLA Act III: St. Augustine, 8-4:30pm
- **May 27-31:** [2023: Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia](#)

Follow the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra





The poster features a vibrant design with a yellow banner at the top containing the Rotary logo, the text "Rotary", and the "IMAGINE ROTARY" logo. To the left of the banner is a teal hand icon, and to the right is a yellow banner with a black and white wavy line. Below the banner, the text "NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS" is displayed in black. The main title "ROTARY ROUNDUP" is in large, bold, orange and dark blue letters. Below the title is a photo of a group of people with their hands raised in the air, set within a white oval. To the right of the photo is a yellow circle with the text "FREE ENTRY". Below the photo, the date and time "SATURDAY, 21 JAN 2023. AT 11AM-2PM" are shown in a red rounded rectangle. Underneath, the event description "A COMMUNITY DAY OF FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER ALL!" is in a black rounded rectangle. At the bottom, the location "ANDREW JACKSON HS STADIUM W 48TH ST. & MAIN, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208" is in a yellow rounded rectangle. The poster is decorated with various colorful shapes and icons, including a yellow hand on the left, a dark blue hand on the right, and a red hand at the bottom right. The background is white with colorful geometric shapes.

**Rotary**  **IMAGINE ROTARY**

**NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE  
ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS**

# **ROTARY ROUNDUP**

**FREE ENTRY**

**SATURDAY, 21 JAN 2023. AT 11AM-2PM**

**A COMMUNITY DAY OF FOOD, FUN &  
FELLOWSHIP TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND  
EMPOWER ALL!**

**ANDREW JACKSON HS STADIUM W 48TH ST. &  
MAIN, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208**

Join our club President, Bob Wiltfong, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Linda Lomax, as we help the Northwest Jacksonville Rotary Club celebrate its “Rotary Roundup” day! NW Jax is one of the newest Rotary clubs in our District.



## Jaguars Game on January 8, 2023



LEFT: Luis Monegro and his son enjoy the game.

BELOW: David Torres and his wife, Marisa, do the same.



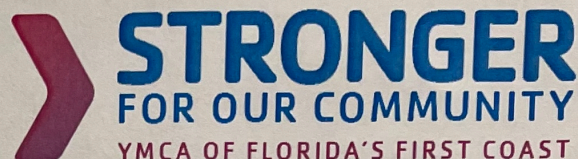
Club members, Linda Lomax, Karen Everett, Bob Wiltfong (with his son, Rigby) and David Torres take in a full moon while tailgating before the game.







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December 13, 2022

Mr. Bob Wiltfong  
Ponte Vedra (Nocatee) Rotary  
101 Marketside Ave Ste 404-111  
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081-1541

Dear Mr. Wiltfong,

Thank you for your organization's first gift of \$7,700.00 to the New American Welcome Center Annual Fund 2023 on November 30, 2022. You are helping us provide truly life-changing resources and experiences to those in need on the First Coast. We're committed to being stronger for our community.

First means a great deal! Your first gift makes an unforgettable impact and difference in the lives of so many. **Because of generous supporters and friends like you**, you'll be making sure a child is safe and protected in an environment that encourages fun, growth, and learning! While helping moms and dads work hard without the added stress of finding affordable care for their children. Youth can participate in their first swim lesson, and an older adult can sign-up for their first personal training or group exercise session.

At the Y, strengthening the foundation of our community is our cause. Every gift you make to the Y helps us make our community a better, safer, healthier and happier place to live. On behalf of every family you have helped and child you have impacted, thank you!

If you would like any additional information on how your gift is being utilized or want to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our development team at [development@fcymca.org](mailto:development@fcymca.org) or (904) 265-1812. Again, thank you for your generous support and helping us make a difference.

Warm Regards,

Nekita Nesmith, CAP®

Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer  
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## Check Us Out!

Following is our Rotary District's latest "Top Ten" in per capita giving to the Annual Fund.

1)	Ponte Vedra	\$369.29
2)	Debary-Deltona-Orange City	\$363.64
3)	Palm Valley	\$256.12
4)	Ponte Vedra Beach	\$239.40
5)	Deland (Breakfast)	\$223.18
6)	Riverside Jacksonville	\$209.90
7)	Port Orange-South Daytona	\$197.68
8)	Orange Park Sunrise	\$194.77
9)	Green Cove Springs	\$182.14
10)	Jacksonville-Oceanside	\$180.17

## Did You Know?

**Our club has a goal this year of growing the Club Foundation's Endowment to \$50,000. As of December 31, 2022, that Endowment sits at about \$16,000.**

**We can add to the Endowment by actively soliciting corporate sponsors for our Rubber Duck Race in May.** The more money we raise for the Duck Race, the more our endowment will grow. That means the more good we can do in our community with grants. So...get out there and solicit those sponsorships!

Reach out to your Team Leaders — Denny Baldwin, Gary Smith or Bob Wiltfong — if you have any questions or concerns about how to do so.



## **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



**President**  
Bob Wiltfong



**Secretary**  
Rosemary Lorenz



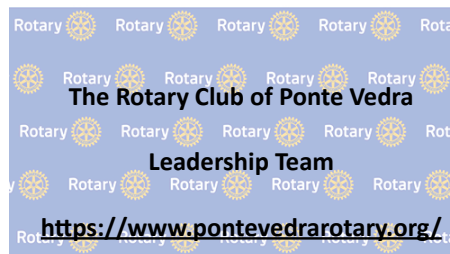
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Sean Smith



**President-elect**  
Josh Hull



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Denny Baldwin



**Membership**  
MaryBeth Murray



**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Linda Lomax



**Programs Chair**  
Karen Everett



**Rotary Foundation  
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