

Rotary Club of Mandarin



Club Meeting

Mandarin
Meets at Ramada Inn
Conf. Center Mandarin.
I-295 @ SR 13
3130 Hartley Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Time: Tuesday at 07:30
AM

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Scot Ackerman - Speaker - March 18th 2025



Scot Ackerman, M.D., Board Certified in Radiation Oncology, is the Medical Director of Ackerman Cancer Center and is an honorary Fellow of the American College of Radiology. After completing his training at Columbia University in New York City, he came to Jacksonville and has been in private practice for more than 35 years, serving as an integral force in Florida's fight against cancer. He held the position of Chief of Radiation Oncology at St. Vincent's Medical Center prior to opening Ackerman Cancer Center in 1997.

Currently, Dr. Ackerman oversees the [Ackerman Cancer Foundation](#) and is a board member of WeCare Jacksonville. He was appointed to the Florida Board of Medicine by Governor Ron Desantis and also works alongside the First Lady of Florida, Casey Desantis, on the [Florida Cancer Connect Collaborative](#).

Last Week at Rotary



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This past Tuesday morning, Mandarin Rotary had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Alistair Dove from the Museum of Science and History (MOSH). With all that is happening downtown, including MOSH moving to the other side of the St. Johns River, it was entertaining and informative to hear directly from Dr. Dove regarding the status and future of MOSH.



This past Tuesday evening, member Brittany Cohill and the Mandarin Museum house band, The Orange Pickers, debuted at Walter Jones Memorial Park as entertainment for member Mark O'Connor's wife, Shelia's, retirement party.

Wheelchair Ramp Service Project - Saturday March 29th

By Louis Dunbar



Our next wheelchair ramp build will be on **Saturday, March 29th**, starting at 8:30am. We are building the ramp for 91-year-old Mary James, who lives at 4836 Walcott Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32209. The ramp is at the rear of the house, and we have to demolish the existing ramp of a similar configuration. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next couple of meetings.

You can contact Louis Dunbar at (904) 222-1037.

Thanks!

Community Happenings



Click below to view the March 2025 Mandarin Museum and Historical Society Newsletter

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March - April Speaker Schedule



One of Mandarin Rotary's strongest features - SPEAKERS
List of Speakers, Newsletters, Calendars, Events, and Meeting information is always updated at MandarinRotary.org

Date:	Speaker	Title	Subject
18Mar	Dr. Scot Ackerman		Ackerman Cancer Center
25Mar	Bill Guliford & Chip Yant		Craft Talks
1Apr	Robert Meek		Sargeant at Arms - Rotary History
8Apr	Jane Wood		Get Kids Reading Initiative

On Deck-Meeting Assignments March - April 2025

By E. Robert Meek



Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle
3/18/25	Jeff Green	Major Harding	Jeff Edwards	Charles Denny	Bill Gowen
3/25/25	Dennis Lafer	Fred Schramm	Fred Pozin	Mac Coble	Jim Mathews
4/1/25	Bill Gulliford	Wes Caldwell	Lisa Alford	Kenn Allen	Duke Addison
4/8/25	Jim Barker	Harlan Eaton	John Meux	Chip Yant	Jim Register

If you are assigned to serve and cannot fulfill your obligation, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement!

Max's Corner March 18th

By Maxwell C. Zahn





When Franklin Roosevelt started a foundation to fight polio, Comedian Eddie Cantor came up with the "March of Dimes", asking people to mail a dime to the White House. They were soon overwhelmed with 2,680,000 dimes mailed to them, literally truckloads, mostly from children. These dimes went directly to research that resulted in the Polio vaccine. This is why Roosevelt is on the U.S. dime.

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@ HISTORVALLDAY



Ben Franklin left \$2,000 to the cities of Boston and Philadelphia in his will to help young tradesmen, but they could not draw the balance for 200 years. In 1990, it was worth \$6.5 million. The money has been used to fund scholarships, women's health, and help firefighters and disabled children.

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@ HISTORVALLDAY



A knocker-upper was someone whose purpose was to wake people up during a time when alarm clocks were expensive and not very reliable. They earned about six pence a week using a pea shooter to shoot dried peas at the windows of sleeping workers in East London, 1930s. She would not leave a window until she was sure that the workers had woken up.

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@HISTORVALLDAY



United States Soldiers pay tribute to the 8 million Horses, Donkeys, and Mules that lost their lives during World War I, 1918

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@HISTORVALLDAY



In 1922, at the University of Toronto, scientists went to a hospital ward with children who were comatose and dying from diabetic keto-acidosis. The scientists went from bed to bed and injected the children with the new purified extract - insulin. As they began to inject the last comatose child, the first child injected began to awaken. One by one, all of the children awoke from their diabetic comas. A room of death and gloom, became a place of joy and hope. Thank You Dr. Banting and Dr. Best!

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@ HISTORYALLODAY



This is Jonas Salk (1914 - 1995) who decided not to patent his 1955 Polio Vaccine so that it would be affordable for millions of people who couldn't afford it. As a result, he lost out on an estimated 7 billion dollars.

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@ HISTORYALLODAY

I had amnesia once... or twice.

I am neither for nor against apathy

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free gift"? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk

about other people.
 I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.
 How can there be self-help groups?
 Is it just me, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?
 Is the 's': or 'c?' in 'scent? silent?
 Why does fridge have a "D" in it but refrigerator doesn't?
 Why can you drink a drink but you can't food a food?
 The word queue is just a Q followed by four silent letters...
 Why is a W called "double-u" when it's clearly a "double-v" ?
 I did some financial planning, and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for 11 minutes.

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Birthdays



[Michael T. Sullivan](#)
March 17th



[Chip Yant](#)
March 21st



[Craig E. Fertenbaugh](#)
March 21st



[James M. Barker IV](#)
March 25th



[Brittany Cohill](#)
March 31st



[Raymond G. Wolford](#)
April 3rd



[Ian Farnham DDS](#)
April 7th



[Fred Schramm](#)
April 8th



[Karilina Nix](#)
April 8th

Years of Service



[Lowry A. Daniels, Jr.](#)
43 Years



[William G. Gowen](#)
40 Years



[Major B. Harding Jr.](#)
31 Years



[Paul R. Hardaker](#)
30 Years



[Fred Schramm](#)
20 Years



[Brian J. Register](#)
13 Years



[E. Robert Meek](#)
3 Years



[Jim J Mathews](#)
2 Years



[Delonyx Cortez](#)
1 Year