



Vote for When  
You Want to go to  
a Jags Game!

TICKET SALES WILL  
HELP FUND A  
DISTRICT EFFORT TO  
END POLIO NOW



THE RACE IS ON FOR  
RUBBER DUCK  
SPONSORS

HOW YOU CAN HELP



DO YOU RECOGNIZE  
THIS FUTURE CLUB  
MEMBER?

FIND OUT WHO THIS IS  
TUESDAY MORNING!



NEXT CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 7:30AM

TREYLOR PARK RESTAURANT IN  
NOCATEE

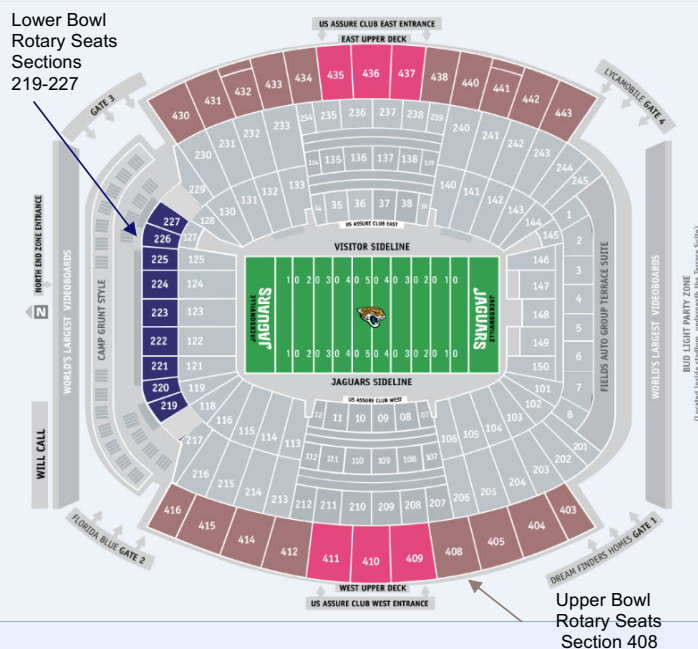
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- - Lower Bowl - \$60.00 per ticket (Full Price \$104.00)
- - Upper Bowl - \$50.00 per ticket (Full Price \$86.00)

Fill out the # of tickets requested and total price below.

Lower Bowl  
Rotary Seats  
Sections  
219-227



Upper Bowl  
Rotary Seats  
Section 408

	# LOWER BOWL TICKETS* (\$60.00)	# UPPER BOWL TICKETS** (\$50.00)
<b>Jaguars v. Raiders</b> Nov 6, 2022 350 Tickets Total (175 ea Upper and Lower)		
<b>Jaguars v. Ravens</b> Nov 27, 2022 330 Tickets Total (165 ea Upper and Lower)		
<b>Jaguars v. Titans</b> Jan 8, 2023 320 Tickets Total (160 ea Upper and Lower)		

Total # Tickets

Total Price

\* Lower Bowl Tickets in Sections 219-227

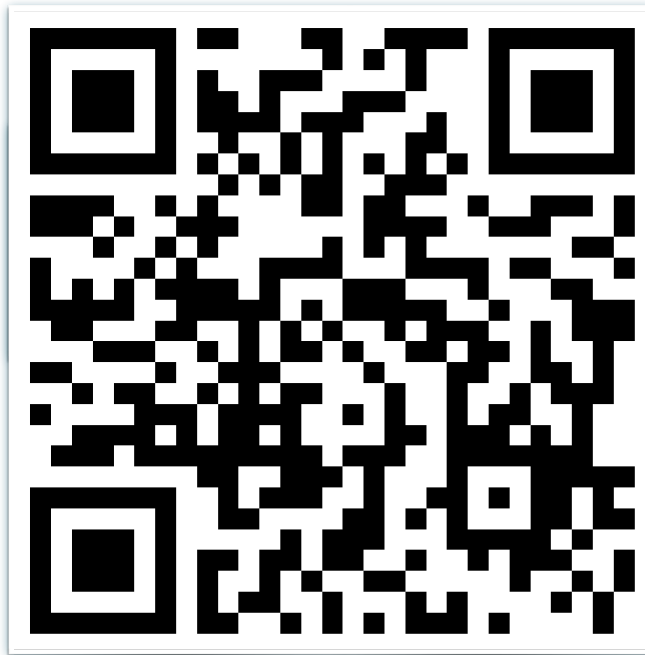
\*\*Upper Bowl Tickets in Section 408  
Exact Seats to be determined

Our Rotary club will be attending a Jacksonville Jaguars game this winter! Your vote will help decide when that is! Look at the dates above — November 6 vs. the Las Vegas Raiders, November 27 vs. the Baltimore Ravens, and January 8 vs. the Tennessee Titans — and then use the QR

code (or URL link) below to vote on which date you would prefer to attend a game. The results of that survey will be shared with our club's liaison for this event, Luis Monegro, so he can organize us. We'll tell you what day we're going to the Jags at our club meeting this week!

**Our club will receive PolioPlus credit for The Rotary Foundation for all but \$15.00 of each ticket purchased.**

Vote for what Jags game you want our club to go to here: <https://forms.office.com/r/3Zr3hQua58>



### ***UPCOMING CLUB SPEAKERS***

**September 27** - Kyle Dorsey, President of Baptist South Medical Center

**October 4** - Dr. Adam Rosenblatt, UNF, Biology Department, on new Climate Legislation

**October 18** - Jeff Michelman, Rotary District Governor

**October 25** - Dr. Audrey Rachlin, CDC, on the State of Polio

## Blood Drive a “Fantastic Result!”

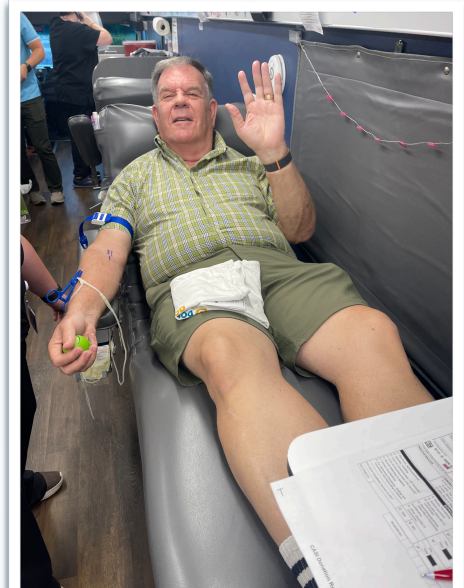
“We ended up with 14 individual donations, 12 of which were self-professed first-time donors! That’s a fantastic result, especially for a first time blood drive!” Those are the words of James Skahn, Director of Lifesouth, the group that helped us conduct a Nocatee blood drive last week. Way to go everyone! Special thanks to club members Rosemary Lorenz and Jessica Melquist for helping us pull it off.



Club member and event organizer, Rosemary Lorenz, gives blood.



Club President, Bob Wiltfong, gives blood.



Ponte Vedra Beach Rotarian, Ed Dalton, supports our event by giving blood. Thanks, Ed!



Lifesouth’s Bloodmobile sits outside Burn Boot Camp, thanks to club member (and Burn owner), Jessica Melquist.



# Applications for Rotary Youth Exchange are Open!

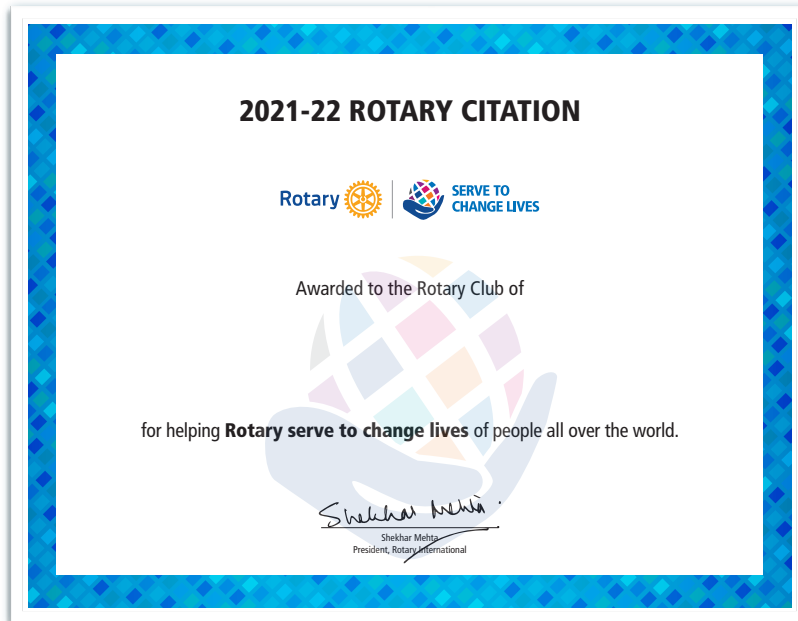
Calling all high school students in St. Johns County! **The application process for the 2023-24 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program is now open.** You have until November 1st to get your application in. Since 1929, RYE has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary Clubs every year. **Visit [www.rye6970.org](http://www.rye6970.org) for application forms and details.**





# We Won a Presidential Citation from Rotary International!

**Immediate Past Club President, MaryBeth Murray, thanks all of you for helping us earn a coveted RI Presidential Citation!** It's only because of club members' dedication to service projects, membership growth, annual donations to RI and efforts to polio eradication that we were able to reach our goals. By achieving these goals — that MaryBeth set prior to taking over as club President — we earned this award. Way to go everyone!



Rotary  
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## What's Next on Our Service Calendar?

- Saturday, October 22, 8am - Trash Pick Up Event in Nocatee**  
 Linda Lomax has organized a club clean-up event for us at the Nocatee Splash Park area. Save the date!
- The Month of October - Sustainable Cambodia Fundraising**  
 For the first time ever, our club will be the lead international Rotary club in a Global Grant application to Rotary International. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for this "Sustainable Cambodia" effort.

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## The Race for 2023 Rubber Duck Race Sponsors is On!

Near the end of this newsletter, take a look at our club's big goals for this Rotary year. You'll notice one of them is "Build the endowment for our club's foundation to \$50,000." As a club, we decided to make this one of our goals during our "Write the Plan Day" in July. We start accomplishing that goal *right now* with all club members lending a hand!

Our annual Rubber Duck Race (being held on May 21, 2023) is the primary way our club raises money for its Foundation. A large part of funds raised in the Race comes from corporate sponsors. Those sponsors need to be lined up now because many companies distribute their sponsorship funds months in advance.

As a result, we have established three teams in our club dedicated to getting corporate sponsors for the 2023 Rubber Duck Race. These teams will compete against each other to get the most corporate sponsorship money for the Race. Take a look at the teams below. Each one has a captain and club members assigned to it. It is up to each team to execute the best way of getting sponsors. Ready? Set? GO!!!

**Team Duck Bill** - CAPTAIN: Denny Baldwin. TEAM MEMBERS: Scott Adams, Ian Aguilar, Kelly Altosino-Sastre, Jeremiah Blocker, Bob Carlson, Darrell Clarkson, Andy Erickson, Karen Everett, Josh Hull

**Team Quack**- CAPTAIN: Gary Smith. TEAM MEMBERS: Jim Huster, Linda Lomax, Rosemary Lorenz, Ron McVay, Jessica Melquist, Luis Monegro, MaryBeth Murray, Meagan Perkins, Mari Perroni

**Team Webbed Feet**- CAPTAIN: Bob Wiltfong. TEAM MEMBERS: John Richardson, Eddie Sarnowski, Sarah Schmitt, Aubrie Simpson-Gotham, Sean Smith, Brandon Sugg, Eli Tavarez, Hilary Wilson, Josh Woolsey

## From the President's Desk



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

**Time, talent and treasure.** Those are three things we all have in varying amounts to give to Rotary. For a young parent or thriving professional, time is not as available as it for other members who are, for example, retired or have children who are older and more independent.

That's when you turn to your talents. Are you good at planning events, handling legal matters or doing handyman work? Great! Those are skills our club could use on a regular basis and you can schedule your life a bit better around them. **Let your fellow members know of your talents, say, "Hey! I can do that really well. Let me help here."**

Finally, treasure. **One of the things I love about Rotary is it's a mix of people from different socio-economic backgrounds all dedicated towards the same thing: service above self.** You don't have to be rich to be a Rotarian. You just have to be willing to give. For some of us that means a \$1 donation to Happy Dollars. For others it may mean a thousand dollar donation to the Rotary Foundation to become a Paul Harris Fellow. The amount doesn't matter. It all counts towards doing more good in a world that needs more good.

Here are some other ways you can give your time, talent or treasure to our Rotary club right now:

**TIME:** The Rubber Duck Race in May is the primary way that our club raises money for our Foundation currently. Our Foundation gives money to worthy causes through grants. The more money we have in the Foundation, the more good we can do in our community and in the world. **One of our main club goals this year is to increase our Foundation's endowment to**



**\$50,000. We need corporate sponsors for the Rubber Duck Race to get that done.** And those sponsorships need to be lined up NOW. To that end, myself, Denny Baldwin and Gary Smith will be leading three teams within our club to gather corporate sponsors for the 2023 Rubber Duck Race (see story above for details). Each team will be assigned club members that Denny, Gary and I will lead to solicit sponsorships. You can help your team win this competition by donating your time to the effort.

**TALENT: Our club's Governance documents need updating.** Some of them haven't been touched since 2019. Times have changed, but our governance documents have not. There are three documents that govern our club. They are: the Bylaws, Policies & Procedures and Constitution. Over the last few months, I've been working with some club members on reviewing each of these documents and making a master list of suggested changes. When the work is complete, we'll submit our proposal to the club Board and then onto the general club membership for a vote. **If you have a legal background and/or an ability to go through governance documents line by line and look for inconsistencies, we could use your help.** Let me know.

**TREASURE:** We are about to start an annual fundraising effort for people in Cambodia who need our help. They need clean drinking water. They need working latrines at their elementary schools. This all requires money. **Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for the people of Cambodia.** That's a big number for a small club like ours, but I know we can do it! Treasure is something we are, generally, blessed with living in Nocatee. So whether it's \$20, \$200 or \$2000, **let's rain treasure down next month on the people of Cambodia!**

### **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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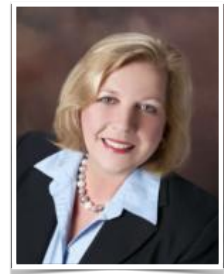
**President**  
Bob Wiltfong



**Secretary**  
Rosemary Lorenz



**Treasurer**  
Sean Smith



**Membership**  
MaryBeth Murray



**Community Service**  
Denny Baldwin



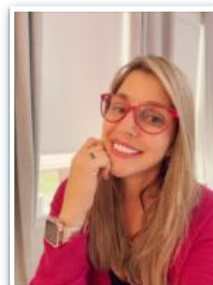
**Rotary Foundation Chair/  
International Service Chair**  
Andy Erickson



**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Linda Lomax



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**Public Image Chair**  
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