

# Rotary



## Club of Orange Park Sunrise

### Club Meeting

Orange Park Sunrise  
Meets at Club Continental  
2143 Astor St  
Orange Park, FL 32073-5624  
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM

### Events

March 28th

[Orange Park Sunrise  
Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 4th

[Orange Park Sunrise  
Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: District 6970  
Governor Mickey Uhlmer

April 11th

[Orange Park Sunrise  
Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 18th

[Orange Park Sunrise  
Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: NO CLUB  
MEETING: GOOD FRIDAY

### Birthdays



[Vicki Gibbs Lee](#)  
April 19th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Chris McNeas](#)  
April 3rd

## A WORD FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

### What's On My Mind:

My mind shifted from my duties as your club president to the power and impact of Rotary. I was watching the brief by Goran and Catrine on Sustainable Cambodia, and it occurred to me hearing the emotion in their voices of just how much impact that the Rotary Trip had on many people and provided hope when there was none. We talk a lot about Service Above Self, but this past Friday we saw it up close and personal. Thanks to Goran and Catrine.

-Duane Mallicoat, Club President



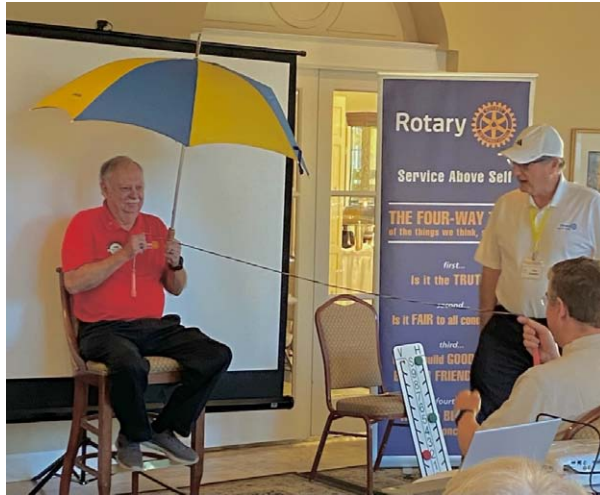
[Read More](#)

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow. – Anthony J. D'Angelo

## HOW TO BE A T4C MATCH STARTER

Paul gave a GREAT presentation on what it takes to be a match starter. It appears that the two major shortfalls in signups are the beer tap workers and match starters. We (me and Goran) made a GREAT tennis net.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT IS FRIDAY APRIL 4TH

The District Governor, Micky Ulmer, will be our guest speaker on Friday 4 April. Randy Robb will be doing the introductions and, thanks to Susan, we will be having omelets. The format of the meeting will be a little different.

*We hope to have 40 at the meeting!!!!*

- Our usual Openings
- Recognize our guests
- New Member Induction for Rich Carey
- Mickey as GS

Please plan to join us.

## ART AUCTION IS LIVE! PLACE YOUR BIDS TODAY



We are thrilled to announce the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise's first-ever virtual art auction! This virtual event brings the excitement of the auction straight to your screen, allowing you to participate from the comfort of your own home. All proceeds from the auction will support the club's vital community service projects. We are proud to feature an exquisite collection of artwork generously donated by Rotarian Ronnie Munsey.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE AUCTION SITE](#)

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

This weeks Service Above Self Award goes to Gordon Reynolds for all his work on club goals. The club is ALWAYS in the running for District Goals because of Gordon's hard work.



## FESTIVAL OF ANGELS 2025

The 3rd Annual Festival of Angels Tasting Event at Eagle Landing Presented by Vallencourt Inc will be held April 4th, 2025 @5pm.

This incredible event was established to support the AngelPlex II project. It is the final phase of Annunciation Catholic School's expansion to build a much-needed cafeteria and performing arts stage.

We are looking to securing a minimum of 10 people to get a Rotary table!

<https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/75324061-2589-45bf-b64c-cb94dfa579e7/events/vevt:4a52786f-0abf-43de-ac1f-a3d5ef7e263f/home/story>



## NEED SOME HELP FROM THE CLUB

- We are short of the 10 needed for the Wednesday 9 April Clay fair. Please sign up online and

- let me know that you have signed up so we can track the 10 needed.
- Paul says only 18 of the 45 members have signed up for the T4C event. PLEASE sign up this week so we can start looking at shortfall areas.

## INVITATION TO SYMPHONY NIGHT IN PALATKA-A SPECIAL ROTARY EVENT



I am excited to invite you and your Rotarians to a special evening of music and culture at our upcoming Symphony Night in Palatka, presented by the Rotary Club of Palatka. This one-night-only event will feature the renowned Gainesville Orchestra, under the direction of Evans Haile, performing a stunning program, including Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, and selections from Disney's Aladdin.

This is more than just a concert—it is an opportunity for Rotarians from across the region to come together in support of the arts, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. It will also be the last major performance at the venue before its renovation, making this a truly historic occasion.

### Event Details

Date: Friday, April 18, 2025

Location: St. Johns River State College Auditorium, Palatka, FL

VIP & General Reception: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Doors Open: 7:30 PM

Concert Begins: 8:00 PM

### Ticket Options

VIP Ticket – \$100 (Includes hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine, and an exclusive meet-and-greet with the Maestro)

Premium Seating – \$60 (Reserved seating with optimal views)

General Admission – \$40 (Includes up to two complimentary drinks)

Student Ticket – \$25 (Discounted admission for students with valid student ID)

Tickets available here: [Symphony Night in Palatka: Tickets](#)

Event Info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18PTxo72DA/>

This event is a great opportunity for clubs to attend together, bring guests, or use it as a special Rotary fellowship night. We encourage clubs to consider reserving group tickets and making this a Rotary-wide celebration of the arts. I would love to see our regional Rotary clubs well-represented for this evening of music and community. Please feel free to share this invitation with your Rotarians and let me know if you or your club would like to attend.

For ticket reservations or additional information, please contact me at [ccalderonrx@gmail.com](mailto:ccalderonrx@gmail.com) or 352-502-9251.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this extraordinary event.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Christian Calderon  
President, Rotary Club of Palatka  
[ccalderonrx@gmail.com](mailto:ccalderonrx@gmail.com) | 352-502-9251

## INTERACT CLUB AT RIDGEVIEW NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

On April 7th, The Interact Club at Ridgeview High are decorating totes to be delivered to shut-ins at a Life Care Center.

What they need from our club:

1. permanent fabric markers
2. plain colored totes
3. hand towels with cute colors & patterns.

Please bring these items to the next two Fridays Meetings.

Thanks for your help.

## SUSTAINABLE CAMBODIA: GORAN AND CATRINE'S TRIP

Goran and Catrine gave the club a PowerPoint and talk on their District Rotary Trip to Cambodia supporting Sustainable Cambodia. The brief was quite an education on what we all take for granted that these families don't have: clean water, bathrooms, homes, money to live, and the sacrifices that families must make to send their children to the school.

If you want more information, one of the students that Goran and Catrine sponsor will be at the Fleming Island Club Meeting on Wednesday 2 April. At 7:30 at Eagle Harbor Tennis Club Annex. It should be an awesome meeting.

Join them if you can.

## SIGN-UPS HAVE STARTED FOR ANNIVERSARY GALA

The sign-up sheet is at the SAA desk. Cost is free if you are an active member. Prime Rib is the meal. Heidi is providing the desserts. We will ask for a donation to our Annual Fund as Gordon says we could use some help to meet our goal. Either sign up at a Friday Club Meeting or email Duane at [duanemalli@comcast.net](mailto:duanemalli@comcast.net). Yes, you can bring a guest, and their cost is \$35 per person. We will only order food for those who have signed up. We must tell Club Continental a week out of the final number of meals.



## TENNIS 4 CANCER UPDATE

Goran says we are doing well with the sponsorships to include a new \$5000 sponsor level. Paul says only 9 of our 45 members have signed up to volunteer (please consider signing up this week), and Josie passed around a silent auction sheet with a list of the areas she still needs help with.



## 2025 TENNIS 4 CANCER SPONSORSHIP LETTER



January 29, 2025

Sponsors, Players and Patrons,

We're pleased to announce the Tennis 4 Cancer Eagle Harbor Doubles Championships will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

This past year's event was one for the record books. We received almost \$40,000 in sponsorships, and a donation in the amount of \$50,000 (total revenue) was made to The American Cancer Society/Hope Lodge. It is because of Sponsors like yourself who have chosen to be as dedicated to this event as we are. This year these funds will once again be used to help defray the ongoing transportation expenses incurred in assisting Hope Lodge guests. Currently Hope Lodge is at full capacity, and 50% of the guests will require transportation services.

In the 14 years since the inaugural event in 2010, the tournament has raised over \$500,000 to help local cancer patients and local charities.

Through the loyalty of sponsors and participants, event proceeds have supported the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge at Mayo Clinic as well as hundreds of grants to local individuals and institutions in support of the Rotary mission. That mission consists of Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies, and protecting the environment.

We are more than halfway to our promise to assist in underwriting transportation costs of \$100,000, which will go towards the lease or purchase of vehicles to support the Hope Lodge Mission. We would appreciate any sponsorship or donations to help us achieve this goal.

The Tennis 4 Cancer Committee is a collaborative effort of the Eagle Harbor Tennis Community and the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise. Each year roughly 300 tennis players from all over the [floridatennis.com](http://www.floridatennis.com) Florida, and their friends join the Rotary Club in participating in this event.

There are several ways to participate:

- Become a Tournament Sponsor
- Donate an item for auction
- Donate an item for the raffle
- In-kind donations of food or drink for the tournament

All donations may be mailed to:  
Tennis 4 Cancer  
2169 Autumn Cove Cir.  
Fleming Island FL 32003

With Thanks,

James Ellison | Tournament Chairperson  
[james.ellison@comcast.com](mailto:james.ellison@comcast.com) | (904) 318-0382

Erica Washkoff | Sponsorship Chairperson  
[erica.washkoff@orange.org](mailto:erica.washkoff@orange.org) | (904) 422-5530

Josie Schiazza | Auction and Raffle Chairperson  
[josieschiazza@orange.org](mailto:josieschiazza@orange.org) | (904) 995-2957

Tennis 4 Cancer is operated under the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise Charities Inc., a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. Tax ID Number 83-0550212, Florida Sales Tax Exemption Certificate Number 85-801566899C-8

## CLAY FAIR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH: SIGN UP TODAY

Our day at the fair is Wednesday April 9, 2025. This year we have afternoon as well as evening volunteer slots available.

Here is a link to the sign-up sheet at the fair: <https://www.claycountyfair.org/p/getinvolved/volunteers> and info/description of activities. Signing up EARLY gives you the most options.

## T4C ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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EAGLE HARBOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS- April 25,26,27 2025

#### What will you be doing?

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs all weekend. Whether it is registration, tournament management, food service, event set up, traffic control, match official, or many other exiting jobs, **WE NEED YOU!** All Proceeds go toward The American Cancer Society and Rotary Club Charity Missions.

TO SIGN UP

[www.Tennis4cancer.org](http://www.Tennis4cancer.org)



For Youth Volunteers



<https://www.tennis4cancer.org/>



## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI), MAY 3RD

Our next **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a great opportunity for presidents and presidents-elect to strengthen their clubs:

- Saturday, May 3
- 8 AM to 3 PM
- Daytona State College at **Deland**

Please encourage your new members and new leaders to attend so your club starts the new year well. Here are some quotes from our most recent RLI graduates about why members should attend:

- "Know what Rotary is."
- "Network and hear different ideas."
- "Learn that Rotary is way bigger than your club."
- "Self-confidence: I can now present good ideas to my club."

We've attached a Table Flyer for use at your meetings. Our facility at Deland is limited, so register now

to reserve your spot.  
There are three ways for members to register:

- Use your phone to scan the QR code on the attached flyer.
- Use DACdb's calendar in the "district" tab.
- Use the link, below.  
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Your members will need to use their DACdb login to sign in and register.



**ROTARY  
LEARNING  
LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**

**Join the Next RLI & Transform Your Rotary Experience!**  
Connect with fellow Rotarians and explore how Rotary can impact your club, your community—and you. Don't miss out—register for the next RLI today!



Scan with phone to register on DACDB

Daytona State College-Deland. 1155 County Rd 4139  
**Saturday, May 3 | 8 AM-3 PM**



**District 6970 Home**

**Welcome to District 6970**

**Rotary**  
District 6970





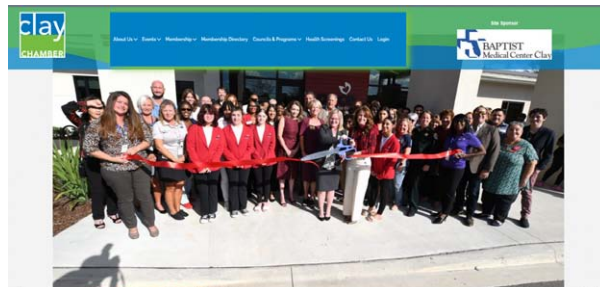
Click here for up-to-date information: <https://rotarydistrict6970.org/>

## THIS WEEK AT THE CLAY CHAMBER

As the club is a member of the Clay Chamber, we want to encourage you to enjoy the benefits of our membership by attending some of their functions. Remember to indicate that you are a member of Rotary Club Orange Park Sunrise when you register.

Click the calendar link for a complete list of events.

<https://business.claychamber.com/events>



## NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT: WASTE NOTE-WANT NOT

This year, Waste Not Want Not is celebrating 35 years of fighting hunger and poverty in our community. To commemorate this significant milestone, they will be holding several fundraising events throughout the year. For a full list of events please visit: <https://wastenotflorida.org/help-fight-hunger/fundraisers/>

Their next event is their Spring Yard Sale featuring new and gently used products. The sale will be held on:

April 4, 2025 - 8am -7pm

April 5, 2025 - 8am -1pm

at:

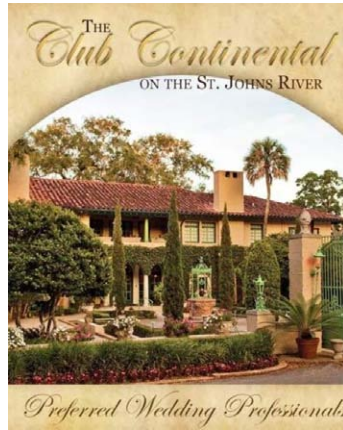
Challenge Enterprises Plaza, 500 Kingsley Avenue in Orange Park.

This indoor yard sale is a great way to spend your tax refund while supporting Waste Not's mission!! All proceeds from the sale will ensure Waste Not is able to continue to rescue food to fight hunger.





## CLUB CONTINENTAL



### "Spread The Word"

The Club Continental is now offering **25% off weddings and receptions** (Friday, Saturdays & Sundays) for dates between **January 2025 – Sept. 2025!!!**

Hurry as **dates are limited** and on a first-come, first-served basis! For those planning a more intimate affair, we also offer **micro-weddings and elopement packages** offered mid-week and booked within **4 months of the date!**

**Reservations are required** and we will require credentials. You can reach the club at (904) 264-6070 to make reservations.

**Come, be a part of our history!!!**