

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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Robert Meek - Speaker - April 1st 2025



Our speaker, Robert Meek, is in his 41st year as a Rotarian. He began his connection with Rotary when his father, Emory Meek, (later a member of Mandarin Rotary) joined the South Jacksonville Rotary Club. In high school at Wolfson, Robert was a member of the Interact Club where he was President and where he was elected to serve as District Governor of District 694 (the predecessor of District 6970) for two years. In high school, Robert was a speaker at several Rotary District Conventions and was involved with Rotary International in connection with its Youth Services Avenue. He joined the South Jacksonville Rotary Club in 1985 and served in virtually every officer capacity, including President (1995-1996). Approximately 10 years ago, he became a member of "the friendliest club in District 6970". Several years ago, Robert was interested in learning about the history of the Mandarin Rotary Club and suggested to club leadership that we have periodic presentations on the history of the Rotary Club of Mandarin and offered to kick off the idea with "two or three" brief talks about the history of Rotary International, which would then transition to presentations by other members about the history of Mandarin Rotary. The next thing you know, we referred to Robert as "Historian". For 10 points, what is the moral of this story?

Last Week at Rotary



Club
Foundation
Chair



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Image Chair
Club
Foundation
Chair



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Meek
Sergeant-
at-Arms



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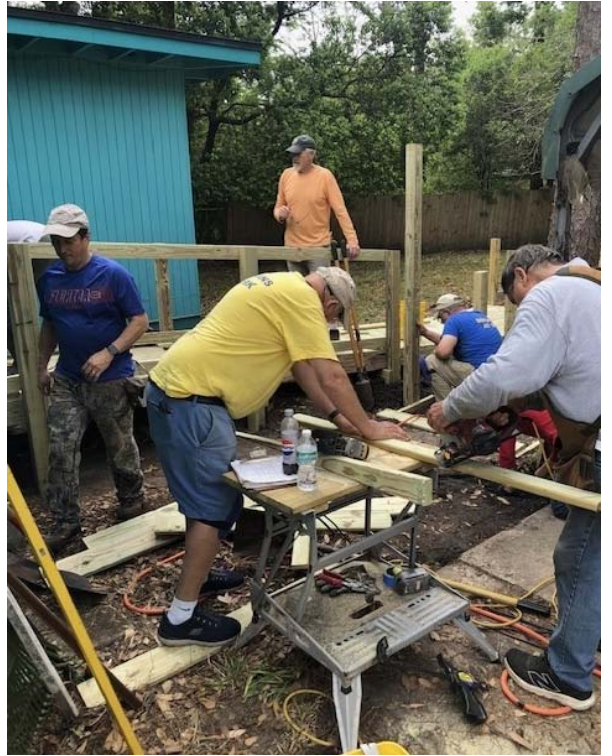


Mandarin Rotary Craft Talks are always a treat. It's fun to get to know our new membership and their connections to our community. This past Tuesday morning we had the pleasure of hearing from new member Chip Yant. We also had the opportunity to hear again from returning member Bill Gulliford.

Ramp Build #89

By E. Robert Meek







"Saint Louis" Dunbar, with significant direction from Jill Dunbar, managed a motley crew of misfits from Mandarin Rotary in the successful completion of their 89th personal wheeled transportation assistance structure at 4836 Walcott Drive on March 29th. Among those participating in the project were Sam Folds, Jim Johns, Mac Coble, Paul Hardaker, Ken McCauley, Mark O'Connor, Jock Hart, Leo Gurman, Bill Gowen, and Club Historian, Robert Meek. No one was injured (at least physically) and everyone enjoyed a fun day working together to help someone in our community.

Duke and Penny Addison Social

By Fred Pozin

Duke and Penny Addison Social

Tuesday April 15, 2025 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

April 15

Fun, Food and a Good Time!!!! [Register NOW](#) for **Duke and Penny**


Tuesday

Topic: **Addison Social**



Description:



Join us on April 15th for a night of fun, fellowship, great food and a few cocktails at the Home of Duke and Penny Addison. The cost per member is \$15 for heavy appetizers, beer, wine and the Duke famous cocktail. [Register NOW](#) for **Duke and Penny Addison Social** 

Addison Home

Location: 12150 Mandarin Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Run for the Hungry 2025



Jacksonville, Florida • 2025

[Click Here to Register for the Race!](#)

Community Happenings



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

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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
1Apr	Robert Meek		Sargeant at Arms - Rotary History
8Apr	Jane Wood		Get Kids Reading Initiative
15Apr	No Morning Meeting		Addison Social 6pm
22Apr		Teacher of the Year	Honoring DCPS Teachers
29Apr	Major Harding	International Service Chair	Costa Rica Mission Update

On Deck-Meeting Assignments April 2025

By E. Robert Meek

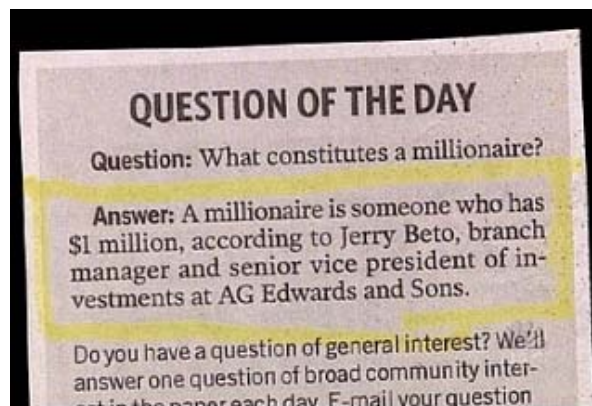


Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle
4/1/25	Bill Gulliford	Wes Caldwell	Lisa Alford	Kenn Allen	Duke Addison
4/8/25	Jim Barker	Harlan Eaton	John Meux	Chip Yant	Jim Register
4/15/25	No Morning	Meeting			
4/22/25	Dale Zimmerman	Alex Sivar	Max Zahn	Ray Wolford	Jim White

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

Max's Corner April 1st

By Maxwell C. Zahn



Fish need water, Feds say

By Phil Hayworth

While conservation groups and others wel-

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Alton attorney accidentally sues himself

By Steve Korris

Alton attorney Emert Wyss

chosen Centero Title--a company that Wyss owned--close her loans.

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County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds

By MATT COOPER
The Register-Guard

Lane County will spend up to \$250,000 this year publicizing its tight financial picture, in hopes that voters in November will approve higher taxes for public-safety services.

It's an amount for county spending on publicity that has been unparalleled in at least the past 10 years. And it illustrates the seriousness of the effort to persuade voters

Utah Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison

"Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons" is the theme for National Poison Prevention Week, arch 20-26. The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that poisonings can be prevented. In 2004, the Utah Poison Control Center responded to over 50,000 calls, the majority of which were about actual potential poisonings.

Over 60 percent of the potential poisoning exposures involved children under age 8. The top five substances that children in this

giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage each use.

* Avoid taking medicine in front of children.

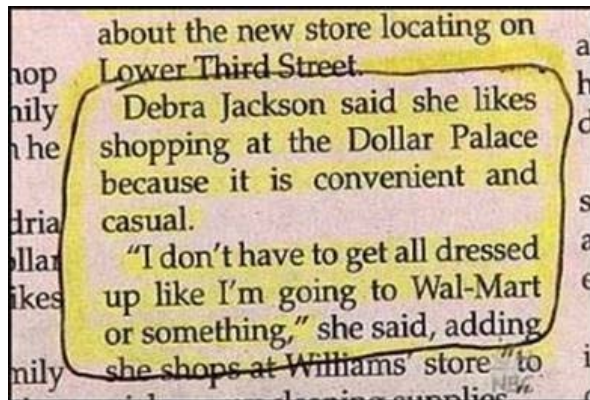
* Never refer to medicine as candy.

* Clean your medicine cabinet periodically, safely disposing of unneeded and outdated medicines.

The UPCC, part of the College of Pharmacy, has an active community outreach program.

In 2004, representatives of the Utah Poison Control Center provided 126 community presentations and distributed more than 40,000 poison prevention education materi-

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The best April Fool's pranks of all time

In France: According to *Le Parisien*, in 1986, the Eiffel Tower was going to be dismantled and rebuilt inside the new Euro Disney park.

In Denmark: In 1965, a Copenhagen newspaper reported that Parliament had passed a law that all dogs be painted white to improve road safety because they could then be seen clearly at night.

In Norway: In 1987, after reading that the government was planning to distribute 10,000 litres of wine confiscated from smugglers, hundreds of citizens turned up carrying empty bottles and buckets.

In China: Claiming that it would reduce the need for foreign experts, the *China Youth Daily* joked in 1993 that the government had decided to exempt

PhDs from the nation's one-child-per-family policy. After foreign press picked up the hoax, the government condemned April Fools' Day as a Western tradition.

In Great Britain: In 1980, those serial pranksters at the BBC announced that Big Ben, London's historic clock tower, would undergo a face-lift and become digital to keep up with the times. Enraged callers flooded the station with complaints.

In Canada: In 2008, WestJet airlines advertised its overhead cabin bins as "among the most spacious of any airline" and said it would charge passengers an extra \$12 to use these "[sleeper cabins](#)."

In Taiwan: In 2009, the *Taipei Times* claimed that "Taiwan-China relations were dealt a severe setback yesterday when it was found that the Taipei Zoo's pandas are not what they seem." The paper reported that the pandas, a gift from the Chinese government, were brown forest bears dyed to resemble pandas. Among the complaints sent to the paper was one from the zoo's director.

In Germany: In 2009, BMW ran an ad promoting its new "magnetic tow technology." The invention enabled drivers to turn off their engine and get a "free ride" by locking onto the car ahead via a magnetic beam.

Corporate April Fool's Day capers

Reasoning that a well-executed prank can result in valuable publicity, firms such as Google, Microsoft, BMW, Guinness, and Virgin regularly try to get in on the fun.

In 1996, fast-food chain Taco Bell announced it had purchased the famed U.S. Liberty Bell, which it claimed it was renaming the "Taco Liberty Bell" and relocating from Philadelphia to its headquarters in California. The company claimed publicity from the hoax increased sales by \$1 million over a 24-hour period.

Google is another chronic hoaxer. It once insisted that it was launching a broadband service using cables that would run through the sewer system. In fact, its reputation for pranking was such that when the company launched its Gmail service on April 1, 2004, few believed them.

On April 1, 2009, YouTube turned some of its videos upside down. A page on "Tips for Viewing

the New Layout" suggested users hang their monitors upside down from the ceiling.

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Birthdays



[Brittany Cohill](#)
March 31st



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



[Ian Farnham DDS](#)
April 7th



[Fred Schramm](#)
April 8th



[Karilina Nix](#)
April 8th



[William G. Gowen](#)
April 24th

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