

In the Mood to Give Food?

DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN DONATE SUPPLIES TO THE ST. JOHNS FOOD PANTRY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



HONORING OUR CLUB VETERANS

JOIN US THIS TUESDAY AS WE THANK OUR ARMED SERVICES VETS



OUR CLUB GOES SOCIAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOV. 29TH AS WE CHEER ON UNF B-BALL



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7:30AM

TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN NOCATEE

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FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for the St. Johns County Food Pantry this Thanksgiving. The Pantry serves 4000 families every week in our community.

WHAT THEY NEED:

- Canned fruits & veggies • 1 lb bags of white rice • Peanut butter & jelly • Boxed pasta & sauce • Dry beans • Cereal • Canned meat (Spam)



Scan this QR Code to donate off our Amazon wishlist

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What are Vienna sausages? That was the question my youngest son asked me when I told him about the items the St. Johns Food Pantry was looking to gather in our food drive this month.

It turns out Vienna sausages are a very popular food item among the 4000 local families served every week by the Pantry. That's why they're on the wish-list of supplies that we're soliciting donations for this month. There are a variety of ways people can donate to our effort.

You can scan the QR code on our electronic Food Drive flyer (or click [here](#)) and be taken to a complete Amazon wishlist of needed items. Just click the items you want to purchase and send them to the address option of “Dean Jones' Gift Registry Address.”

You can also buy items in the grocery store and bring them to any of our club meetings this month (we meet Tuesday mornings, 7:30am-8:30am, at Treylor Park restaurant in Nocatee).

Or you can put items in any of our donation boxes around town including:

- Vystar Bank in Nocatee
- Watson Realty in Nocatee
- YMCA in Nocatee

The Food Drive is good through the entire month of November, so please spread the word to all your friends and families! And you can tell them — like I did with our son — that this is what Vienna sausages are. :-)



Bravo, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra!

\$11,543.17!! That's what the signs said when we put them all together at our club meeting last week. **That number represents the final donation amount our club raised for this year's Cambodia Water effort.** A phenomenal effort by a club of about 30 members!

With this record amount of giving, we will now be able to take our position as the lead International Rotary Club in a Global Grant application spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Pursat, Cambodia and our nearby Rotary Club of Gainesville here in Florida.

If approved, the Global Grant 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:

- (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



School children in Cambodia wash their hands in one of the clean water projects already administered by the Rotary Clubs of Pursat and Gainesville.

Club leaders will share updates on this Global Grant process as they become available.

REMAINING NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

November 8 - Guest Speaker: Nease High School ROTC

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

November 22 - NO MEETING (Thanksgiving Week)

November 29 - Social Outing to UNF Men's Basketball Game vs. Trinity Baptist, 7pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Special Events!

November 8 - in anticipation of Veterans Day this Friday, we'll honor club members who are Armed Services Veterans as well as give a gift to one of our members who has achieved a special status within Rotary

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

Two Truths and a Lie with...

Denny Baldwin - Community Service Chair

- When active in my law practice, I focused on criminal defense.
 - In my younger years, I enjoyed a RI Fellowship studying in Beirut, Lebanon.
 - Before moving to Florida, my favorite past time was boating.
- Do you know which one is the lie? Find out if you're right at our club meeting this Tuesday morning!



Meeting Recap: November 1, 2022



L-R: Bob Wiltfong, David Torres' wife, Marisa, David Torres, MaryBeth Murray, Sam Hall.

Prez Bob presided as David Torres was inducted as our newest member, with the assistance of Area Governor, Sam Hall, and Membership Chair, Mary Beth Murray. Sam spoke to us briefly about the importance of Rotary membership.

Dean Jones briefed us on our November Food Pantry Drive for St. John's Food Pantry and urged

that all donations be made by the end of the month.

With a figurative drum roll, Andy Erickson (and company) proudly announced that our Water for Cambodia effort this year had exceeded its goal and presently stands \$11,543.17! Wahoo!!

Our speakers for the day were Tammy Romanczuk and Cari McGowan, founder and Board Chair, respectively, of Bit of Faith Ranch, a Ponte Vedra based non profit horse back riding, recreation and respite program for the benefit autistic kids. It's a wonderful local resource which fit right in with our Community Service theme this month of promoting autism awareness.



Have You Voted Yet?

Not only is this Tuesday, November 8, election day in America, it's also a time for you, as a member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, to choose what charities you want to support with proceeds from the 2023 Rubber Duck Race! **All club members** are asked to take 2 minutes to **vote in this club survey by clicking [here](#)**. **Do so by Thursday, November 10**, to make your voice heard. Majority wins!

From the President's Desk



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

On November 17, I will celebrate my second anniversary as a Rotarian. Yep, I was inducted into the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra just two years ago. I think some of our newer members may be surprised to hear that, but it's true. I'm honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to be our club President at this point in my Rotary experience. Thank you everyone for your faith in me as a leader and your help in getting things done!

However, in my current role, I must confess that sometimes feel like a parent who is barely out of childhood himself. Members will ask me to clarify a Rotary-related question and I'll think to myself, "I don't know the answer to that question any better than you do."

But one of the beauties of Rotary is that each club is completely unique and we, the members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, ultimately decide what kind of Rotary club we want to be. That's why I encourage all of us to own our positions in the club and lead boldly.

If something doesn't make sense, say so. If you know of a better way to do things, share it. We are People of Action, afterall.

Our club benefits greatly from the experience of our more seasoned Rotary members, but it also grows when new members with new perspectives and experiences enter. We all make this club great. So know that whether you are a brand new member or a Rotarian of 50 or more years, you are valuable to this club. Even a guy like me, who is just two years into this thing, can help us all do more good (and have a little fun along the way)!

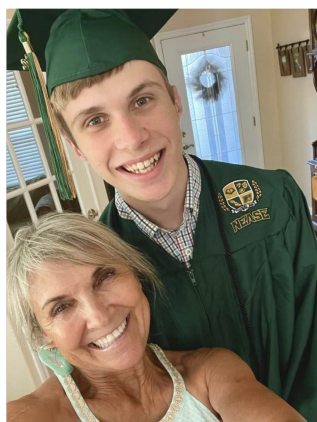
Here & There with Club Members



Aubrie Simpson-Gotham's Fostering Connections organization is recognized by the First Coast Business Alliance as the Advocate Firm of the Year!



Bob Wiltfong jogs in NYC's Central Park the day before taking part in the New York Marathon.



Jim Huster's son, Isaac, gets a birthday shout-out on social media from his Grandma.

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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





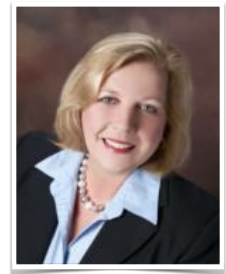
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