



Celebrate and Support the Future Leadership of our Club

Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets at Doubletree Hotel
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Events

March 4th
[Gracie Simendinger, the CEO of Leadership Jacksonville](#)

March 5th
[Evening Social-Familywelcome-USS Orleck](#)

March 11th
[Sabrina Mixson Director for Workforce Education](#)

March 18th
[Tabitha Hootman - Turtle Survival Alliance](#)

March 25th
[Board Of Directors lunch meeting](#)

March 25th
[Evening Social-no lunch meeting](#)

Birthdays



[Katherine Boling](#)
March 5th



[Ryan Maloney](#)
March 7th



[Victoria Shirk](#)
March 10th



[Dinkins Grange](#)
March 29th



PE John Cumbow and PN Ryan Maloney (current secretary treasurer) will attend PETS this weekend. No there will not be any animals in attendance, maybe some animalistic behavior but no animals allowed. Well except probably service animals, but I digress, read on for more....

What is PETS? What's a PE, PN and PD? So we have some whats and who's to answer. Let's start with PETS, President-Elect Training Seminar. I am not going to give you a long history lesson of how it came about, but instead tell you what it is and why it is important to our club. This is a training session the District hosts for incoming club presidents, or PEs, the president-elect. Rotarians from all over the state arrive in Orlando for a 3-day training on the ins and outs of club leadership, reporting, marketing, service, fundraising, and much more. And I mean 3 days, starting on Friday and concluding on early Sunday morning. So while you are snuggled in your warm bed, think of PE John at a 7 am session to secure the future of our club! Thanks John.

Where and what is the PN? And who is this? PN - President Nominee, in our club is our current secretary/treasurer, Ryan Maloney. Our club supports our PN by also attending PETS. Which, as someone who has had the benefit of this support, completely recommends preparing a president properly for their year as President. So my best guess is that while John is in a meeting, Ryan, on the other hand, will still be sleeping like you on Sunday. And last, but definitely not least is our PD, President Designee. Our club PD is Ed Vaughn, our current Sergeant at Arms. Batter up!

Our club, both rich in its history, is also blessed to have had forefathers and mothers that created bylaws that have indicated a plan of succession in leadership for our club to fill the president, president-elect, president nominee and president designer roles. Both John and Ryan will find out that not all clubs have this succession planning built into the fabric of their club, nor do all clubs support 2 attendees for PETS, PE and PN.

So as you enjoy your weekend, think of our future leaders learning about Rotary club leadership and be sure to thank them. Let me be the first to say to John, Ryan, Ed and Lynn, thank you for your service, commitment and persistence.

In Rotary,

Lisamarie Winslow

President
Keiser University - Jacksonville



Years of Service



[H. Warner Webb](#)
12-08-1970
55 Years



[George F. Armstrong](#)
11-26-1985
40 Years



[Dinkins Grange](#)
11-22-1988
37 Years



[PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
12-12-1993
32 Years



[Lynn Bauman](#)
12-04-2018
7 Years



[Mark Borello](#)
12-10-2019
6 Years



[Katie K. Rudderman](#)
12-06-2022
3 Years



[Adina Pollan](#)
12-06-2022
3 Years



[Bernie Lucking](#)
12-13-2022
3 Years



[Lisa Kennedy](#)
12-13-2022
3 Years

Wedding Anniversaries



[Stephen F. Madden](#)
March 13th



[PP Thomas Ranney Jr.](#)
March 18th



[Ed Vaughn](#)
March 20th



[Jorge F. Morales](#)
March 21st



[PDG Michael H. Darragh](#)
March 21st

Cornhole Tournament at Riverside Craft Beer Festival

Cornhole Tournament at Beerfest 2025



South Jacksonville Rotary partnered with Riverside Rotary of Jacksonville to conduct a Cornhole tournament. A great time was had by all!

February Social - Monday, February 24



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
March 22nd



[Rick Morales III](#)
March 24th



[John L. Cumbow](#)
March 25th

Upon the banks where St. John's waters glide,
 The South Jacksonville Rotary convenes,
 A social graced by home so fair and wide,
 Where river's gleam reflects in tranquil scenes.
 The twilight dances on the liquid glass,
 A wondrous view from porch and window's frame,
 As laughter weaves through tales that gently pass,
 Companions bound by fellowship's sweet name.
 The breezes whisper secrets to the night,
 Each ripple tells of unity's embrace,
 In halls adorned with warmth and candlelight,
 A haven blooms, a generous, tender space.
 So here, by river's edge, their hearts entwine,
 A moment etched where friendship's stars align.

Thanks to all who attended the Febuary Social!

How Rotary.org Supports Education

<p>MENTORING STUDENTS</p> <p>Rotary club pairs students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>	<p>TEACHER TRAINING</p> <p>We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>ADULT LITERACY</p> <p>Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.</p>

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's

17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

[Rotary.org Supporting Education](https://www.rotary.org/Supporting-Education)

Fun Facts - 03-04-2025



1. **Fast Growth:** Bamboo is the fastest-growing plant in the world. It has been recorded at growing 47.6 inches in 24 hours. Some species can even grow over a meter per day under optimal conditions. A new bamboo shoot reaches its full height in less than a year.
2. Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
3. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them, looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
4. It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.
5. The Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

This Week: Gracie Simendinger, the CEO of Leadership Jacksonville



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Gracie Simendinger joined the Leadership Jacksonville team in August 2022 and is responsible for leading the organization in its mission to educate, connect and inspire diverse leaders to build and strengthen their communities. Prior to that, Gracie led the fundraising strategies for Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), an organization that provides crisis resources for families in Jacksonville's Beaches community. Prior to BEAM, Gracie was a part of the United Way of Northeast Florida campaign team. She managed all high performing industry partners, including financial institutions, accounting, law, and architecture firms and was responsible for raising more than \$4 million a year. Gracie was later promoted to lead the Tocqueville Society (donors \$10,000+), increasing her annual portfolio to \$5 million. Before United Way, Gracie ran Jacksonville University's annual fund giving strategies. Gracie is the JAX Chamber Downtown Council Immediate Past President (President 2020-2022), a JAX Chamber Beaches Division board member, and an at-large Women's Giving Alliance steering committee member. Previous community service roles include two years on the JAX Chamber Hightower Emerging Leaders Fellowship board (Class of 2017), four years on the ImpactJAX board (2014 Chair), and leading the annual Painting of the PawPrints in 2015 and 2016. A Denver native, Gracie moved to Jacksonville after earning a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Florida State University. Upon graduating with a Masters in Education degree from Jacksonville University, she decided to stay in Jacksonville because of the great weather and the ability to get plugged in within the local community. In her spare time, you can find Gracie enjoying one of Jacksonville's amazing restaurants with her partner Jon or brainstorming her next great travel adventure.

Club Leaders

[Lisamarie Winslow](#)
President

[John L. Cumbow](#)
President-Elect
Vice President



[Ryan Maloney](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[Ed Vaughn](#)
RYE Chair
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Leslie Miller Redd](#)
iPast President



[PP Bill Langley](#)
Club Service Ave Dir



[Lynn Bauman](#)
Vocational Service Ave Dir



[PP Tom Ranney Jr.](#)
Oratory Competition
Community Service Ave Dir



[Bernie Lucking](#)
International Service Ave Dir



[Ron Patrick](#)
Youth Services Ave Dir