

# Rotary

## Club of Green Cove Springs



### Club Meeting

Green Cove Springs  
Meets at Penney  
Retirement Community  
Rigel Center Golf  
Clubhouse  
Wilbanks Ave  
Penney Farms, FL 32079  
Time: Monday at 12:15  
PM

### Club Leaders



Elizabeth Shale Dusinberre  
President



John W Bowles  
President-Elect



Joseph V Smith  
Vice President



Nancy C. Keating  
Treasurer



Lynn Powers  
Recording Secretary



Richard L. Knoff  
iPast President



David Fieber  
Club Director  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair

## Rosani Lens Project: Bringing Sight to Those in Need!

Monday, February 10, 2025



We're excited to announce our Rotary Club's **first-time participation** in the [Rosani Lens Project](#)!

This is a collaborative **International Service Project** with the [Rotary Club of Fleming Island, Inc.](#), [Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise](#), [Rotary Club of Orange Park](#), [The Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs](#), and the [Rotary Club of Grand Bahama](#) and [Rotary Club of Freeport](#).

This past week, Rotarians traveled to the Grand Bahama to distribute **hundreds of pairs of eyeglasses** and **conduct preliminary eye exams**, helping restore vision and improve lives.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous community for donating their time, money, and resources to make this mission possible. Together, we're proving that **small actions can create a global impact!**

**Stay tuned for updates!**

## January Club Social: Fried shrimp, bingo, and more!

Monday, February 3, 2025

Club Director Rebecca Padgett had a blast at our January Rotary social at [The Corner Pocket](#)! It was the perfect mix of fun, food, and friendly competition with Bingo Night and [#FriedShrimpFriday](#). We can't get enough of the hot, delicious food and great vibes here!



**Starting the Year Off Right!**



[Rebecca Padgett](#)  
Club Director



[Harry B. Parrott Jr.](#)  
Club Director



[Cheryl Rumble Starnes](#)  
Club Director



[Anna Barbary](#)  
Public Image Chair  
Communications Officer  
Secretary



[Russel Stewart Miller](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

Monday, January 27, 2025



Last week, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) was held at Keiser University in Jacksonville, Florida, bringing together members from across District 6970 for a day of growth, learning, and leadership development. The event offered a comprehensive lineup of courses, with participants completing levels 1, 2, 3, and the graduate level of the RLI program. Each level was carefully designed to deepen members' understanding of Rotary while enhancing their leadership and collaboration skills!

The sessions were led by engaging speakers who brought expertise and enthusiasm to every topic, sparking meaningful discussions among attendees. Participants delved into essential Rotary themes, such as service project planning, membership engagement, and effective communication, alongside broader leadership principles. Interactive exercises encouraged collaboration and fostered connections, enabling members to share experiences and ideas to strengthen their clubs and communities.

The success of this RLI event underscores the commitment of Rotarians in District 6970 to continuous learning and self-improvement. By investing their time and energy into these courses, participants have equipped themselves with the tools needed to lead with purpose and to make an even greater impact in the world. Graduates left the event inspired, motivated, and ready to apply their new insights to their Rotary service.

Special thanks to Keiser University for hosting the event and to all the facilitators and organizers who worked tirelessly to ensure its success. The RLI program continues to be a cornerstone of leadership development within Rotary, and we are proud to celebrate the achievements of our members who took part in this transformative experience. Together, we are building stronger leaders and stronger communities!

Click here to sign up for the next RLI session. In person and online opportunities are available: [RLI - Sunshine Division | Building better Rotarians, one session at a time.](#)

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## Honoring the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rotary Spirit

Sunday, January 19, 2025



As we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2025, we are reminded of the profound impact Dr. King had on our nation and the world. His unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and service aligns closely with the values that define a Rotarian. Dr. King's ability to inspire through his words and actions demonstrates the power of service above self, one of Rotary's core principles. His leadership, grounded in compassion and the desire to make the world a better place, serves as a beacon of hope for all who strive to create positive change in their communities.

Dr. King's legacy is built on qualities that every Rotarian should aspire to embody: courage in the face of adversity, a deep sense of empathy, and a relentless pursuit of social good. His accomplishments—most notably his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement and his dedication to nonviolent protest—remind us that true change requires not only action but also resilience. As Rotarians, we too are called to lead with integrity, uphold justice, and inspire others through selfless service. On this day, let us reflect on the remarkable example Dr. King set and renew our commitment to making a meaningful difference, just as he did throughout his life.

## Get Ready for the Clay Rotary Science & Engineering Fair!

Thursday, January 16, 2025



You're invited!

This highly anticipated event showcases the incredible knowledge and creativity of Clay County High School students as they compete in a variety of exciting categories, including Animal Sciences, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Biomedical and Health Sciences, Cellular and Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Intelligent Machines, Robotics and Systems Software, Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Microbiology, Physics and Anatomy, and Plant Sciences.

Since 2006, all six Clay County Rotary Clubs have proudly co-sponsored this remarkable event, celebrating nearly two decades of youth innovation and ingenuity in our community. Don't miss the chance to witness the

brilliance of our future leaders!

Important Information:

Tuesday, February 4th

Judging Begins at 9AM

Clay County Fairgrounds 2497 FL-16 Green Cove Springs, FL

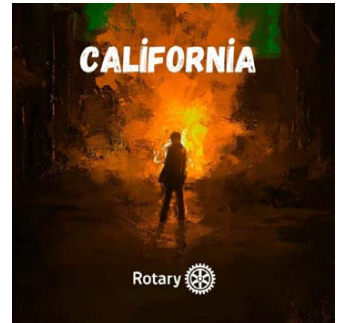
For a breakdown of Fair Judging categories: [Categories – SSEF Florida](#)

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## How You Can Help California Wildfire Victims

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Our hearts are heavy as we learn about the devastating wildfires impacting Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. The Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs extends our deepest thoughts and prayers to the communities affected, including our fellow Rotarians and their families in California.



As they face unimaginable challenges, we stand in solidarity with them and commend the bravery of the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers working tirelessly to protect lives and property. [#Rotary](#) is a global family, and in times like these, we are reminded of the power of compassion and unity. We encourage our members and community to support relief efforts however they can.

Click here to donate directly to [Rotary International - District 5280](#) located in Playa Del Rey, CA: <https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/>

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## Wrestling Strong: Highlights from the 26th Annual Rotary Tournament

Monday, January 6, 2025



Buoyed by advancing seven wrestlers to the finals of the **26 Annual Green Cove Springs Rotary Wrestling Tournament** and getting two gold-medal performances, host Clay High won the 25-team tournament in its gymnasium Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3-4!

The clinching match came when Aaron Stacy pinned Aaron Stacy pinned Terrion Butler of Orange Park High in 43 seconds to win the 215-pound class. Earlier, Jacob Bucci defeated Aiden Hubbell of St. Augustine Toco Creek to win the 120-pound class.

Vonte Burke (126-pound class), Brady Glavin (144), Drew Holmquist (157), Tison Rivers (165) and Landon Martin (175) all made it to the final round, but they lost their championship matches.

Despite being pushed forward a week, the tournament drew big crowds, according to tournament organizers.

The Blue Devils finished with 234 points. Gainesville Buchholz was second, with 223 followed by Creekside in third, Tocio Creek in fourth, Tallahassee Florida High in fifth, Jacksonville Fletcher in sixth, Baker County in seventh, Bartram Trail in eighth, Jacksonville Bishop Kenny in ninth and Episcopal of Jacksonville in 10<sup>th</sup>.

Other Clay County schools included Ridgeview in 13<sup>th</sup>, Orange Park in 15<sup>th</sup> and St. Johns Country Day School on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you to our member and Clay Today Managing Editor, Don Coble for the recap!**

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## Events

No Events found!

## Birthdays



[John Sanders Jr.](#)  
February 11th

## Years of Service



[Tom Ryder](#)  
11 Years



[Lynn Powers](#)  
0 Years