

Be Merry & Bright

**MINGLE & JINGLE AT
OUR HOLIDAY
BREAKFAST THIS
TUESDAY**



**AN EARLY HOLIDAY
GIFT!**

TYLER LIMBAUGH WELCOMES
A BABY GIRL



NEW AMERICANS

DETAILS ON OUR GIVING FOCUS
THIS MONTH



NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JAN. 4 AT 7:30AM

TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT
- NOCATEE

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HOST:
Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra

JOIN US

Holiday Breakfast

Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 AM ET

Treylor Park Restaurant
Nocatee Town Center

Come early (and bring your spouse/partner) to our Holiday Breakfast this Tuesday morning, December 14th! This event will be fully catered with delicious breakfast food, a fun year-in-review slide show and door prizes for some lucky winners! This get-together is primarily a chance for us all to visit in a relaxed atmosphere without meeting business to attend to. With that said, there will still be some exciting club-related news items to share — primarily the official start to our club foundation and the formal announcement of our board officers for Rotary year 2022-23. Bob Wiltfong will have a green screen, photo station set up to take photos of all of us looking our best too. It should be a great time. We'll see you at Treylor Park Tuesday!





CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER!

Please give Rotarian Tyler Limbaugh and his wife, Meaghan, a hearty congratulations on the birth of their latest child, Lucy Clay Limbaugh! Lucy was born on December 8, 2021. Congrats, Tyler! So happy for you all!

Our Giving Focus This Month: The Y's New American Welcome Center

This holiday season, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra is focusing its attention and support on the First Coast Y's New American Welcome Center (NAWC). NAWC is a 3 year old effort to help local refugees and immigrants fully integrate into American society. To learn more about NAWC, go [here](#). It's anticipated that our new Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation will honor NAWC shortly by making it the recipient of its first grant. If you and your family would like to supplement this grant by a personal gift of your own to NAWC go to [this giving page](#) by December 31, and your gift will be matched 100%.



Headlines from Most Recent Meeting of Club Board of Directors

- The Autism Speaks Walk (under Jim Huster's leadership) raised about \$9500 this year
- The just-completed Food Drive (under Becky Richmond's leadership) to benefit the Y's New Welcome Center and St. Johns Food Pantry was hugely successful
- The newly-formed "Rotary Heroes" Awards (under the leadership of Eli Tavarez and Kelly Sastre) is scheduled to address our club in January
- The Family Picnic/Blessings in a Back Pack event (under Meagan Perkins' leadership) is scheduled for February 6
- The Water for Cambodia project (under Andy Erickson's leadership) will kick off in early February. The ambassador trip to Cambodia by Bob Wiltfong in the new year is back on hold (because of COVID)
- With Becky's help, we continue to explore the possibility of doing a project with YMCA Youth Justice in South Africa
- Confirmed participation in Rise Against Hunger project next February. Linda Lomax agreed to follow up by drafting a grant application to our PV Rotary Foundation for \$750
- The Board recommended a \$500 holiday grant from our PV Rotary Foundation to the Y's New American Welcome Center to assist in its efforts to aid refugees and immigrants
- The Board will (tentatively) meet again on Friday, January 28, 7:30 AM on Zoom



Are you going to Houston this June? RSVP now!

Recent Meeting Recaps

December 7

St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick was our guest speaker, telling us about the department's efforts to patrol more than 600 square miles of land and about 202 square miles of water. We learned that although plenty of crime is still out there, it is trending down this year in St. Johns County by about 22%.

November 30, 2021

Wahoo! MaryBeth won the Jack's Wild game (and donated her winnings back to the club)! Our guest speaker was Nocatee resident, John Churchill, Director of Programs for the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations headquartered in Jacksonville. He spoke to us about the problems and possible solutions regarding local journalism which has been on the downslide, especially local investigative news. John reminded us that local journalism is vitally important because it's been shown that communities with a strong local news presence tend to be stronger, with less corruption and waste. Among the solutions: More advertising, public funding, subscriptions and philanthropic support (in which the Davis Foundation has been engaged).

Here & There with Club Members



YOUTUBE.COM
American Dream TV - David Wakefield & John Richardson - Nocatee!

John Richardson will appear on the American Dream TV show on CNBC on December 18th at 9:30am. Watch the clip [here](#).

Meagan Perkins updated her Facebook cover photo to share her adorable kids.



Karen Everett enjoyed a Christmas lunch with her work family.

Fantasy Football League Enters the Playoffs

Entering the last week of the regular season, here are the standings in our club's Fantasy Football league. The top 3 seeds are wrapped up but the 4th (and final) seed in the winner's bracket is still up for grabs between Jack Murray and Denny Baldwin. The playoffs will take place over the next two weeks of the NFL's regular season schedule. Good luck all!



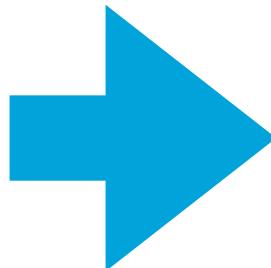
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3	The Baldys Dennis Baldwin	6-7-0	.462	3 16
4	Team Perkins Matthew Perkins	5-8-0	.385	4 14
5	Beat Navy Jeremiah Blocker	3-10-0	.231	6 11
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4	Nocatee Prez MB marybeth murray	5-8-0	.385	5 15
5	Team Lomax Linda Lomax	4-9-0	.308	6 1

This Day in History: December 12, 1965

NFL rookie Gale Sayers ties single-game TD record

On December 12, 1965, the rookie running back Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears scores six touchdowns during a single game against the San Francisco 49ers at Chicago's Wrigley Field, tying the National Football League (NFL) record for most touchdowns in a single game.

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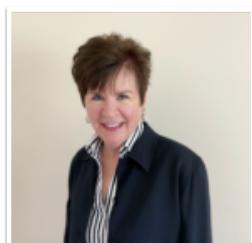
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