

Rotary Means Business

LEARN ABOUT AUBRIE SIMPSON-GOTHAM AND HER WORK WITH FOSTERING CONNECTIONS



CLUB'S WRITE THE PLAN DAY RE-SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16

ALL CLUB MEMBERS: PLEASE ATTEND



HERE & THERE WITH CLUB MEMBERS

FROM GRAND BABIES TO GREECE



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 19 AT 7:30AM

TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN NOCATEE

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Member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, Aubrie Simpson-Gotham.

Club member, Aubrie Simpson-Gotham, is a native Floridian, born and raised in the suburbs of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She relocated to Ponte Vedra Beach with her family in 2004. Upon graduation from Nease High School, Aubrie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Flagler College and a Master of Science in Pre-K/Primary Education from Nova Southeastern University.

After three years of teaching early childhood and special education in St. Johns County Title 1 schools, Aubrie got interested in combining her gift of teaching and an entrepreneurial spirit to begin a career in the nonprofit sector. She started working in the foster care space at Kids Bridge Family Visitation Center and founded Fostering Connections in 2019. Aubrie says this move was inspired by her father's experience in foster care as a child and her work as an educator in high poverty schools.

Fostering Connections is a nonprofit organization that helps youth impacted by foster care by providing needed essentials, educational programs, and community connections. The organization focuses on career readiness, college readiness, and life skills, as well as producing special events that bring the foster parent community together. In three years, Fostering Connections has grown to serve youth from birth through age 24 in five counties (St. Johns, Duval, Putnam, Flagler, and Volusia) throughout Northeast Florida. Its office is located at The Link in Nocatee.

Aubrie's Rotary experience started in high school when she joined the Interact Club at Nease. In 2019, she became a member of the Rotary Club of St. Augustine Beach, and served as its Secretary during the 2019-2020 Rotary year. In May of 2022, Aubrie transferred her Rotary membership to us at the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra. She is currently serving on the Community Service Committee and is excited to grow as a Rotarian through our club!

Aubrie is married to her husband Steve, an environmental specialist at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and adjunct professor at Flagler College, and currently resides in St. Augustine. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, baking, shopping, spa days, and playing Bunco. Aubrie can be reached at 904-813-5809 or fosteringconnectionsfl@gmail.com

UPCOMING CLUB SCHEDULE

July 12 - Pass the Gavel Event, Maggiaoni's Little Italy Restaurant in Town Centre, 6-9pm; Spouses welcome; RSVP to Kelly Altosino-Sastre

July 19 - Guest Speaker: Mikey Ulmer, Rotary District 6970 Governor-elect, about Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

August 16 - Richard Goldman, President and CEO, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau

This just in...



Our club's "Write the Plan" day has been re-scheduled for Saturday, July 16. RSVP to Kelly at kellysastre@aol.com or text her at 305.710.6652 by no later than July 12th.

WILL YOU BE THERE?? PLEASE SIGN UP!

WRITE THE PLAN DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH 8AM-12PM

MARSH HARBOR CLUB HOUSE

105 MARSH VIEW HAVEN DRIVE
PONTE VEDRA, FL 32081

HOSTED BY KAREN EVERETT
BREAKFAST FROM PANERA
STRATEGIC PLANNING BY OUR INSIGHTFUL MEMBERS



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Celebrations!

June 28 - Eddie Sarnowski's wife, Jamie, celebrated her birthday!

July 2 - Ron McVay celebrated 3 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra!

July 2 - Eli Tavarez and his wife, McKenna, celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary!

July 5 - Eddie Sarnowski celebrates his birthday!

July 8 - Brandon Sugg celebrates his birthday!

July 9 - Darrell Clarkson celebrates his birthday!



Ron McVay celebrated 3 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Vedra on July 2, 2022.



June 21 Meeting Recap

President MaryBeth Murray is back after some exciting travel and a new grand baby! She presides over her last club meeting as our leader before she Passes the Gavel on July 12 to our new President Bob Wiltfong. Our speaker, Toni Chrabot, a retired FBI agent, now with Risk Confidence Group, shared some of her fascinating stories as a skilled negotiator/interrogator, along with her top 10 take-a-ways from her distinguished career. Often facts are stranger than fiction, says Toni. And indeed they are....



Toni Chrabot of Risk Confidence Group.

Here & There with Rotarians



MaryBeth Murray recently welcomed grand baby #6 as well as celebrated her birthday!

Jim Huster joined his workout buddies at the Nocatee YMCA.



Bob Wiltfong wears his Rotary hat while visiting the Parthenon in Athens, Greece with his family.

This Day in History: July 3, 1863



Battle of Gettysburg Ends

On the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Confederate General Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line ends in disastrous failure, bringing the most decisive battle of the American Civil War to an end. Experts estimate more than 50,000 men died in the battle making it the bloodiest battle of the Civil War.

Rotary: People of Peace

Former Rotary Foundation Peace Fellow Louisa Dow (left), coordinator for Habitat for Humanity in Haiti, talks with community engagement coordinator Renette Pierre about a community-based conflict map project in Simon Pele, Haiti. Such maps indicate where residents feel unsafe, enabling the community to prioritize changes like installing a street lamp or sidewalk.



RLI Rotary Leadership Institute

building a better Rotary through education

Saturday, August 6th

Daytona State College...Palm Coast

At RLI, you will share discussions with newer members starting their Rotary journey. You will meet members of many years looking to expand their Rotary knowledge. You will learn the different perspectives of Rotarians from around our District, and you will have time for networking with those same Rotarians. But just remember, discussion group size is limited and registration closes on Wednesday, July 27th. Register today!

Analyzing Your Rotary Club, Service Projects, Strategic Planning, Rotary Opportunities, Effective Leadership Strategies, Service Project Grants, and Rotary History are just some of the interesting topics discussed. Plus a special Graduate Class will focus on **Transforming Your Club...** **Good To Great**, a lively and timely course available to all RLI Part 3 Graduates.

Join us for "In-Person" RLI . . . Saturday, August 6th
Breakfast and Sign-In 7:00 – 7:45am
Classes Scheduled from 8:00am to 3:15pm

Daytona State College
Flagler/Palm Coast Campus
3000 Palm Coast Pkwy., Palm Coast, FL 32137

\$100.00 Fee per Rotarian
includes class registration, course material and notebook, breakfast, lunch, facility fees and course completion certificate. *Note: some clubs subsidize this expense. Ask your club leadership for details.*

For more information, contact District Director Mickey Ulmer at mickey.rotary6970@gmail.com or 904-583-1032

RLI Registering Is Easy As

- 1 Simply go to the RLI website www.rlitraining.org
- 2 Tap on "Course Information" and then click the "Course Schedule" dropdown tab
- 3 Scroll to August 6th, find Palm Coast RLI, click on "More Info" and follow the prompts



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