



### Sneak Beak at Duck Week

**BURN BOOT CAMP IN NOCATEE WILL PROMOTE DUCK ADOPTIONS EVERY DAY NEXT WEEK**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

**CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY**

**SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED**

**CLUB ASSEMBLY & SOCIAL THIS WEEK**

**DETAILS ON TUESDAY NIGHT GET-TOGETHER**



**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

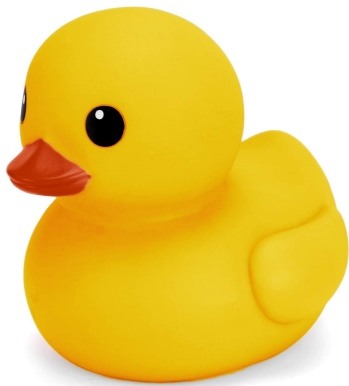
**TUESDAY, APRIL 4 AT 7:30AM**

**TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN NOCATEE**

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## Poultry in Motion at Burn Boot Camp



Mark your calendars for **April 3-8!** That's because **Burn Boot Camp in Nocatee will be sponsoring a themed week in honor of our annual Rubber Duck Race!**

Every day during that time period, Burn Boot Camp will encourage its members to support our annual race by donating to the cause and/or buying duck adoptions. As a result, **every Rotary club member is asked to support this effort by making a point of coming to at least one Burn Boot Camp workout that week.**

You don't have to workout if you don't want to, but we encourage you to wear your Rotary t-shirt and make yourself available to answer any questions Burn members may have about our race and duck adoptions.

Here's the calendar of events for Burn Boot Camp's "Rotary Duck Week":

**April 3 - Wear Yellow Day:** all Burn Boot Campers are encouraged to wear yellow to their workout sessions

**April 4 - Twin Day:** all Burn Boot Campers are encouraged to dress like their besties at workouts

**April 5 - Dress Like Your Trainer Day:** all Burn Boot Campers are encouraged to dress like their favorite trainer at the gym

**April 6 - Crazy Sock Day:** wear the craziest socks you can find to your workout

**April 7 - Anything But Workout Clothes Day:** just like it sounds

**April 8 - Rotary Rubber Duck Race Day**

- We'll have our club tent set up right outside of Burn giving event information to interested gym members and selling duck adoptions all morning
- Our duck mascot will be present
- Burn will hold an Easter egg hunt for children (complete with rubber ducks hidden for the kids to find)

In addition, during this themed week, the gym will lower its drop-in cost for non-members to \$10/class (in order to draw even more people to the gym and raise awareness of our race). All proceeds raised through that effort will go to the Rubber Duck Race.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of club member and Burn Boot Camp owner, Jessica Melquist. Thank you, Jessica!!!



## Our Club Turns 5-Years Old Next Week



The Charter Board of Directors for our Club, April 2018.

**On April 2, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra will celebrate its 5th anniversary.** Since its inception in 2018, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra has grown to about 30 members and has given over \$100,000 in donations to charitable efforts as well as volunteered thousands of hours to our community through planning meetings, committee meetings and hands-on service.

Founding members of the club (who are still members today) include:

- Kelly Altosino-Sastre
- Jeremiah Blocker
- Karen Everett
- Josh Hull
- MaryBeth Murray
- Meagan Perkins
- Gary Smith
- Hilary Wilson

## This is Kind of a Big Deal...

**For the first time in club history, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra will be the International Sponsor Club for a Global Grant application to Rotary International. If Rotary International approves the application, we will help oversee the application of almost \$200,000 in proposed funding for the Sustainable Cambodia program!**



With the help of Sustainable Cambodia founders (the Rotary Club of Gainesville), our club leaders are putting the finishing touches on a Memo of Understanding between ourselves and the Rotary Club of Pursat, Cambodia, right now to finalize a partnership on the application.

This grant proposal has several other Rotary clubs from around the country and around the world attached to it. When you combine their donations and the potential matching funds from Rotary Districts and R.I., the \$10,000 we gathered as a club this fall for Sustainable Cambodia grows exponentially to the total mentioned above.

With that money over the next 2 years, we:

- Will help more than 500 families, more than 2000 people and several primary and secondary schools in the Pursat Province of Cambodia
- Will install water wells, ponds, rooftop water harvesting tanks, water filters and latrines for a population that the majority earns less than \$81 a month per person and two-thirds lack a clean drinking water source

# Evening Club Assembly & Social This Tuesday Night

All club members are asked to join us this 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.

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & SPEAKERS

**March 28, 6:30pm-8pm:** Club Members Only - Assembly & Social at Treylor Park

**April 4, 7:30am-8:30am:** Regular Club Meeting - Guest Speaker: Zeke Paxton on Hiking the Appalachian Trail

**April 18, 7:30am-8:30am:** Regular Club Meeting - Guest Speaker: - Mark LeMaire: Director of United Way of St. Johns Co.

**April Service and Social Events:** TBD

## Lookie Here!



This past Saturday, March 25, over 100 high school students taking part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event at Beachside High School joined Rotarians, Rotoractors and Interactors in packing 100-thousand meals for food insecure families in Northeast Florida!





The Beachside High School cafeteria was packed with people all putting together meals for the underserved, food-insecure communities of NE Florida.



Among those packing meals were Nease High School sophomore, Berkley Wiltfong, and junior, Sawyer Wiltfong. Our club sponsored Berkley and Sawyer to attend RYLA this year.



While RYLA was happening, club members (L-R), Andy Erickson, Denny Baldwin and Karen Everett, attended a District Grant Application Seminar for our club.

## Follow the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra



## Mark Your Calendars!

### 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](#)

### Recap of Meeting on 3/21/23

Sheriff Rob Hardwick, a fellow Rotarian from the St. Augustine Club, was our featured speaker. He heads up a department which has responsibility for all law enforcement and jails in St. Johns County. The Sheriff explained the new streamlined administrative structure he brought to the Department and the various challenges he and his deputies face each day including an increased focus on thefts.





YOU'RE INVITED

# MONTE CARLO NIGHT

APRIL 13, 2023

7:00 PM

CROSSWATER HALL

GAMING TABLES, FOOD,  
DRINKS, MUSIC AND MORE!

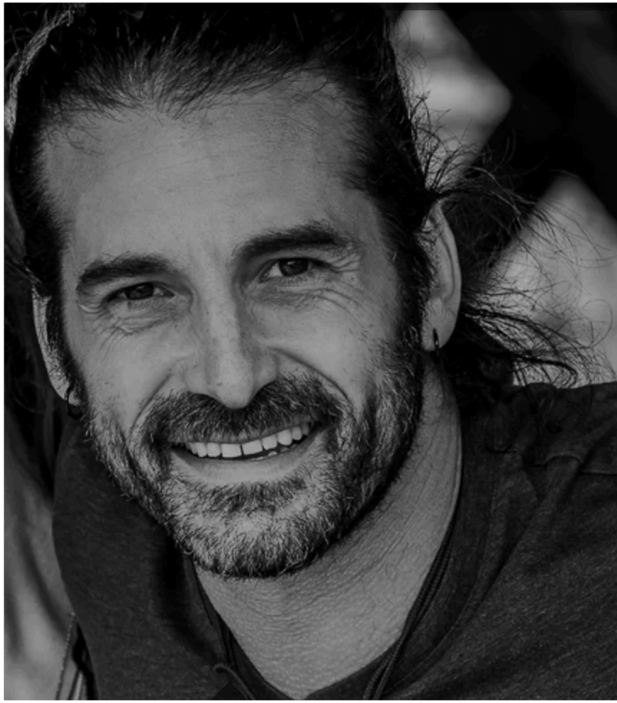
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This fundraiser, hosted by the YMCA at Nocatee  
Advisory Board, benefits individuals with diverse abilities.





Click on the photo of Adam Ezra above to be taken to a YouTube video of one of his latest songs.

## You're Invited!

Our friends at the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail/Julington Creek are holding a fun fundraiser this Sunday afternoon, April 2, and have invited us to join them.

Adam Ezra (left) is a folk song writer from the Boston area. He comes down to Florida every now and then to expand his fan base. Over the last couple of years, he's become a friend of the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail/Julington Creek.

This Sunday, Ezra will perform a private show at the home of Keith and Dina Kessler (12718 Cormorant Cove Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32223). You can buy a ticket here: <https://adamezra.com/april-2-2023-gathering-series-live-ticket-jacksonville-fl>



### **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.





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