

**Expert Endorses
our Water for
Cambodia
Project!**

**PRAISE COMES AS
OUR FUNDRAISING
EFFORTS EXCEL**



**OUR NEXT SPEAKER:
SJC RIVERKEEPER,
LISA RINAMAN**



**ROTARIANS AT THE
PLAYERS
CHAMPIONSHIP**



NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:30AM
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Praise & Fundraising Efforts Running High on Water for Cambodia!

**"[Water for Cambodia
is a] unique model of
how [you] should
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developing countries."
- Dr. John A. Dracut**

A well-known expert on providing clean and safe water in developing countries has nothing but good things to say about Rotary's Water for Cambodia (WFC) effort.

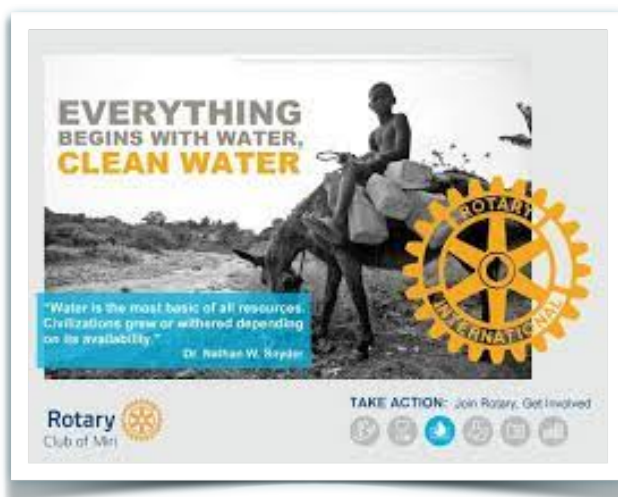
Dr. John A. Dracut, PhD, a civil engineer and hydrologist who has taught at both UCLA and UC Berkeley for more than 50 years, recently published a book called *Clean Water for Developing Countries*. In it, Dracut says WFC is "a unique model of how NGOs [Non-Governmental Organizations] should provide clean water in developing countries. They focus on only one country and have just a single product" (Dracut p.222).

Dracut also praises WFC's chosen bio-sand filters technology and its direct family focused work within target villages that provides follow-up to families involved.

Furthermore, Dracut cites the rarity of our laboratory saying, "Remarkably, WFC has its own water testing laboratory, the only such facility outside the municipality of Phnom Penh. This laboratory tests bio-sand filters effluent and also performs commercial water testing. It is highly unusual to find water testing laboratories in developing countries that are outside main cities."

Dr. Dracut's new book is a timely and objective endorsement of the worthiness of the project our Rotary Club has selected to support.

We're in the closing days of our fundraising effort. Let's take it over the finish line! **Each member of our club is being asked to donate at least one filter for \$83.22 to help the needy villagers of Cambodia. Please fill your donation jars and bring your loose change, bills, and/or checks to the patio area of Treylor Park on March 22nd at 5:30pm.** We will commemorate World Water Day with an end-of-project celebration for Water for Cambodia!



Celebrations!



Darrell Clarkson and his wife, Casey, are expecting a new addition! Any day now, Andie and Max...



Meagan Perkins and her husband, Matt, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary later this year. Tuscany or not, we're happy for you two, Meagan!



Denny Baldwin and his grandson, Max, had a great day out at The Players Championship this past week. Beautiful weather and good company enjoyed by all!

Here's What You Need to Know about Our Next Speaker:

St. Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinaman



As the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinaman is the chief advocate and public's voice for the St. Johns River. Responsibilities include: holding regulatory agencies and those polluting the river accountable; identifying and advocating for solutions that will protect and restore the river; working with government entities, businesses, community leaders and citizens to resolve problems that impact the river's health; and communicating with the media and the public to educate and raise awareness about important river-related issues.

As a former senior staff member for Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton, Lisa Rinaman has extensive experience building consensus around issues and helped implement numerous environmental initiatives and policies. Lisa was instrumental in leading the effort to develop and implement irrigation, fertilizer and Florida Friendly landscaping ordinances to better protect the St. Johns and local waterways. She also played a key role in securing state funding for water quality improvements, organizing the city's successful Manatee Protection Plan, and pushing for programs necessary to fulfill the River Accord restoration plan for the Lower St. Johns River.

Before being named the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa served as a valuable member of the St. Johns Riverkeeper Water Policy Group (WPG), a group that advocates for water conservation and reuse and policies that are more protective of our water resources.

Our Rubber Ducky Regatta Event Gets a Nice Write-Up in the Ponte Vedra Recorder



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Rubber Ducky race to raise money for service organizations

Posted Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:00 am

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra is partnering with Learn to Read of St. Johns County to present the 7th Annual Rubber Ducky Regatta. The event will take place at noon May 16.

For the first time in race history, the duckies will be dropped from the north side of the Palm Valley/Ponte Vedra (County Road 210) bridge. The ducks will waddle to the finish line opposite the Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill, 377 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach – headquarters for the event.

Prizes for top finishers include multiple \$100 gift cards and four one-way tickets from Southwest Airlines to anywhere in the United States, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The event raises money by encouraging people to “adopt” a duck or group of ducks in the race. Adoption fees range from \$5 for one ducky up to \$100 for the “Quacks Galore” package of 25 duckies.

Ducks can be adopted by going to <https://learntoreadstjohns.org/product/rubber-ducky-regatta-adoption/>.

All proceeds from the event benefit Learn to Read of St. Johns County and the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra. Learn to Read of St. Johns County is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) organization that teaches more than 200 students a year to read, improve math skills and prepare for the GED. It also provides English for speakers of other languages, adult conversation classes and U.S. citizenship exam preparation.

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March 11, 2021

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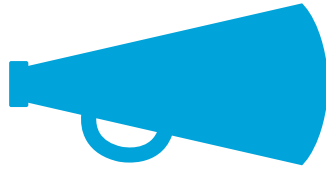
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Member Spotlight: MaryBeth Murray (President-Elect)

As I have been preparing to take the wheel (get it- Rotary Wheel- pun intended), I have reached out to several of our members who will assist me, serving on the board. WOW! What a gracious and committed group of members we have as part of our club!. I have spoken to several that have been in other rotary clubs elsewhere and have been so generous sharing their experiences, suggestions, and wisdom! I look forward to working with each of them and all our members bringing out the best in each of us both in service and FUN!





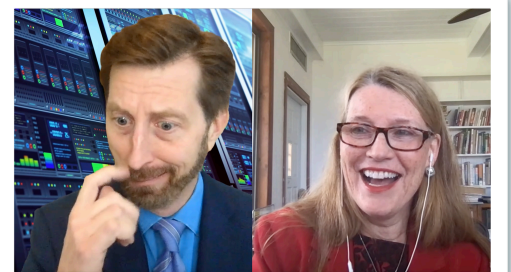
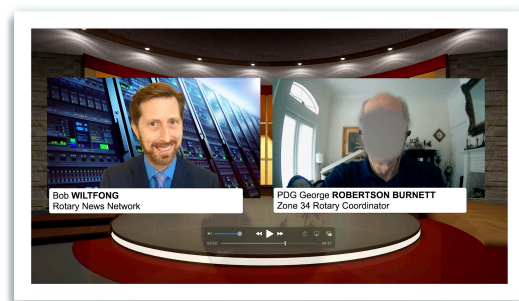
Club news!!!

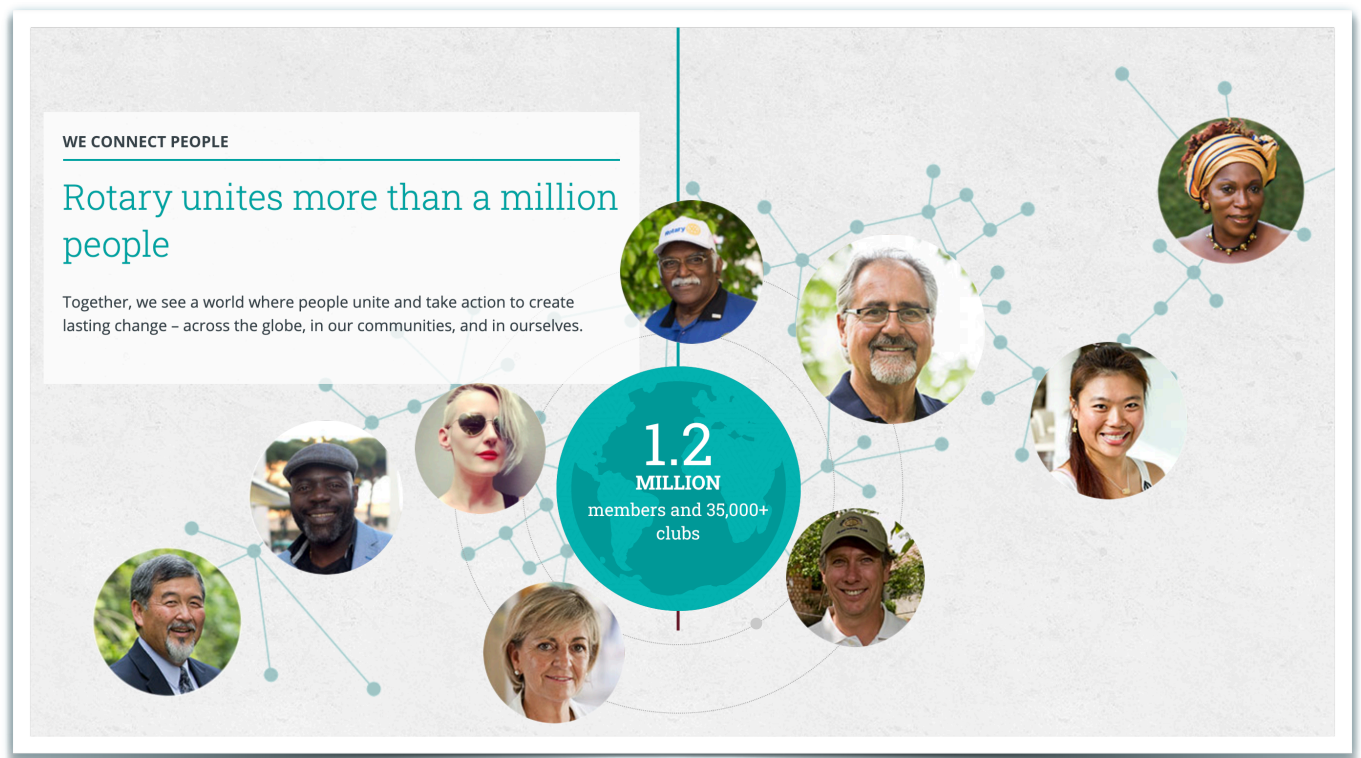


The Coral Gables Rotary Club celebrated its 75th anniversary by honoring our own, Kelly Altosino-Sastre, as one of its Past Presidents (PP). Kelly was in that club for 17 years. Coral Gables currently has 160+ members, a huge board of 21 people and 35 subcommittees and projects all over the world. Very proud of you, Kelly!



Bob Wiltfong helped entertain and educate attendees at this past month's virtual Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). About 500 Rotary President-elects from around Florida watched as Bob poked fun at himself (and Rotary) while helping them define what common Rotary terms like happy dollars, RLI and the 4-way test mean. Glad to see your Daily Show experience come in handy, Bob. :-)



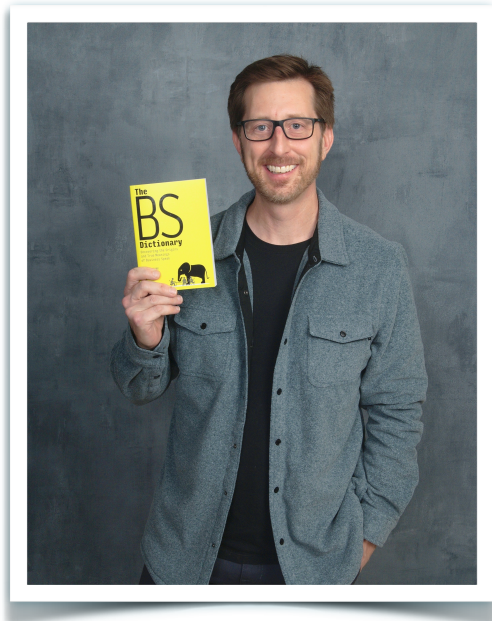


Area 7 & Beyond!

What is Area 7?

Our's is one of 64 clubs within Rotary Florida District #6970. We are Club #63. These clubs are divided into 12 areas within our district. Our club lies in Area #7. Area #7 is comprised of 4 Rotary clubs: Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary, Palm Valley Rotary, Oceanside Rotary (meets on Atlantic Beach) and our club. We also have two young professional clubs in our area: Beaches Rotaract and Town Center Rotaract. There is also UNF college-based Rotaract.

Rotary Means Business



Every newsletter, I would like to highlight the business of one of our members. If you're interested in being profiled, please let me know. I need three things:

- 1.) A photo (or two) of yourself that are work related
- 2.) 3-5 sentences on your business and why people should work with you
- 3.) Your work contact information

I will kick things off by telling you about my book, *The BS Dictionary: Uncovering the Origins and True Meanings of Business Speak*. This book is a collection of about 300 commonly-used business terms (ROI, straw man, unicorn...) delivered in dictionary form. We define each term, give you a joke "BS definition," and then give you its extremely well-researched origin story.

I'm happy to report that since publishing in April of last year, this book has hit the top 1% of all book sales available on Amazon. That's incredible to me. One reviewer says it's like "a hilarious dictionary version of 'The Office.'"

I think it's the perfect gift for any college graduate in your family this spring. Please scan this QR code and order yourself a copy. Thanks!



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RI in Rotary stands for: **Rotary International**. In 1906, Paul Harris, a 37 year-old attorney in Chicago started Rotary as a business group for men. Over the next several years many clubs were chartered. In 1911, The Rotary Club Dublin, Ireland was the first club established outside of North America. In April 1912, Rotary chartered a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The National Association of Rotary Clubs, which became the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912, adopted the name Rotary International (RI) in 1922.

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:25am - regular club meeting

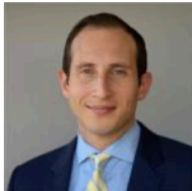
Speaker: Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper - addressing sewage issues that are threatening our waterways as well as a legislative update from Tallahassee

Meeting Location: Zoom - ID number 388 019 0662, Password 263 227

Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30pm - Water for Cambodia Victory Celebration

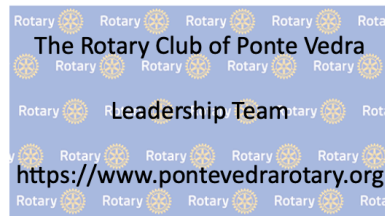
Meeting Location: Teylor Park in Nocatee

Present your collection jar with loose change, bills, and/or checks as we celebrate World Water Day at our victory celebration for Water for Cambodia! The goal is for each club member to donate at least one water filter for \$83.22 to help needy villagers in Cambodia as part of a Rotary effort there.



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