

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

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

May 21st

Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Ashley Hayes, Project Coordinator
Subject: Scholarship Award Presentations

May 28th

Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Interact Club Year End Review
Subject: Cake Auction

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

Meredith Thomas Williams
May 27th

Myron D. Cross
June 1st

Sherri Arnett Mayes
June 2nd

Club Leaders



Michael Yaniero
President



Scott Smith
President-Elect

About Rotary

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

Know someone active in the community that you believe would make a great Rotarian in our Club? Invite them to our next meeting to learn more.

Our Program this Week: Sturgeon City



As Rotarians, we are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center is a testimony to a true private/public partnership that has not only brought back life to the New River, it provides vital environmental education to our community.

Listen in to learn the story of Sturgeon City and let us know how many Rotarians, past and present, that you can identify.

<https://sturgeoncitiy.org/about-us/#single/0>

Join us this Tuesday as we learn more about the happenings at Sturgeon City, when our very own Rotarian, Lisa Murabito, Executive Director of the organization, leads our program.

To read more about Rotary's commitment to the environment:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus>

Congratulations to the Efirds!

The Fabric of our Community Awards recognize contributions of Citizens who make Jacksonville and Onslow County a better place for everyone.

Congratulations to our Rotary family members Charles & Lea Efird for being honored!

Presented by the United Way of Onslow County and Onslow Civic Affairs Committee, the Efirds were recognized alongside nominated community leaders, change makers and volunteers on April 25th at the Fabric of our Community Awards.





[Brett J. DeSelms](#)
President-Nominee



[Vanessa Ervin](#)
Vice President



[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



[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

Congratulations Nichole Lovejoy!



Congratulations to our Community Service Chair Nichole Lovejoy for being recognized by the United Way of Onslow County as a Golden Light Keeper Nominee in April!

“Serving my community is something I am truly passionate about. Through my 10+ years in this community, I have met so many people that have inspired me and shaped me in to the person I am today.”

We are proud of you Nichole!

Why We Drop Coins in a Blue Bucket

Rotary's founder Paul Harris once said that Rotary must be evolutionary at all times and sometimes revolutionary. The 4th Tuesday of each month, we pass the little blue bucket to drop coins into. Why?

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/u1VS-B8uZGE>

Those coins have funded needed research for treatments in hopes of finding a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Founded in 1995 by Roger Ackerman, a Rotarian in Sumter, SC, The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is a non-profit grassroots organization that provides seed money for cutting edge, high impact research grants to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

Roger passed away in 2018, yet to this day, we still adhere to our founder's initial mission that 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to research! Since 1999, 64 grants totaling more than \$11 million have been awarded to 62 recognized research institutions in the United States.

So bring your coins and drop it in the bucket. Your coins are compounded and leveraged to change the course of this dreaded disease. To learn more: <https://www.cartfund.org/>

\$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 2024

\$300,000 EACH:

- ROGER ACKERMAN MEMORIAL GRANT ANA GRICIUC, PH.D. (MASS GENERAL/HARVARD)
- DR. JOHN TROJANOWSKI MEMORIAL GRANT AMY NELSON, PH.D. (GULF COAST ALZ RESEARCH)
- MARCIA GRANT, PH.D. (MICHIGAN STATE UNIV)

\$250,000 EACH:

- MARGARET PERICAK-VANCE, PH.D. (UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI)
- NICHOLAS FONKS, PH.D. (COLD SPRINGS HARBOR LABORATORY)

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](#)
