

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 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

June 4th
[Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

June 10th
[Jacksonville \(NC\) Monthly Board Meeting](#)

June 11th
[Jacksonville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Meredith Thomas Williams
May 27th

Myron D. Cross
June 1st

Sherri Amett Mayes
June 2nd

James Andrew Lanier
June 7th

Meg Dennis
June 12th

Royce Bennett
June 14th

Club Leaders



[Michael Yaniero](#)
President



[Scott Smith](#)
President-Elect



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



[Vanessa Ervin](#)
Vice President

Our Program this Week: Scholarship Recipients



Scholarships are a cornerstone of all Rotary Clubs. As Rotarians, we honor our 7 Areas of Focus globally. One area is Supporting Education. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Since our Club's inception in 1954, we have provided several hundred thousand dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors.

This week for our Club meeting, we will honor our 5 recipients of a \$2000 scholarship to recognize their hard work and commitment to furthering their education.

Chloe Hargett
Miles Thomas Parker
Za'Nasia Fariior
Kailyn Nicole Carmichael
Lacey Lynn Seem

Thank YOU to all who have donated their time, talent and treasure to make this moment happen for these deserving young adults.

Our Program Next Week: Interact Cake Auction

We hope that you can join us next week for our Club Meeting! It is the day after Memorial Day so get it on your calendar now!! A much looked forward to event is the annual Cake Auction! This auction provides much needed funds for our sponsored Interact Club to plan for their projects next school year.

Our Club has a history of supporting youth in our community and our Interact Club is a major part of our efforts to connect to youth leaders.

Joining us will be current Club Officers and Interact members. Our JHS Interact Advisor, Rotarian Esmeralda Valdez, and our Interact Club Advisor Past President Meredith Williams serve as our Club Liaison and Mentors. If you have interest in serving a more active role to support this Interact Club, please let Esmeralda or Meredith know. To learn more about Interact:

[Read More](#)





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
Past President



Elizabeth Henderson
Elks International Service Chair
Past President



Emily A. Jefferson
Club Public Image Chair



Dawn W. Rochelle
Club Public Image Chair



Reva R. Sullivan
Past President
Fund Raising Chair



Kimberly Conard
Secretary-Elect



Stephen Tyler Hart
USAF Veteran
Attendance Secretary



Ashley M. Hayes
Treasurer-Elect

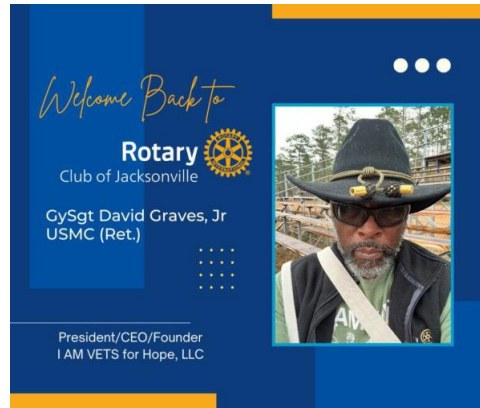


Esmeralda Valdez
Interact Chair
Interact Club Sponsor



Meredith Thomas Williams
RYLA Chair

Welcome Back to Rotary David Graves, Jr.!



Join us in welcoming back to Rotary David Graves Jr.! Our Club is home to many veterans in our area who have chosen Onslow County as their home. David proudly served our country as a US Marine and has used his time after service to connect veterans with needed resources and opportunities.

He is the Founder of I AM VETS (International Association of Minority Veterans), a local nonprofit, which provides H.O.P.E (Help, Healthcare, Housing, Opportunity, Purpose, Education, Entrepreneurship, Employment, Empowerment) to our veterans, their families, and communities globally.

Additionally, David has founded I AM VETS FOR HOPE, LLC., which provides compassionate transportation services for veterans and active duty personnel in Onslow County and surrounding areas. The veteran-owned company offers emotional and social support to ensure veterans feel cared for and connected.

Thank you David for your military service and your continuing service in our community! David will be formally installed in our Club at an upcoming meeting.

To read more about both organizations: www.iamvetsforhope.com and www.iamvets.org

Just try to keep up with Jere!

To know Jere Pelletier is to know a servant heart and a leader through and through. A Past President who continues his involvement every week.

Help us in congratulating Jere for selling 30 tickets! yes, 30 reverse raffle tickets!! The most ever sold by one Rotarian in our Club!! We think he definitely earned this trophy!!!



So Who Won the Money?



What a great time for a great cause was had this past week at our Annual Reverse Raffle! Our annual reverse raffle was a SUCCESS because of all that supported and our amazing Fundraising Chair Reva with help from her extraordinary committee. And we celebrated in our new home at the Jacksonville Conference Center!

Congratulations to all of our winners along the way to the big winners who all decided to share in the top prize!! See below if you know our winners! All net proceeds benefit our community projects!

Bruno Perry
Jayden Kopka
Brett DeSelms
Meg Dennis
Emily Jefferson
Ryan McRacken
Korene Marsh
Eddie Horne
Lynn Smith
Cory Crews

We appreciate all who supported!! Because of YOU, our projects will be funded to serve our community next year.

Rotary Membership

Rotary Membership is an honor that someone connects us to. As a Rotarian, we represent a spirit of excellence in service and ethics that have been a cornerstone since Rotary's inception in 1905. Some of us accept Rotary membership to increase our network. Some of us accept Rotary membership to increase our community service opportunities. Some of us accept Rotary membership to learn and grow as professionals.

When we become a Rotarian in addition to be a Rotary member, is often personal and many times attached to a moment in time. It is when we understand the leverage and the extraordinary network of entrepreneurial leaders globally that we have the opportunity to do more locally. We are inspired by what we read in the Rotary Magazine monthly. We are inspired by working side by side in a service project. We are inspired by being witness to decades of work to end polio or to establish a dialysis clinic in India or help those in Mexico have a better quality of life because they have a wheelchair delivered. We are inspired by those younger than us and senior to us that consistently show up and live by the 4 Way Test.



I became a Rotarian because someone asked me in 2004 to consider Rotary in the Rotary Club of Jacksonville. Just like you, I was not exactly sure what I was being asked to. I was not exactly sure if I had the space or time in my schedule. I was not exactly sure if I would fit in. However, because of the foundation laid since 1954 in this Club, it is where I learned the extraordinary opportunities that exist through Rotary.

Having been a part of chartering 4 cause based virtual Rotary Clubs and a virtual Rotaract Club in the past 4 years, my heart for service is called to the Rotary Club of Ending Child Abuse. My membership in this Club will end June 30 in order to start the new Rotary year in my new home Club with my daughter, Taylor, serving as President for 2024-25. This is a cause based Club focused with my professional goal to end child abuse.

The beautiful part of Rotary is that as Rotarians, we can visit and participate in any Rotary Club activities globally. There are many options for membership in Rotary so always connect with Rotary through the seasons of your life. Thank you to everyone that has poured into my life in this Club. I am more because of you.

Why We Drop Coins in a Blue Bucket

A yellow graphic with a blue bucket icon at the top left containing coins. The text reads '\$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 2024'. Below this, there are two blue boxes with white text. The first box is titled '\$300,000 EACH:' and lists three grants: 'ROGER ACKERMAN MEMORIAL GRANT ANA GRICIUC, PH.D. (MASS GENERAL/HARVARD)', 'DR. JOHN TROJANOWSKI MEMORIAL GRANT AMY NELSON, PH.D. (GULF COAST ALZ RESEARCH)', and 'MARCIA GRANT, PH.D. (MICHIGAN STATE UNIV)'. The second box is titled '\$250,000 EACH:' and lists two grants: 'MARGARET PERICAK-VANCE, PH.D. (UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI)' and 'NICHOLAS TONKS, PH.D. (COLD SPRINGS HARBOR LABORATORY)'. The background of the graphic has a subtle pattern of coins and 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/>

Club News for YOU!

1. **Saturday, June 8th, 9am to 1pm Rotary Training Assembly:** We need Board and Club members to attend! This is where we become more familiar and prepared to support our Club in all things Rotary. Led by our own CJ Crooks, It will be held at Onslow Community Outreach. No cost; only your time required. Link to register:



<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77743248>

Welcome, Rotarians, to an electrifying extravaganza of learning and camaraderie! Step right up and join us as we embark on a thrilling journey through the world of service and leadership at our Rotary Training Assembly.

Under the vibrant canopy of our carnival theme, we invite you to immerse yourselves in an atmosphere of excitement and discovery. Just like a carnival offers a myriad of experiences, our training assembly promises a kaleidoscope of insights, strategies, and inspiration to elevate your Rotary journey to new heights.

From the dizzying heights of Foundation planning to the heart-pounding thrill of DACDB and MyRotary training, our lineup of interactive workshops and engaging sessions will leave you exhilarated and equipped with the tools you need to make a real difference in your communities.

So, grab your tickets and get ready to explore the wonders of Rotary as we come together to learn, grow, and celebrate the joy of service. The Rotary Training Assembly awaits—let the fun begin!

2. **The Annual Awards, Installation and 70th Birthday celebration** will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at the Jacksonville Conference Center at 6:00pm.

3. **CJ Crooks will be installed as District Governor** on Saturday June 29th at Waterline Brewing Company in Wilmington, NC. As the Home Club of the District Governor, we would love to see a good number of our Club members present! Please click here to register: [District Awards and Installation](#)
