

**Happy Hour
Social Event
this Tuesday!**

**COME TO REALLY
GOOD BEER IN
NOCATEE TO ENJOY
A DRINK & MEET
PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS**

Rotary 

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING WEDNESDAY**

**RULES REGARDING CLUB
FOUNDATION MONEY ON
AGENDA**



**CLUB FANTASY
FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SETS DRAFT DATE**

**GET YOUR TEAM IN
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 7:30AM

**TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN
NOCATEE**

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Club of Ponte Vedra

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First drink free
for first 30 arrivals!

Free hors d'oeuvres!

Meet club members

Find out what Rotary is

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

Imagine a packed Happy Hour event with yourself and dozens of other current and future Rotarians all enjoying a delicious drink with good company. That's what you can expect this Tuesday evening as the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra hosts a Happy Hour event at Really Good Beer in Nocatee. The first 30 arrivals will get a free drink on us!

This event is not only an opportunity for club members to socialize outside of a regular club meeting, but also a time for prospective club

members to find out more about Rotary. In other words, it's an excellent chance for you to invite that friend or neighbor that you think would make a great Rotarian to one of our events!

Besides free drinks, we'll serve up some light hors d'oeuvres for everyone to enjoy and have a slide show of images displaying our club history on a TV screen. We encourage all club members to come early, if possible, to help us set up and to grab their name tags for display as they mingle.

See you Tuesday evening at Really Good Beer!



From the President's Desk



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

Grow more, do more. That's a popular saying in Rotary that I was reminded of this past week when I attended our Rotary District's Vibrant Club Seminar in Palatka. I was proud to see several of our club members in attendance and am happy to report we received multiple recognitions. Way to go, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra!

As this new Rotary year gets underway, we have so many exciting opportunities in front of us. An example: **for the first time ever in our club's existence, we plan to be the lead international Rotary club in a Global Grant application to Rotary International.** This development will take place in lock-step with our fundraising efforts this year for clean drinking water in Cambodia. With the blessing of organizers from the "Water for Cambodia"

effort, we will be primarily focused this year on working with the Rotary Club of Gainesville and the Rotary Club of Pursat (Cambodia) in a “Sustainable Cambodia” effort. What’s the difference between “Sustainable Cambodia” and “Water for Cambodia,” you ask?

Both projects work to supply clean drinking water and better education environments to some of the most impoverished people in Cambodia. Both are monitored by our fellow Rotarians in Pursat. The big differences are “Sustainable Cambodia” does most of its work right around Pursat while “Water for Cambodia” focuses on the Siem Reap region (about 4 hours away from Pursat). Furthermore, being part of a Global Grant — with potentially dozens of other Rotary clubs from around the world dedicating money to it — allows “Sustainable Cambodia’s” work at this time to address bigger projects for the long-term well being of the people we’re ultimately trying to help. To me, that phrase “grow more, do more” applies.



To that end, this Tuesday’s Happy Hour event can go a long way towards the long term outlook of our club. With more club members, we’ll have more resources (financially and personnel-wise) to do the great things we all want to do in Nocatee, our country and the world. So, if you haven’t already, please invite your friends and neighbors to come to Really Good Beer this Tuesday evening and let’s grow more and do more! Which reminds me of another Rotary saying that I love...**If we all do a little, we can all do a lot.**

UPCOMING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

August 31 - Club Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm-8pm, at President Bob Wiltfong's Home (free pizza served)

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

Celebrations!

August 29 - Ian Aguilar and his wife, Nikki, celebrate their wedding anniversary!

September 1

- Sarah Schmitt celebrates her birthday! Happy Birthday, Sarah!
- Brandon Sugg celebrates his 1-year anniversary as a Rotarian! Congrats, Brandon!

September 3 - Brandon Sugg's wife, Alyssa, celebrates her birthday. Happy Birthday, Alyssa!

September 8 - Rosemary Lorenz celebrates her birthday. Happy Birthday, Rosemary!

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Our records indicate Andy Erickson celebrates his 2nd year anniversary of being a member of our club on September 8. Do you know how many total years Andy has been a Rotarian though? The answer is at the bottom of this newsletter!

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Club Meeting Recap



Jessica Melquist speaks to the club about nutrition and exercise.



On August 23, about 20 Rotarians gathered at Treylor Park for PV Rotary's special blend of service and fellowship. Our featured speaker was our own Jessica Melquist who briefed us on her 3 year old Nocatee Burn Boot Camp fitness-for-all facility and led us through an exercise to establish our own fitness goals.

Draft Day Set for Fantasy Football League

Tuesday, September 6, at 6pm. Mark your calendars! That's when the draft for our club's second annual Fantasy Football League will take place!

So far, club members Meagan Perkins, Denny Baldwin, Bob Wiltfong, Sean Smith and Sarah Schmitt all have teams in the league. **Only 5 more roster spots left. Contact Meagan Perkins as soon as possible to get your spot!**



Here & There with Club Members



Linda Lomax and Immediate Past President, MaryBeth Murray, collect one of our club's award certificates at this past week's Vibrant Club Seminar.

Luis Monegro is on top of the world as he finishes another successful roofing job in Ponte Vedra. Call his company, Effective Roofing, at (904)-352-6431 to get certified work done the Rotary way!



If you see a sweaty man running around Nocatee looking like he's about to die, don't worry. It's just our President, Bob Wiltfong, training for the New York City Marathon this November. Donate to Bob's run [here](#).

Recap of August Community Service

During the month of August, The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra collected school supplies for Investing in Kids (INK). INK is the nonprofit arm of St. Johns County School District, providing the tools and resources necessary for all St. Johns County School District students to reach their potential. One of INK's flagship programs is its "Tools 4 Schools" program, which provides school supplies to teachers at Title 1 schools in St. Johns County to help fill in the gaps in school supplies for families who are unable to afford school supplies for their children.

To kick off the school supply drive, Doona Lueders, Executive Director of INK and Jim Wheeler, Operations & Student Programs Director at INK, spoke to our club about INK's "Tools 4 Schools" program and the "Take Stock in Children" program and how both programs support St. Johns County School District students in need of support and mentorship.

Our club really enjoyed the talk and plans to support INK in a mentorship capacity in the future. Club members brought school supplies to the club meeting, ordered supplies online from INK's Amazon Wish List, and dropped off school supplies at INK's donation drop off bin at Vystar Credit Union in Nocatee. Several club members have contributed to the collection.

INK is very grateful for our support. Due to rising inflation, the demand for school supplies has been much higher this year. Thank you to all of our club members who have contributed to this project!

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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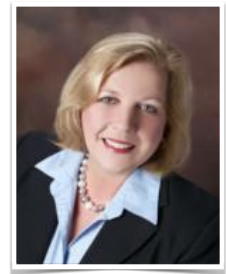
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Interested in joining the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra?
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**** Andy Erickson has been a Rotarian for 52 years! ****

