

Voted Best Civic Club in the Ponte Vedra area!

Club Poised to Make History in Cambodia

A CLUB RECORD DONATION TO OUR FIRST EVER GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE THIS WEEK



TRASH BASH IS A SMASH!

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WHY WEARING YOUR ROTARY PIN MATTERS

MESSAGE FROM OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 7:30AM

TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN NOCATEE

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This Tuesday, October 25, our club is expected to complete fundraising for an \$10,000 donation to a Rotary Global Grant application for Pursat Province, Cambodia. That application will list us as the lead International Rotary Club in the effort and will be spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Pursat and our nearby Rotary Club of Gainesville here in Florida.



The project will benefit more than 500 families with more than 2500 people in 4 villages in Pursat. The money raised will improve access to safe water and sanitation for these people. The grant application identifies seven schools in the area that our donation will help provide with:

Villagers in Cambodia gather around one of the bio-sand water filters that Rotary members have already donated.

- (1) double latrines
- (2) a safe working well
- (3) access to clean safe water through Bio-sand filters (BSF), one per classroom and one for each double latrine hand-washing station
- (4) WASH training

Bring your collection jars to our club meeting this Tuesday morning so we can include your donation in our final total! We'll count up those donations after the meeting and report the grand total of funds received next week.

Don't Lag to Support the Jags!

This Tuesday, October 25, is also the deadline for club members to select their tickets for our Jags game outing on January 8. Our club will receive PolioPlus credit for The Rotary Foundation for all but \$15.00 of each ticket purchased. Look at the seat chart below and either A.) Reserve your tickets by clicking on the SignUp Genius link [here](#), or B.) let our club's liaison for this event, Luis Monegro, know your preference at Tuesday morning's meeting.

● - Lower Bowl - \$60.00 per ticket (Full Price \$104.00)
● - Upper Bowl - \$50.00 per ticket (Full Price \$86.00)

Lower Bowl Rotary Seats Sections 219-227

Upper Bowl Rotary Seats Section 408

Fill out the # of tickets requested and total price below.

	# LOWER BOWL TICKETS* (\$60.00)	# UPPER BOWL TICKETS** (\$50.00)
Jaguars v. Raiders Nov 6, 2022 350 Tickets Total (175 ea Upper and Lower)		
Jaguars v. Ravens Nov 27, 2022 330 Tickets Total (165 ea Upper and Lower)		
Jaguars v. Titans Jan 8, 2023 320 Tickets Total (160 ea Upper and Lower)		
Total # Tickets _____		
Total Price _____		

* Lower Bowl Tickets in Sections 219-227
 **Upper Bowl Tickets in Section 408
 Exact Seats to be determined



World Polio Day is tomorrow, Monday, October 24. To mark the occasion, we have arranged for an expert on the state of Polio to join us via Zoom as our guest speaker for our **club meeting** this week. Join us **Tuesday morning, October 25**, as we hear from **Dr. Audrey Rachlin of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention out of Atlanta.**

UPCOMING CLUB SPEAKERS

October 25 - Dr. Audrey Rachlin, CDC, on the State of Polio

November 1 - Tammy Romanczuk, Founder of Bit of Faith Ranch

November 8 - Nease High School ROTC

November 15 - Claudia Portell, Mobile Health Outreach Ministry at Ascension St. Vincent's

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Club Events!

November 29 - no regular club meeting; instead we're going to the UNF basketball game that night (7pm tip) versus Trinity Baptist!

December 13 - club holiday party (and Blessings in a Backpack event)!

January 26 - joint Rotary club meeting with the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach; "Beyond Business Cards" agenda

Applications for Rotary Youth Exchange Closing!



Calling all high school students in St. Johns County! The application process for the 2023-24 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program is closing. You have until November 1st to get your application in. Since 1929, RYE has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary Clubs every year. Visit www.rye6970.org for application forms and details.



“Trash Bash” at Nocatee Spray Park



Club members Bob Wiltfong, Sarah Schmitt, Rosemary Lorenz, MaryBeth Murray, Linda Lomax and Eddie Sarnowski gather with some of the children who helped us clean up Nocatee this past Saturday.

Members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra as well as students from the Interact program at Nease High School and Early Act program at Valley Ridge Academy picked up trash around the Nocatee Spray Park this past Saturday, October 22. They collected several big bags of litter in the aftermath of a community Halloween event from the night before. Special thanks to our Sergeant-at-Arms, Linda Lomax, and Community Service Chair, Denny Baldwin, for organizing our efforts!



Club members Jim Huster and Denny Baldwin bookend our volunteer group which included members of the Early Act program we help at Valley Ridge Academy.

Meeting Recap: October 18, 2022



Rotary District Governor, Jeff Michelman, helps induct Dean Jones as a new club member as President, Bob Wiltfong, and Membership Chair, MaryBeth Murray, preside.

Our club welcomed its newest member, Dean Jones, to Rotary as District Governor, Jeff Michelman, took part in the induction ceremony. DG Jeff focused his remarks on the current RI logo, "Imagine", the vital importance of increasing/retaining membership, the many good works of the RI Foundation and Rotary's impressive public image.

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From the President's Desk



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

Do no harm, take no sh&#. That was the message on my friend's t-shirt a few weeks ago. She's big in to meditation and yoga, so I asked her what that mantra meant. She said, "It means my actions should not cause injury or injustice to people, but, at the same time, I shouldn't let injury or injustice happen to me."

What does that have to do with Rotary? I think, as Rotarians, we sometimes fall into the trap of saying "yes" to so much stuff in the club that we start taking on burdens that risk making us bitter and burned out about being a Rotarian. In other words, we forget the value of saying "no."

Not all our club members give to our charitable drives. Not all club members attend our weekly meetings. Not all our club members are really active Rotarians at this point. But you know what? That's OK. Do no harm, take no sh&#, right? Life is hard sometimes. Money gets tight. **Family and work pressures can rise. Rotary should not be one of those pressures.**

However, **if you are going to take a step back for awhile**, I think it's just as important that you **A.) communicate that to the club leadership (so we can plan accordingly), and B.) make concrete plans to come back into the club and get involved.**

Because, as anyone who has joined a gym can tell you, if you don't make specific plans to get back in there after taking a break, you probably won't. Furthermore, it's important to remember **the facilities of a gym don't make you strong, you *applying* yourself to the facilities of the gym do.** You're a Rotarian for a reason. You do no harm. You take no sh&#. You are People of Action.

Wear Your Pin

by Linda Lomax



Club Sergeant-at-Arms, Linda Lomax, at the sign in table from this past weekend's "Trash Bash" event.

As Rotarians, we are asked to wear our Rotary pin everywhere we go. Most of us think that would be a good idea as it's being pinned on our lapel at the time of our induction. But that idea sort of goes to the back of our minds over time. This is normal, not a rebuff.

Some may have noticed that I almost always wear a Rotary pin. I intentionally do this because all Rotary pins have a meaning to communicate to others.

I helped charter a Rotary club, so I have a pin indicating that I was a Charter Member. Fellow club member, Kelly Altosino-Sastre, turned me on to Women in Rotary pins. I now have 3 pins with that indication. The Rotary Pin that I wear most of the time has a tag attached indicating that I'm a Benefactor. One of the pins I'm proudest of is a clef music symbol with a Rotary Wheel on top. That means I'm a Lifetime Member of the Rotary International Choir. If I wore all of my pins I'd topple over. Keep me away from water because if I fell in, I'd drown.

I have several examples from my life that demonstrate the value of wearing your Rotary pin.

One time, I was flying from LA to New York and had my first, small Rotary pin on my lapel by accident. I say that because I'd worn the jacket to a Rotary meeting and had forgotten to remove the pin. A fellow passenger noticed the pin and asked me about it. I explained Rotary using the 4 Way Test. It started a conversation.

He needed a business contact in Michigan. I knew a Rotarian living in Detroit. I was able to introduce them. That fellow airplane passenger is now a Rotarian.

On another occasion, I had been requested to do a presentation in Edinburgh, Scotland about the international projects I'd been involved with. I was being escorted into the meeting by 2 lovely gentlemen wearing kilts and jackets. Very formal. I was wearing my Rotary pin with a tag attached indicating that I was a benefactor.

In an indecipherable brogue one of gentleman noticed my pin and questioned the meaning of the tag. I explained that a Rotary Foundation Benefactor is a person who has notified The Rotary Foundation that they have made provisions in their final estate plans to Rotary for \$1,000 or more, or who has made an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment. Months later I received a call from my Edinburgh contact informing me that several members of his club had become Benefactors themselves thanks to the brief conversation I had with those men in kilts

And, finally, Ron and I volunteered for The Players Championship recently. The weather got dangerous one day and all patrons were told to leave. Being pelted by rain, we were standing in a very long line of volunteers waiting to board a bus that would take us to our vehicles.

Shrivling, wet and miserable, I found myself with my nose directly facing the lapel of another volunteer. I thought I saw a tiny Rotary pin and was immediately revived. An animated conversation began, and, within minutes, we had a group of 4 Rotarians from different parts of the area standing within inches of each other warming each others hearts.

Celebrations

October 21

Meagan Perkins and her husband, Matt, celebrated their wedding anniversary! Happy Anniversary, Meagan!

October 26

Ron McVay celebrates his birthday. Happy Birthday, Ron!

October 30

Josh Woolsey celebrates his birthday. Happy Birthday, Josh!



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



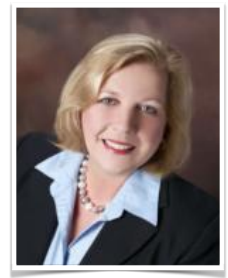
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