

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



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Celebrate Veteran's Day With a Chili Cook Off!

Sunday, November 3, 2024



Our sister club, the [Rotary Club of Fleming Island](#), has invited us once again to their annual Chili Cook-Off in celebration of Veterans Day. All proceeds will benefit K9s for Warriors, a nonprofit organization that provides service dogs to disabled veterans to help them transition back to civilian life.

When: Saturday, November 9th @ 4PM

Event Location:

The Mangus Family Hangar

5487 Millie Way, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

To RSVP, click here: [Chili Cook Off RSVP](#)

Thank You To Our October Guest Speakers!

Sunday, November 3, 2024





[Rebecca Padgett](#)
Club Director



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



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Club Director



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



[Russel Stewart Miller](#)
Rotary
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Chair

Rotary would not be the outstanding organization it is today without the remarkable contributions of our guest speakers. They enhance the flow of our weekly club meetings, with business professionals of all ages traveling from near and far to educate and entertain our Rotary members and guests.

Thank you to our October Guest Speakers:
Chris Chambless - Clay County Supervisor of Elections
Lisa Bradford - Baptist Wellness Center, Fleming Island

For Guest Speaker inquiries, please email our Club Director Harry Parrot:
parrottsmail1@gmail.com

Why Donate to the PolioPlus Fund?

Monday, October 28, 2024



Thank you to our members who donated this month to the [#polioplus](#) Foundation. What an honor to be a part of the team Zones 33/34 WPD Challenge!

Although we fell short of our goal, we have high hopes to not only meet but exceed our fundraising goals next year. The fight is now over until polio has been eradicated everywhere!

"Rotarians' contributions to PolioPlus help fund planning by technical experts, large-scale communication efforts to make people aware of the benefits of vaccinations, and support for volunteers who go door to door.

Volunteer community mobilizers are a critical part of vaccination campaigns in Nigeria's hardest-to-reach communities. The volunteers are selected and trained by UNICEF, one of Rotary's partners in the GPEI, and then deployed in the community or displaced persons camp where they live. They take advantage of the time they spend connecting with community members about polio to talk about other strategies to improve their families' health. Fatima Umar, the volunteer pictured here, is educating Hadiza Zanna about health topics such as hygiene and maternal health, in addition to why polio vaccination is so important.

Nigerian Rotarians have been at the forefront of raising support for Rotary's polio efforts. For example, Sir Emeka Ofor, a member of the Rotary Club of Abuja Ministers Hill, and his foundation collaborated with Rotary and UNICEF to produce an audiobook called Yes to Health, No to Polio that health workers use."

To read more from the article, "We're Doing So Much More Than Eradicating Polio" written by Vanessa Glavinskas, click here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus>

Another Successful Swine and Dine Derby!

Sunday, October 20, 2024



Well, we did it again!

Thank you to everyone that was part of our third annual [Rotary Swine & Dine Derby!](#) Our vendors, volunteers, sponsors, charity recipients, and attendees truly made this day special! Thank you [Rosaire's Royal Racers](#) for allowing us to go HOG WILD for a good cause! Thank you to all of the [Clay High School](#) students for volunteering, everyone was hands on deck and this event would not have been a success without every student that helped. Thank you to our Rotary partner club [Rotary Club of Fleming Island, Inc.](#) you all are the best!!! Thank you [Penney Retirement Community](#) for your services! From the wonderful live entertainment by The Five Good Years band to the tasty coffee by [Black Rifle Coffee Company](#), what a great day in [#claycounty!!](#)

Our charity recipients:

[AMIkids](#)

[Seeds Of Love Ministry](#)

[Challenge Enterprises](#)

Pictured: Club Director, Rebecca Padgett and youth from AMI Kids Clay County.

Earthquake Relief for Rural Moroccan Youth: A Heartfelt Journey

Friday, October 18, 2024



This summer, I embarked on a deeply personal mission through the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs: to help the children affected by the 2023 Marrakech-Safi earthquake in Morocco. Our project, Earthquake Relief for Rural Moroccan Youth, was created to raise \$3,500 to provide essential winter items—blankets, socks, and jackets—to children living in temporary tents after losing their homes. With the cold season approaching, we knew how important it was to act quickly.

We began this journey with Zoom meetings and board discussions, brainstorming how we could reach our goal. Over three months, from late July through September, we raised \$2,550 through a combination of online donations, donations collected during our weekly Rotary meetings, a fundraising trivia night at The Corner Pocket restaurant, and promotion at our town's monthly market. Thanks to our partnership with the Rotary Club of Rabat Excellence, who generously contributed an additional \$3,000, we were able to significantly enhance our impact for these children.

In October, I had the privilege of visiting Rabat to personally deliver the funds. The Rotary Club of Rabat Excellence hosted a wonderful dinner for me at Riad Dar Chrifa, where we discussed their past, present, and future service projects and collaborative efforts to support those in need and they presented me with a thank-you gift. Their action team, which has strong ties with local authorities and the families in need, will survey the communities, purchase the necessary items, and distribute them. They've promised to send us photos and videos of the distribution, which I look forward to sharing with our club and supporters.

This project is especially meaningful to me because my late grandfather was an indigenous Moroccan from the Oued Amlil community. When I learned about the earthquake, I felt a strong calling to help. I'm incredibly grateful for the support of our Rotary family and the opportunity to make a difference for these children. Together, we've made a positive impact, and I look forward to continuing our work in the future.

Thank you to all of our members with the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs and the Rotary Club of Rabat Excellence, specifically: President Najat Lecheheb, Past District Governor 9010 (2014-2015) Jil Antari, Club Secretary Abir El Kadi, Carole Soulagnes Public Image Chair, and The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill's Club Secretary Eli Missouri for translation services.

—Yours in Rotary Service
Anna Barbary, Public Relations Chair
Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs

Events

November 4th, 12:15-1:30 PM

[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rotary Business Meeting

Subject: This meeting is for members of the Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs to discuss official club business.

November 11th, 12:15-1:30 PM

[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: No Meeting

Subject: Veteran's Day

November 25th, 12:15-1:30 PM

[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Farm City Luncheon

Subject: In lieu of our meeting, members are asked to attend the yearly Farm City Luncheon held in Green Cove Springs, Florida (Location details TBA)

November 7th, 6:00-9:00 PM

[Fall Social at Rebecca Padgett's Home!](#)

November 18th, 12:15-1:30 PM

[Green Cove Springs Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Steve Nix

Subject: What About Climate Change?

Birthdays



[Don C Arnold](#)
November 17th

Years of Service



[Nancy C. Keating](#)
34 Years



[Joseph V. Smith](#)
1 Year