

Rotary



Club of Jacksonville

Club Meeting

Jacksonville
Meets at Jacksonville Conference Center
800 New Bridge Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Events

April 23rd

Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Rotary and Vocations
Subject: Shadow Day

April 30th

Jacksonville 5th Tuesday Club Meeting

Speaker: Ryan McRacken and Brandon Mills, Coordinators

May 7th

Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lisa Murabito
Subject: Sturgeon City

May 13th

Jacksonville (NC) Monthly Board Meeting

May 14th

Jacksonville Reverse Raffle

Speaker: Reva Sullivan, Fundraising Chair
Subject: Reverse Raffle

Birthdays

Franky J Howard

May 5th

Corey Randall Crews

May 5th

Brandon Mills

May 10th

Brett J. DeSelms

May 12th

Christopher James Crooks

May 16th

Club Leaders



Michael Yaniero
President



Scott Smith
President-Elect



Brett J. DeSelms
President-Nominee



Vanessa Ervin
Vice President

Our Program this Week: Student Shadow Day



VOCATIONAL SERVICE IN ACTION



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Our Club has a history of connecting with the youth in our community through almost all projects that we conduct. For decades, we have connected high school students with the opportunity to have a shadow day with a profession that they are interested in.

Tuesday, April 23rd is our 2024 Shadow Day when Interact Students will be paired with Rotarians working in a field or profession that they have an interest in pursuing. The day starts with the Rotarian picking up the student(s) at Jacksonville High School. The day is planned by the Rotarian to showcase what a day is like in the field you represent. The students then attend Rotary with you where they are invited to discuss their learning of the morning. The students are then returned to school.

To read more about the 5 Avenues of Service in Rotary: [Read](#)

Rotary Beyond the Club this Month

Our Club members showing up and supporting our District. Standing on 70 years of excellence, we cannot be more proud of the service and leadership that has happened because we all said yes to Rotary. Our Club members showed up as part of our District's Rotary Conference, which joins together Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors from all over the District.



Thank you to District Governor Elect CJ Crooks for inspiring us all to join him on a District Cruise October 3-7, 2024 (More to come to consider registering.) Past District Governor Vanessa leading our memorial service of Rotarians that have passed. Our Randolph Thomas was remembered during this service. Past President John Kopka served as our Conference Sergeant of Arms for the weekend. Past District Governor Dawn presented several times to include a keynote on leadership development and highlighting the Dignity Bag Project with our Interact Club at Jacksonville High School.

Congratulations to District Governor Allen and immediate Past District Governor Nancy for your leadership! What a great weekend connecting with our Rotary family!

Rotary Club Awards: Nominate for 2023-24 Club Awards



Club Awards are a way to recognize the behaviors and actions that exemplify Rotary and Service Above Self. Nominees should be active Rotarians in good standing in the Rotary year of nomination. At the end, there is an opportunity to nominate a community member that is not a Rotarian (past or present in any Club) to be recognized by our Club. If you believe that a Rotarian deserves nomination in more than one category, you are welcome to nominate in more than one category that you believe that they are eligible for.

Club awards and the Community award will be open for nomination from **April 15th through April 30th** on our website, on social media, and by Club email and announcements. Nominees will be reviewed

by the Club Board at the May Board meeting. Recipients shall be announced at the June 25th End of Year Awards and Installation of Officers for 2024-25.

To nominate, follow this link to the Google form: <https://forms.gle/JJLjgV6zysdWgtGe9>

If questions, please email or call the Club Secretary.



[Franky J. Howard](#)
President-Nominee-Designate



[John R. Kopka](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Ryan McRacken](#)
Club Admin Chair



[Nichole Lovejoy](#)
Club Community Service Chair
Club Service Chair



[Brandon Mills](#)
Club Membership Chair



[Tina M. Glover](#)
iPast President



[Elizabeth Henderson](#)
Elks
International Service Chair
Past President



[Dawn W. Rochelle](#)
Club Public Image Chair



[Reva R. Sullivan](#)
Past President
Fund Raising Chair



[Emily A. Jefferson](#)
Club Public Image Co-Chair



[Kimberly Conard](#)
Secretary-Elect



[Stephen Tyler Hart](#)
USAF Veteran
Attendance Secretary



[Ashley M. Hayes](#)
Treasurer-Elect



[Esmeralda Valdez](#)
Interact Chair
Interact Club Sponsor



[Meredith Thomas Williams](#)
RYLA Chair

Alumni News: Congratulations to Past President Jay Sollis!

Congratulations to Jay Sollis!! Surprised with the Citation for Meritorious Service at the Rotary District Conference in Wilmington. Jay, a Past President of the New River Onslow Club, is also a Past President of our Club. There are very few of these awards presented annually, and we cannot be more proud of Jay and his service!

The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Jay served as the District's Annual Fund Chair and then served as the District's Foundation Chair. Past District Governor Dawn credits Jay's leadership to the increase in Paul Harris Fellows and overall annual fund giving during the 2020-21 Rotary year.

Presenting the award was Rotary International Director Elect Patrick Eakes as immediate Past District Governor Nancy Carr and District Governor Allen Quigley listen in.



Congratulations Jay!

Membership: How to Propose a Member



Membership in a Rotary Club means membership in Rotary International. When you become a member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, you have access to all Rotary Clubs in the world. As such, Rotary membership is an honor. When you wear the Rotary pin, you represent the ideals, the principles and the ethics of Rotary International. That means a great deal for professionals wanting to connect in a community or when visiting another country.

We are always looking for members who will embrace Rotary and become a Rotarian. Every Club has a culture which is reflective of its members needs and its community. Not all Clubs meet weekly any longer; ours meets weekly. Some meet online only or hybrid; ours meets in person. Not all Clubs have dues that support training and education like the Rotary International Convention, the District Conference or Rotary Leadership Institute; ours does. Not all Clubs provide a meal at every meeting; ours always has. Our Club is an

Intergenerational Club meaning that we have members below age 30 and members above age 90, which offers tremendous mentorship opportunities. Our Club values attendance as much as possible, engagement in the operations of the Club and in the service of the Club and being part of a community of entrepreneurial thought leaders who move solutions forward in business and for our community.

Most importantly, we embrace community and business leaders that believe in the 4 Way Test, Service Above Self and being a part of something bigger than themselves. We are looking for others as membership allows us to support more needs in our community through service and allows our network of support for our members to grow. Before proposing a member, bring them a few times and talk about your experience in Rotary to see if a network like our Club is what they are searching for. If not, because of time, expense or expectations, there are other Rotary Clubs that we can connect them with.

Our community brings new members naturally, so many times someone coming to our community may have already been a Rotarian. Invite them back! Know a business that used to be represented in our Club? Invite them back! Reinstatement of a member that left our Club in good standing, is a simple process with the Board. Contact the Club Secretary or Membership Chair for more information.

Click here to learn the steps to propose a member in our Club: [Read More](#)