



## New Club Members

**GEORGE POSTELL  
JOINS THE CLUB (WITH  
SEVERAL OTHER NEW  
MEMBER CANDIDATES  
IN THE PIPELINE)**



### CLUB ASSEMBLY MARCH 28

**EVENING SOCIAL WITH  
VOTE ON NEW MEETING  
SCHEDULE, 2-1-1**



### DUCK SPONSORSHIPS GOING SWIMMINGLY

**NEW COMPANIES COME  
ABOARD FOR ANNUAL  
RUBBER DUCK RACE**



### NEXT CLUB MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21 AT 7:30AM  
TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN  
NOCATEE**

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## New Member Candidates Bloom this Spring



George Postell's co-sponsor, Linda Lomax, pins him as the newest member of our club on March 7.



Our newest club member, George Postell, was a Rotarian in Auburn, Alabama before moving to the Artisan Lakes community of Nocatee. George works part-time as a niche realtor. He previously served in the Navy, worked in the aerospace industry, and owned and operated a bed and breakfast.

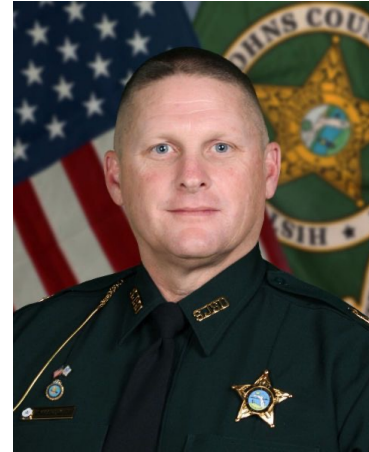
Nothing draws a crowd like a crowd, they say. In recent weeks, our club meetings have been full of visitors and many of them are in line to become full members (pending club approval). Membership Chair, MaryBeth Murray, has been hard at work communicating and meeting with all the candidates. Be on the lookout for their nominations in your inbox in the coming weeks.

Reminder: if you have a friend, neighbor or colleague that you think would make for a good Rotarian (somebody who's a person of action, values service above self, and loves having a good time), invite them to a meeting. Guests are always welcome at Rotary club meetings!

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**Next Meeting (March 21):**  
**Sheriff Rob Hardwick**  
**St. Johns County Sheriff's Office**

**Meeting Recap from March 7**

With over 25 people in attendance, our club welcomed several guest speakers on March 7. Among them:



- Nease high school student, Owen Scruggs (left), who spoke about his upcoming exchange in The Netherlands as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)
- President-elect, Josh Hull, gave a terrific recap of his recent President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) in Orlando
- Our featured speakers were Dr. Tony Kazlauskas, founder of local non-profit, Mission to End Student Homelessness (MESH), and Michael Israel who directs the St. Johns County School District's ASSIST



Dr. Tony Kazlauskas of MESH and Michael Israel of the St. Johns County School District address the club on March 7.

program. ASSIST identifies and helps homeless students within the school district (numbering around 850 total and about 50 right here in Nocatee). MESH works with ASSIST to fill funding gaps for these students.

Our club is exploring a partnership with MESH. If you're interested in joining this effort, please contact our Community Service Chair, Denny Baldwin, at 315 436 0896.

## Other Recent Club Activities



LEFT IMAGE: The Senior Program Director at the YMCA's New American Welcome Center (NAWC), Michelle Orts, speaks to our club on February 28. The Ponte Vedra Rotary Club Foundation gave several thousand dollars to the NAWC earlier this Rotary year.

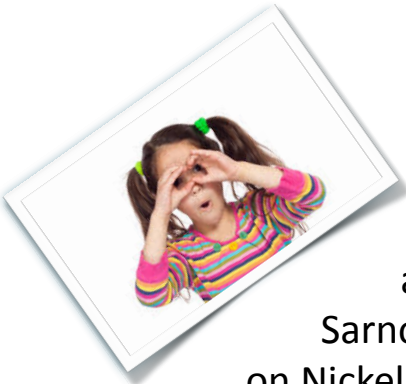


RIGHT IMAGE: On the morning of March 2, club members joined the EarlyAct program at Valley Ridge Academy (VRA) for gardening work at the school. The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra sponsors the EarlyAct program at VRA, allowing middle schoolers to practice the core Rotary values of Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.





## Lookie Here!



As we learned a couple of weeks ago with 2 Truths & A Lie with Eddie Sarnowoski, Eddie was a childhood contestant on Nickelodeon's "Legends of the Hidden Temple." Click on the image below of a young Eddie on the show to see what happened!



## Evening Club Assembly on March 28

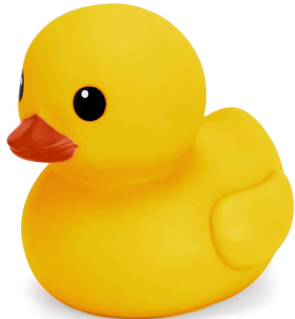
**All club members are asked to join us on Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm-8pm, at Treylor Park restaurant for a special evening social and club assembly.** We'll vote on several club proposals — including a Board recommendation to switch to a 2-1-1 format (each month: 2 Tuesday morning meetings, 1 club community service event, 1 evening social) starting in April — and have fun socializing. Treylor Park will provide some light hors d'oeuvres for us. Each member is asked to buy their own drinks and/or food beyond that.

# New Corporate Sponsors for Rubber Duck Race (May 21 , 2023)

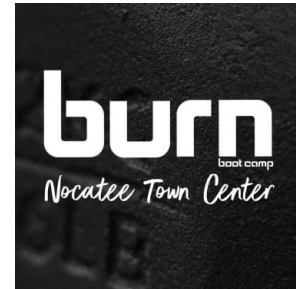


## Existing Sponsors

## New Sponsors



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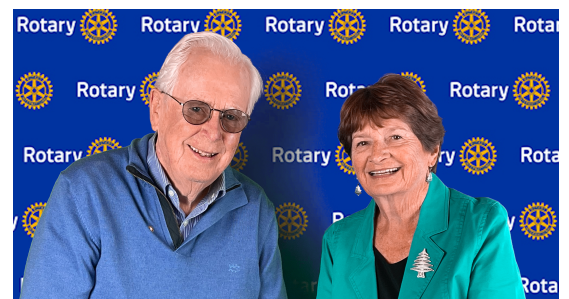


## Other New Sponsors

([www.pontevedrarotaryduckrace.com](http://www.pontevedrarotaryduckrace.com))



## The Erickson Family



## The Baldwin Family



## Current Team Standings for Rubber Duck Race Sponsorships

- 27 solicitations
- 7 confirmed sponsorships (\$5000 total)
- 20 solicitations
- Burn Boot Camp week April 3-7
- 20 solicitations
- 2 confirmed sponsorships (\$1000 total)



### Team Duck Bill

CAPTAIN: Denny Baldwin

TEAM MEMBERS: Ian Aguilar, Kelly Altosino-Sastre, Jeremiah Blocker, Darrell Clarkson, Andy Erickson, Karen Everett, Josh Hull, Dean Jones



### Team Quack

CAPTAIN: Gary Smith

TEAM MEMBERS: Jim Huster, Linda Lomax, Rosemary Lorenz, Ron McVay, Jessica Melquist, Luis Monegro, MaryBeth Murray, Meagan Perkins



### Team Webbed Feet

CAPTAIN: Bob Wiltfong

TEAM MEMBERS: Eddie Sarnowski, Sarah Schmitt, Sean Smith, Brandon Sugg, Eli Tavarez, David Torres, Hilary Wilson, Josh Woolsey

## District Grant Management Seminar



- **March 25, 2023 - 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Beachside High School**
- **District Grant:** fund up to 50% of project in community
- **Have to send TWO members from club to Seminar**
- **Show us how to make District Grant application on-line by April 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Register:** on-line at DACdb calendar or email incoming District Grant Chair Carolyn Mudgette at [cmudgette@gmail.com](mailto:cmudgette@gmail.com)

## Mark Your Calendars!

### 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 Event - also at Beachside

### March 28:

- **6:30pm-8pm:** Evening Club Assembly - join us for an evening meeting (no morning meeting this day) as we hold a Club Assembly & Social Hour for all club members at Trelor Park
- District Grant Training Seminar, Zoom, TBD (mandatory training for 2023/24 District Grant Applications)

### APRIL

**April 2:** Our Club's 5th Anniversary!

**April 15:** RYLA Act II: Zoom, TBD, 9am-1pm

### MAY

**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 21:** Our annual [Rubber Duck Race](#) event, Noon, Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill

**May 27-31:** [2023: Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia](#)



### **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.



# Here & There with Club Members



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LEFT IMAGE: Club President-elect (PE), Josh Hull, attends PETS in Orlando, joining hundreds of other PEs from the around the state as they prepare for their year in office starting July 1.

## President Elects Training Seminar (PETS)



RIGHT IMAGE: Club President, Bob Wiltfong, in character on the set of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." Bob plays recurring character, Chet Wallum, on the show. He shot another episode in LA this past week. This newest episode stars actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul of "Breaking Bad" fame. Promises to be a good one!



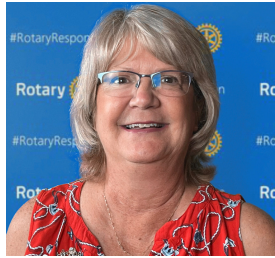
LEFT IMAGE: Club member, Jim Huster, is ordained at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Augustine. Congrats, Jim!



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**President**  
Bob Wiltfong



**Secretary**  
Rosemary Lorenz



**Treasurer**  
Sean Smith



**President-elect**  
Josh Hull



**Community Service Chair**  
Denny Baldwin



**Membership Chair**  
MaryBeth Murray



**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Linda Lomax



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Andy Erickson



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**Comments, questions or inquiries about the 32081.Rotarian?**  
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**Interested in joining the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra?**  
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