

Events

- March 4th [Jacksonville-Oceanside Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- March 4th [BLOOD Mobile!](#)
- March 18th [Jacksonville-Oceanside Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- March 24th [Jacksonville-Oceanside Monthly Board Meeting](#)

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President's Message



Hello Oceansiders!

Dad joke of the day: I hate Wednesdays. It's the longest day of the week.

The Gate River Run is here! You know what that means? March is here, spring is around the corner, days are getting longer (not really, they are still 24 hours, but they are getting lighter longer.) and ... Bikes and Brews is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for April 19. Yes, it is Easter weekend, but April is busy at the beaches and June was just too hot. Let us know if you would like to help organize this year's event.

NEXT MEETING: THIS WEEK! March 4, 2025

Yours in Service,

Rebekah

This Week's Speaker: Bradley Akers



Bradley Akers is a multi-disciplinary theatre artist and arts administrator based in Northeast Florida, proudly serving as the Managing Director of Players by the Sea. His appointment marks a meaningful homecoming—Akers began his professional career at PBTs in 2013 and has remained a passionate advocate for community-driven theatre ever since.

Throughout his tenure with PBTs, Akers has championed artists both on and off the stage, fostering creative growth through innovative programming and engagement initiatives. One of his proudest accomplishments is developing the New Voices program, a yearlong new play development initiative that has brought 8 original works by Northeast Florida writers to life on stage.

Now at the helm of Players by the Sea, Akers is focused on setting the stage for long-term growth. His leadership is rooted in a commitment to strategic activation, operational efficiency, and expanded community connection—all with the goal of making theatre accessible to everyone.

From 2020 to 2023, Akers served as Managing Artistic Director of The 5 & Dime Theatre Co., where he revitalized the company following a pandemic-related shutdown. Under his leadership, the theatre returned to production, established a residency at The Florida Ballet, doubled its budget, and created accessible pathways for artists and audiences alike.

As a director, Akers has helmed award-winning productions across Northeast Florida, including Jekyll & Hyde, Urinetown, Assassins, Doubt, Chicago, Parade, The Thanksgiving Play, The Harvest, Fun Home, The Robber Bridegroom, Heathers the Musical, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, The Walls, 'night, Mother, Into the Woods, The Last 5 Years, Almost, Maine, AIDA, Godspell, and Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead. In addition to directing, he works as a scenic, lighting, and sound designer.

Williams
Club Director

Birthdays

Mary Stutts
March 4th
Jeff Michelman,
PDG
March 12th
Douglas
Anthony Brown
March 13th
Robert J. Dinda
March 15th

Wedding Anniversaries

Jacquelyn E.
Smith
March 7th
George Garcia
IV
March 26th
Joshua Wiley
Dixon
March 31st

Years of Service

David A. Liedtke
04-01-1989
36 Years
Norman C.
Reimer
04-01-1994
31 Years
Robert Alton
Hall
03-31-1998
27 Years
William Ernest
Miller Jr.
03-15-2005
20 Years
Donald J.
Schneider
03-15-2016
9 Years
Mark Eisenmann
03-15-2020
5 Years
Kimberly
Spencer
03-15-2020
5 Years
Michele Tucker
03-28-2023
2 Years

Akers' passion for theatre education runs deep. From 2021 to 2023, he taught Directing and Play Analysis at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, his alma mater. There, he encouraged students to unlock their potential through ensemble-based and analytical approaches to theatre-making.



Akers is a born storyteller, coffee-addict, sweater-enthusiast, husband, dog dad, and a lover of kindness.

Next Blood Drive- MARCH 4!

Rotary Club Oceanside March 4th blood drive sign up link



Rise Against Hunger

Oceanside Rotarians joined Fletcher Interact, PVB Rotary, Palm Valley Rotary, Beaches Rotaract and several other interact groups to prepare food packages to be distributed locally to students attending Mayport Coastal Sciences Elementary and Anchor Academy.



Jacksonville-Oceanside
Meets at ABBQ

Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM