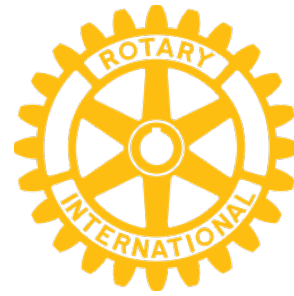


# Rotary

## 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  
Secretary



Richard L. Knoff  
iPast President



David Fieber  
Club Director  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair

## Happy New Year 2025!

Tuesday, December 31, 2024



**Happy New Year from the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs!** As we welcome 2025, we're inspired by Rotary's vision to create lasting change in our communities and the world. This year, we'll continue to foster meaningful connections, champion impactful service projects, and empower individuals to make a difference. With our shared dedication to "Service Above Self," we're excited to embrace new opportunities, support innovative solutions, and work together toward a brighter, more inclusive future. Here's to another year of making a difference—together!

## Join Us for the 26th Annual Clay High Wrestling Tournament!

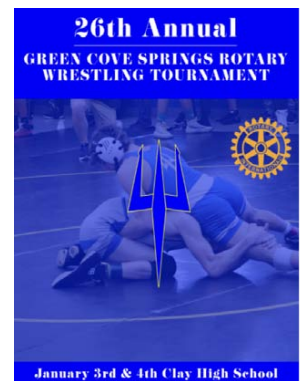
Sunday, December 29, 2024

**The Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs** is honored to be the headliner sponsor of the **26th Annual Clay High Wrestling Tournament**, happening on January 3rd and 4th, 2025, at Clay High School in Green Cove Springs, Florida! This premier event highlights the talent and determination of both boys and girls as they compete in an unforgettable display of skill and sportsmanship.

We're proud to stand alongside incredible community partners like **Challenge Enterprises, FDH Legal, the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Vystar Credit Union, 5th and Paisley Boutique, Kiley Tires**, and many others.

Together, we're not only supporting local youth athletics but also fostering a spirit of community pride and collaboration.

Join us as we cheer on these hardworking athletes and celebrate the values of resilience, teamwork, and excellence. Rotary is dedicated to **Service Above Self**, and we're proud to champion an event that makes a lasting impact on our community. Let's make this tournament the best one yet!



### Tournament Schedule

**Friday, January 3rd:**

- **8:30 AM:** Doors open



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

- 10:00 AM: Weigh-ins
- 12:00 PM: Wrestling quarterfinals

### Saturday, January 4th:

- 7:00 AM: Doors open
- 8:00 AM: Weigh-ins (Girls in the cafeteria, boys in the gym)
- 9:30 AM: Wrestling
- 3:30 PM: Finals (in the gym)

## Rotarians: Sign Up NOW for RLI Jan 2025!

Monday, December 30, 2024



**Are you looking to deepen your knowledge of Rotary and enhance your leadership skills?** The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) offers an incredible opportunity for Rotarians to explore Rotary’s rich history, develop essential leadership abilities, and discover how to shape the future of this remarkable organization!

**Our Public Image Chair, Anna Barbary, has experienced the value of RLI firsthand, attending sessions in both Orange Park and Gainesville, Florida.** Reflecting on her experiences, she shared, “RLI is a great way for new Rotary members to learn the fascinating history of Rotary and understand how they can contribute to shaping Rotary’s future.”

### The RLI Mission: Empowering Future Leaders!

**The mission of RLI’s Sunshine Division (RLI-SD) is to provide practical, user-friendly educational opportunities for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their clubs.** RLI courses focus on fostering leadership skills, increasing Rotary knowledge, and motivating participants to become enthusiastic, creative, and

dedicated Rotarians. Whether you're a new member or a seasoned Rotarian, RLI offers something for everyone.

## **Flexible and Accessible Learning Options!**

RLI Sunshine Division provides both **online** and **in-person** training options to accommodate various learning preferences and schedules:

### **RLI Sunshine Online:**

- Interactive, discussion-based training sessions led by outstanding discussion leaders.
- Convenient format with individual sessions (1-2 hours each) offered on various days and times.
- Affordable at \$15 per session, with materials and login information provided upon registration.
- Three parts offered sequentially:
  - Part 1: The Rotarian (5 sessions)
  - Part 2: The Rotary Club (6 sessions)
  - Part 3: The Rotary Journey (5 sessions)

### **RLI Sunshine On Site:**

- Full-day, in-person events with interactive training sessions.
- Offered on weekend days, allowing participants to complete an entire part quickly.
- Cost is \$100 per part, including breakfast and lunch.
- Three parts offered sequentially:
  - Part 1: The Rotarian
  - Part 2: The Rotary Club
  - Part 3: The Rotary Journey

## **Why Attend RLI?**

RLI embodies the philosophy that effective Rotary leaders need both leadership skills and in-depth Rotary knowledge. By attending RLI, participants gain the tools and skills to make their clubs more effective while discovering how to contribute to Rotary's evolving mission. **As Anna Barbary explains, "The more you know about Rotary, the more rewarding your experience becomes."**

Whether you're looking to enhance your understanding of Rotary or prepare for a leadership role, RLI is your gateway to becoming a more engaged and impactful Rotarian. **Graduates of RLI are not only more likely to remain in Rotary but also to take on more significant roles within the organization. Don't miss this chance to invest in your Rotary journey!** For more information and to register for upcoming RLI sessions, visit the RLI Sunshine Division website. Together, let's learn, lead, and shape the future of Rotary!

**Saturday, January 18th**

**Breakfast and Sign-In 7:00 - 7:45am**

Classes 8:00am to 3:00pm

Keiser University

6430 Southpoint Pkwy #100

Jacksonville, FL 3221

Questions? Contact District 6970 RLI Director Rich Cooper at [coop.rotary6970@gmail.com](mailto:coop.rotary6970@gmail.com) or (386) 747-7075

## Breakfast for Community Champions!

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mark your calendars for an exciting event next month – and yes, YOU are personally invited!

Join Clay County community leaders in Orange Park, Florida, for the "**Breakfast for Community Champions!**"

**Date: January 9, 2025**

Location: Orange Park, FL

Celebrate the incredible individuals who make our community shine and hear their inspiring stories. **Seats are limited, so grab your tickets today!**

All proceeds will benefit **The Rosani Lens Project, a mission dedicated to empowering lives and restoring sight.** With your support, the Rotary Club of Fleming Island and the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise aim to provide around 400 pairs of reading glasses to qualifying members of the Grand Bahama population.

Don't miss this chance to make an impact while celebrating our local champions. We'll see you there!

**To purchase your ticket, click here:** <https://oprotarysunrise.com/community-champions.php>

**To learn more about the Rosani Lens Project, click here:** <https://www.rosanilensproject.org/>

The flyer is titled "BREAKFAST FOR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS" and includes the tagline "Join us as we hear from the champions who help make our community great by giving of themselves to make a difference." It lists three guest speakers: Howard Wanamaker (Clay County Manager), Michelle Cook (Clay County Sheriff), and First Coast Expressway Update. The event is on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 2143 Astor St., Orange Park, FL 32073, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Tickets are \$30 per person, and there are limited seats. A QR code is provided for ticket purchase. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise and the Rotary Club of Fleming Island.

## Happy Holidays From Us!

Sunday, December 29, 2024



**Happy Holidays from all of us at the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs!**

Through Rotary, friends truly become family, and we are so grateful for the incredible connections and shared commitment to service that bring us together. As we celebrate this special season, we hope you are enjoying the warmth of being surrounded by loved ones and the joy of giving back to your community. Here's to a season filled with love, laughter, and lasting memories!

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**Congratulations Swine and Dine Recipients!**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024



What an incredible day! We were thrilled to present three amazing [#ClayCountyFL](#) nonprofits with the funds raised from our 3rd Annual [Rotary Swine & Dine Derby](#), hosted in partnership with the [Rotary Club of Fleming Island, Inc.](#)

Congratulations to [AMIkids](#), [Challenge Enterprises](#), and [Seeds Of Love Ministry](#)!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who helped make this event successful. Together, we're making a difference! [#ServiceAboveSelf](#)  
[#RotaryInAction](#)

Photography: Done Coble, Rotary member and Clay Today representative.

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## Earthquake Relief for Rural Moroccan Youth: Distributions Completed!

Monday, December 30, 2024



As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, we are pleased to share an update on the successful distribution of blankets and school bags to 500 students in rural Morocco. This effort was made possible through the collaborative efforts of our club and the Rotary Club of Rabat Excellence, with the generous support of the Northeast Florida community and the patrons of The Corner Pocket, owned and operated by our Club Director, Cheryl Starnes.

Our fundraising campaign, which took place in July, August, and September 2024, exceeded expectations and helped us fulfill our mission to provide essential items to students in the earthquake-affected province of El Haouz.

The distribution took place at two schools, one of which, Amslane School, is located an hour and a half from the other, Agdour Kik School, with part of the route being unpaved.

### **1. Amslane School**

- Number of school bags: 92
- Number of blankets: 92
- Distribution date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, with the help of a local association.

### **2. Agdour Kik School**

- Number of school bags: 158
- Number of blankets: 158
- Distribution date: Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Our club secretary, Dr. Abir EL KADI, was on site to supervise the distribution.

The total cost of this initiative exceeded the original budget of \$6,000, reaching \$7,000. This amount covered transport costs, the printing of posters and roll-ups, additional school bags for preschool children at Amslane School, a whiteboard with a cartridge of marker pens, and treats for the children at the second distribution.

The school bags included essential supplies such as notebooks, pens, erasers, slates,

and other items necessary for students' daily learning.

Our Service Project lead, and Public Image Chair Anna Barbary would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this project. Our club generously donated \$2,550 to the overall costs of this Service Project. Pictures can be found under our [Event Gallery](#) tab.

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## Rotary Annual Holiday Luncheon!

Tuesday, December 17, 2024



### **Annual Rotary Holiday Luncheon Brings Warmth and Fellowship**

Our annual Rotary Holiday Luncheon was a heartwarming celebration of fellowship, family, and the spirit of the season. Members brought their spouses and parents together for a delicious meal catered by the talented team at Penney Retirement Community. A special thank you goes out to Teresa Scott, CEO, Rebecca Padgett, Marketing Director, and Kelly Duncan, Marketing Assistant, for providing such an exceptional dining experience.

The program began with a heartfelt prayer led by Harry Parrot, followed by Gayward Hendry leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Fann then gathered everyone together in song, filling the room with holiday cheer. The afternoon was made even more magical by the soothing melodies of harpist and PRC member Myra Korb, whose beautiful music added a festive touch to the gathering.

We ended the mid-Rotary year on a high note, celebrating not just the season but the bonds of community that make Rotary so special. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this event a success. Here's to a joyful holiday season and a bright new year ahead!

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**Hitting the Mark Again: Dinklebells Tournament 2024**



Thursday, December 12, 2024



Our Dinklebells Pickleball Tournament was a smashing success! Despite the chilly weather over three brisk days in the heart of Green Cove Springs, the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

Once again, our Rotary Club proudly served as the Title Sponsor, and our members went above and beyond, providing breakfast and lunch to keep players fueled between their matches.

A special shoutout to Glee Glisson, the Director of Clay County Pickleball and an avid Green Cove Springs volunteer. Glee's dedication to our community is truly inspiring, and earlier this summer, our club was honored to present her with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award.

A huge thank you to Glee, all the amazing volunteers, sponsors, and of course, the incredible participants for making this year's tournament a holiday hit!

Congratulations to all the winners—especially our first-place champions! See you all next year!

For a complete list of all the winners, click here: [Dinklebells Tournament Winners 2024](#)

## Events

January 6th, 12:15-1:30 PM  
[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 20th, 12:15-1:30 PM  
[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 13th, 12:15-1:30 PM  
[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 27th, 12:15-1:30 PM  
[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Birthdays

[Elaine Stewart](#)

[Cheryl Rumble](#)



January 15th



[Starnes](#)  
January 17th

## Years of Service



[Russel Stewart](#)  
[Miller](#)  
3 Years



[Stephan Jack](#)  
[Nix](#)  
1 Year