

Two New
Member
Inductions This
Week!

BOB CARLSON &
SARAH SCHMITT
BECOME
ROTARIANS



HELPING NOCATEE KIDS
OUR CLUB TAKES OVER
EARLYACT PROGRAM AT
VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY



KNOW SOMEONE WHO
WOULD MAKE A GOOD
ROTARIAN?

HAPPY HOUR
RECRUITING EVENT SET



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 7:30AM
TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN
NOCATEE

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Club Welcomes Two New Members This Tuesday



Bob Carlson and his wife, Martha.



Sarah Schmitt and her husband, Gary.

This Tuesday, August 16, our club will welcome two new members: Bob Carlson and Sarah Schmitt. Join us as we welcome these great additions to our Rotary family!



Bob Carlson with one of his grandchildren.

BOB CARLSON

Bob originally hails from Worcester, Massachusetts and lived for many years outside of Boston. Bob is a practicing attorney with extensive experience in trusts, grants and planned giving. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, and was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor, a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service and two Air Medals. Bob and his wife Martha Coburn, an RN working for the St. Johns County School District, live in Nocatee. He has three sons, three granddaughters and one grandson and Martha has four sons and one grandson.

SARAH SCHMITT

Sarah moved to Florida from Long Island, New York 4 years ago. She is the Executive Director of the YMCA in Nocatee (taking over the position from previous club member, Becky Richmond). Sarah loves the club's Rubber Duck Race event and is looking forward to helping us with our efforts there. She lives in Palencia with her husband, a retired Long Island Police Officer, and they have two sons: one in college, another a Junior at Nease High School.



Sarah Schmitt with her husband, Gary, and their two sons, Dan (19) and Chris (16).



UPCOMING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

August 30 - Happy Hour Event at Really Good Beer in Nocatee, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sept. 13 - Guest Speaker: Panel Discussion with St. Johns County Parks & Recreation Officials

Celebrations!



Birthday boy, Eli Tavarez!

August 20 - Andy Erickson's wife, Polly, celebrates her birthday!

August 26 - New dad, Eli Tavarez, celebrates his birthday!



Eli's new daughter, Reese, born on July 31st.



Jeremiah Blocker and his wife, Lauren, welcome their new baby daughter earlier this month.

Do you know a community leader with a heart for service? Make sure to invite them to our Happy Hour event scheduled for later this month!

Rotary
Club of Ponte Vedra

H H
First drink free
for first 30 arrivals!

A O
Free hors d'oeuvres!

P U
Meet club members

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Find out what Rotary is

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
5:30-7:30PM
REALLY GOOD BEER
NOCATEE

From the President's Desk



President of the
Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra,
2022-23,
Bob Wiltfong.

Be brave, courageous & intentional. This is the first phrase I wrote down in my notebook under the heading “Good Things to Remember as President.” I’m proud to say we’re doing that big time as a club right now. For example:

- With the invitation of the founding party, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, **we have agreed to take over the EarlyAct program at Valley Ridge Academy here in Nocatee.** Jim Huster will lead us in this effort as we transfer control from Ponte Vedra Beach to us. EarlyAct shares the same mission and ideals of a Rotary club but is designed for children ages 5 to 14.

- **On Thursday, January 26, we will hold a joint Rotary meeting with our fellow Rotarians in Ponte Vedra Beach.** This will be an excellent opportunity for

all of us to grow our professional networks as we take part in that club’s annual “Beyond the Business Card” event where Rotarians make business connections amongst each other.

- **Our Rotary club is now a member of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.** This means you now have the ability to attend any Chamber event as our club’s representative (see calendar of events listed later in this newsletter). Our club’s Program Chair (and regional Director for the SJC Chamber), Karen Everett, can answer any question you have.
- **In the last two weeks we’ve had Zoom meetings with our fellow Rotarians in Cambodia and South Africa, working with them on our Water for Cambodia project and advancing the proposal of a service project in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.** Both of these service projects came from club members (Andy Erickson with Water for Cambodia; Linda Lomax and Victoria Falls).

Let’s keep being brave, courageous & intentional this year and see what potential realized looks like!

Upcoming Events for the SJC Chamber of Commerce

Wed, August 17, Chamber at Noon, The Marriott at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach. Speaker: Hunter Conrad, County Administrator, St. Johns County Government. **SOLD OUT!**

Wed, August 24, Chamber After Hours, Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more and to register click [here](#).

Fantasy Football is Back!



Back by popular demand, we will have a Rotary club Fantasy Football League again this year! Meagan Perkins' husband, Matt, will once again be our League Commissioner. We need at least 8 teams to play. If you're interested, let Meagan know ASAP!



- **Do you know a high school student who would be interested in spending next school year overseas?** If so, contact our District's Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Director, Scott Burgess, at scottbtech@gmail.com for details on the application process.

- **Do you like planning parties?** We need a Chair for the party we're throwing in April to celebrate our club's 5th anniversary. Let President Bob know of your interest!
- **Are you experienced at grant applications?** If so, our club needs you as we plan to be part of grant applications for service projects in Nocatee and Cambodia this year. Let President Bob know ASAP if you'd like to chair our efforts.
- **Do you know how to find out how much money you've contributed to the Rotary Foundation?** You can find out by signing in to your account at myrotary.org and then clicking on the following: member center > products & services > rotary club central > reports > rotary foundation giving. Talk to Treasurer, Sean Smith, if you need more clarification.



This just in...

The Duck Race planning for 2023 begins in earnest this Tuesday, August 16, at Tanks in Nocatee. We have 12 confirmed RSVPs for dinner at 5-7pm. If you want to join this year's committee, let Gary Smith know ASAP at garysmith317@gmail.com or (315)-720-2219. We will be detailing our financial goals for the race, discuss the beneficiaries & begin naming committee members along with each committee's responsibilities.

Back to School with Rotary Kids



Darrell Clarkson's kids, Austen, Max & Andie.

Bob Wiltfong's kids, Sawyer, Berkley & Rigby.



Denny Baldwin's granddaughter, Olivia.



Meagan Perkins' kids, Cami & Riley.

Recap of Club Assembly Recap from August 9

President Bob Wiltfong kicked off the Assembly with his “Big Hairy Audacious Goals” for the Club which include funding water re-fill stations for Davis Park and providing exercise stations along the Greenway in Nocatee. Other highlights included:

- Treasurer, Sean Smith, gave us an overview of the 2022-23 Club budget along with a report on this coming year’s dues (despite inflation they’ll remain the same).
- Legal Counsel, Eddie Sarnowski, reported that the 2023 Duck Race MOU awaits drafting but should be relatively simple depending on whether the Club decides to substantially follow last year’s memo.
- Membership Chair, MaryBeth Murray, shared the happy news of 2 new club inductions and a membership happy hour scheduled for August 30.
- Community Service Chair, Denny Baldwin, outlined our Club’s service projects for the year along with those members responsible for leading each project
- Mari Perroni, as our new Public Image Chair, updated us on a posting issue with our Club Facebook page, and a proposal to consider going with ClubRunner rather than DACdb as our club’s online portal.
- Program Chair, Karen Everett, shared an update on upcoming programs and the need to establish work committees to help organize the Club’s 5th anniversary next April, Rotary Heroes Awards program in January and a local teacher/student recognition program next May.
- Finally, Denny Baldwin reported on our newly created Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation which essentially will function as the Club’s philanthropic arm.

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.

CLUB'S CORE VALUES

Fellowship•Integrity•Diversity•Service•Leadership

CLUB'S BIG GOALS FOR THIS ROTARY YEAR

- Get a District grant for water bottle refill stations at Davis Park
 - End the Rotary year with 10 net club members
- Host an evening social event for the whole community of Nocatee
 - Build the endowment for our club's foundation to \$50,000



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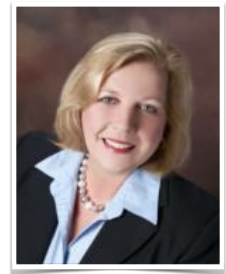
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