

## You Masked For It

**AFTER A PANDEMIC  
LAYOFF, IN-PERSON  
CLUB MEETINGS  
RESUME**



**NEW MEMBERS  
INDUCTED THIS WEEK**

JIM HUSTER & BECKY  
RICHMOND



**JUST DUCKY  
OVER \$13K BEING  
RAISED FOR REGATTA**



**IN-PERSON  
MEETINGS RESUME!**

TUESDAY, MAY 4, AT 7:30AM  
TREYLOP PARK RESTAURANT

# THE.32081. ROTARIAN



Club member, Andy Erickson, addresses fellow Rotarians on the patio of Treylor Park restaurant in Nocatee in March. This is the same location where we will resume our in-person meetings this week.

## Back to (Nearly) Normal

**All club members and  
their guests can still  
attend meetings via**

**Zoom:**

**ID: 388 019 0662**

**Passcode: 263 227**

It's hard to believe that we haven't met in-person—with a couple of minor exceptions—for more than a year! But that situation is about to change as **we resume in-person Rotary meetings this Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7:30 AM on the patio of our old standby—the Teylor Park Restaurant.**

So if you're ready to taste the Rotary of old, please join us then, keeping in mind, of course, to observe all CDC precautions. If on the other hand you haven't yet been vaccinated or just aren't comfortable in meeting in person, **Zoom will be available with our regular id (388 019 0662) and passcode (263 227).**

A light breakfast will be served, and **our speaker is Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors**, a nationally known advocate for our wounded American vets, focusing primarily on combat-related PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, veteran suicides and veteran homelessness. **In addition, we expect to be inducting 2 new members: Jim Huster and Becky Richmond (see sidebar).**

See you Tuesday morning!



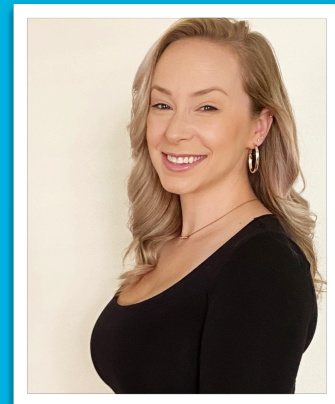
## Rubber Ducky Regatta by the Numbers

- **13,000+** - amount of money raised so far for Learn to Read of St. Johns County and our club
- **2624** - financial amount of prizes lined up to give to winning duckies
- **1175** - amount of duck adoptions sold right now
- **210** - the bridge the St. Johns Sheriff's Office will shut a lane down for in order for us to drop the duckies into the Intracoastal below
- **55** - t-shirts that will be available on the day for Rotarians and event volunteers to wear at the event
- **9** - corporate sponsors for this year's Regatta
- **6** - the amount of duckies that each Rotarian is asked to adopt for this year's event
- **1** - drone that will be shooting video (weather permitting) of the event
- **0** - chance you'll want to miss this year's event

### *New Members!*



Jim Huster will be inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra this Tuesday, May 4. Jim works as a Financial Planner with Morgan Stanley. He and his wife, Sally, have 5 children (ages 5-21). Welcome aboard, Jim!



Becky Richmond will be inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra this Tuesday, May 4. Becky works as Branch Operations Director of the First Coast YMCA located in Nocatee. She and her wife, Emily Daniel, live in Jacksonville. Welcome aboard, Becky!





This year's Rubber Ducky Regatta will be held Sunday, May 16th, at noon at Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill. All Rotarians are asked to attend as live music and delicious food will make this a very family-friendly event. If you haven't done so already, **purchase your ducks for the race by going to the adoption page here: <https://learntoreadstjohns.org/product/rubber-ducky-regatta-adoption/>.**

All proceeds from this event raise money for Learn to Read of St. Johns County (<https://learntoreadstjohns.org/>) and the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra (<https://pontevedrarotary.org/>).



## Upcoming Speakers



**May 4**

Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors



**May 18**

John Eaton, Administrator, Community Health Improvement/Executive Director, Flagler Health + Care Connect

## Our Own Charitable Foundation May Be Coming Soon!

The dream of establishing a Foundation for our club may be a reality soon. This is big news because Foundation status will allow the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra to put more philanthropic capital to work for social good.

Chairperson for the Foundation's Board of Directors, Kelly Altosino-Sastre, says, "One of the strategic goals of our club's inaugural Board of Directors in January of 2018 was to have our own charitable Foundation by applying to the IRS for 501(c)(3) recognition. This designation by the IRS would allow us to apply for matching grants and other funding opportunities while also seeking public donations that are tax deductible. Rotary clubs are classified by the IRS as 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations that are civic leagues not organized for profit but operate exclusively for the promotion of social welfare. Donations made to Rotary clubs are not tax deductible."



Altosino-Sastre says, "We applied to the State of Florida to have our corporation established which has been accomplished. The Board has had several meetings and developed and adopted the Foundation's bylaws and policies and procedures. We have filed the necessary paperwork (1023EZ form) and now we wait."

Besides Altosino-Sastre, the Foundation's appointed Board of Directors include: Denny Baldwin, Secretary and Chair-Elect, Sean Smith, Treasurer, Ian Aguilar, sitting Club President and MaryBeth Murray, Club President-Elect.

• **PETS District Breakouts** Fri, May 7, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

ALL President-Elects and AG2s should be in attendance.

• **District Training Assembly** Sat, May 8, 9:00 am via zoom.

ALL Rotarians should join us for this informative learning event. Our guest speaker will be PRIP Barry Rassin who will speak on Rotary's new Seventh Avenue of Focus, and provide an update on Hurricane Dorian relief efforts.

**For information on both meetings:** <https://rotarydistrict6970.org/>





## Board Bullets: Highlights from April 30th Club Board Meeting

- Ian Aguilar welcomed all
- Prior minutes approved
- Gary Smith updated the Board on the upcoming Duck Regatta—all good!
- Treasurer's Report reviewed/accepted, with thanks to Sean Smith
- Sean agreed to notify dues delinquent members for review/action at next Board meeting
- Resumption of in-person meetings at Trelor Park on May 4 discussed, with agreement on light breakfast menu pending further review
- Proposed budget for 2021-22 to be presented by MaryBeth Murray to new board
- Kelly Altosino-Sastre updated the Board on our new Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation which has applied for tax exemption
- Upon recommendation from the Nominating Committee, Bob Wiltfong was unanimously elected to fill Meagan Perkins' position as 2022-23 President Elect, with the encouragement that Meagan eventually serve as PE
- Mark Hulsey reported that Jim Huster of Morgan Stanley and Becky Richmond of the Nocatee Y are expected to be inducted as new members at our next Club meeting on May 4 at Trelor Park
- Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 AM



## Bob Wiltfong Elected to Serve as Club's 5th President

Bob Wiltfong was elected and has accepted the nomination as our club's 2022-2023 President. His nomination was made by the Past Presidents Council to the Nominations Committee, Chaired by Andy Erickson. This situation arose upon the resignation of Meagan Perkins who was elected to the position two years ago. Meagan is in the Leadership Program of the Northeast Florida Builders Association and that will require her full attention. It is her goal to follow in her father's footsteps and serve as NEFBA President in the future. Meagan is the President/Owner and General Counsel of The Hart Perkins Firm.





Between her busy career as an attorney, serving on the Planning and Zoning Committee of St. Johns County, Rotary commitments and other community involvement and her most important roles as wife and Mom to small children—there are not enough hours in the day to do it all. She made the difficult decision to resign as President-Elect Nominee. We hope, when the time is right, Meagan will put her hat in the ring again to serve as our club's President.

Bob, although a new Rotarian, is uniquely qualified to serve as President. In addition to his deep involvement in all aspects of our club and taking on the newsletter, he has been working with public relations and programs within our District and our Zone. One such program was Rotary Florida President's Elect Training. The knowledge he gained from that experience will ensure his success as President.

Bob's commitment to our club and to Rotary is unquestionable. Let's all rally around him as the President's mallet will be passed to him on July 1, 2022.



## This Day in History:

### May 2



The modern legend of the [Loch Ness Monster](#) is born when a sighting makes local news on May 2, 1933. The newspaper Inverness Courier relates an account of a local couple who claim to have seen "an enormous animal rolling and plunging on the surface." The story of the "monster" (a moniker chosen by the Courier editor) becomes a media phenomenon, with London newspapers sending correspondents to Scotland and a circus offering a 20,000 pound sterling reward for capture of the beast.

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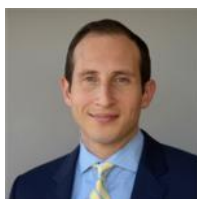
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