



## MEETING MINUTES

NORTHWEST JAX ROTARY CLUB

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Date: October 21, 2024

Time: 6:10 PM

Meeting called to order by: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Sergeant At-Arms Mr. Garland Scott. He opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

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### IN ATTENDANCE

President - Dessie Pollard, President Elect - Dr. Omega Allen and guest, Sergeant At-Arms Garland Scott, Service Project Committee Chair – Anita Gray, Asst. Treasurer -Jacqueline Scott, Membership Chair, Public Image Chair – Eustachius Roberts, Club Signature Event Committee – Alisa Coleman

### GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Mr. Scott yielded the floor to Public Image Chair Mr. Eustachius Roberts, who introduced the guest speaker, T.R. Richardson from Richwood International. T.R. delivered a dynamic presentation on effective communication.

### GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Following the guest speaker's message, President Dessie Pollard opened the floor for new business.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rotary Citations:**

Anita Gray emphasized the importance of achieving Rotary Citations and the benefits of recognition for meeting goals. She proudly announced that the Northwest Rotary Club has completed the initial level of goals necessary to receive a Rotary Citation.

2. **Partnership with Legacy Ministries Health Fair:**

President Pollard inquired about partnering with Legacy Ministries for the Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Ms. Alisa Coleman provided details about

the event, stating that over 20 vendors have committed, including the Breast Cancer bus. She highlighted the potential for media coverage as one of the goals for the event. It was agreed that the Northwest Rotary Club would sponsor a table at the event, fulfilling another service project requirement.

**3. Service Projects Committee Update:**

Ms. Anita Gray, (Service Projects Chair) shared that the Service Projects Committee has an opportunity to meet with the principal at Northwest Legends Elementary School. She noted that the plan B they activated was successful and mentioned other projects in the pipeline. President Pollard announced that NW Legends Elementary School is holding a town hall-style meeting with the community that will take place on Monday, October 28th at 5:00 PM, and the NW Jax Rotary Club is invited to attend, with further details to be discussed in the Service Projects Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

**4. Meeting Time Confirmation:**

President-Elect Allen asked for clarity on Service Projects Committee meeting times, and Ms. Coleman responded that the meeting is at 2:00 PM, with the Google link already sent to her.

**5. Punctuality Reminder:**

Mr. Scott emphasized the importance of punctuality, noting his background with the sheriff's office. He humorously warned, "If we have a call to respond to and you're not on time, you get fired!"

**6. Distribution of Bibles:**

Mr. Scott inquired about the 100 Bibles collected from his friend, a billionaire. President Pollard suggested retaining the bibles at his location until they can be distributed at the Health Fair, to which Mr. Scott agreed. He also offered bibles to club members to share with their families, and several members accepted.

**CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

The club celebrated October birthdays with a spaghetti dinner, cake, and ice cream.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm by Sergeant At-Arms Mr. Scott, with the bell rung by President-Elect Allen.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 pm