



Mandarin Newsletter

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The Friendliest Club in District 6970



Welcome to the Rotary Club of Mandarin

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.



Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. [More info.....](#)

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to: Become connected to your community. Work with others in addressing community needs. Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts. [More info.....](#)

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December 11

Wilson L. Smith

December 19

John P. Hart

December 30

Joseph P. Vickers

January 04

Harlan K. Eaton

January 07

Elizabeth D. Shaw

January 10

Events

[Meeting - Speaker Rear Admiral Rick Williamson, COMNAVBASE](#)

December 03

[Meeting - Speaker Brad Johnson - Headmaster The Bolles School](#)

Dec 17 Christmas Party Breakfast Meeting

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-11

Only 20 people signed up for the Christmas meeting. It is important that Santa and Fred get an accurate headcount on who will be there and how many children and guests will be in attendance. **Please RSVP Fred at mfgc@comcast.net or text or call him at 864-8557.** Let him know of any guests or children you will be bringing. There is no charge for guests or children at this traditional Mandarin Rotary Event, but we need an accurate headcount of people to make sure there enough gifts for the Children.

Speaker Bio

Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle and simply "Santa", is a fantasy figure with legendary, mythical, historical and folkloric origins who, in many western cultures, is said to bring gifts to the homes of the good children on the night before Christmas, December 24.

Santa Claus is generally depicted as a portly, joyous, white-bearded man—sometimes with spectacles—wearing a red coat with white collar and cuffs, white-cuffed red trousers, and black leather belt and boots and carries a bag full of gifts for children. Images of him rarely have a beard with no moustache.

According to a tradition which can be traced to the 1820s, Santa Claus lives at the North Pole, with a large number of magical elves, and nine (originally eight) flying reindeer. Since the 20th century, in an idea popularized by the 1934 song "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town", Santa Claus has been believed to make a list of children throughout the world, categorizing them according to their behavior ("naughty" or "nice") and to deliver presents, including toys, and candy to all of the well-behaved children in the world, and sometimes coal to the naughty children, on the single night of Christmas Eve. He accomplishes this feat with the aid of the elves who make the toys in the workshop and the reindeer who pull his sleigh.

Santa's main distribution center is a sight to behold. At 4,000,000 square feet (370,000 m²), it's one of the world's largest facilities. A real-time warehouse management system (WMS) is of course required to run such a complex. The facility makes extensive use of task interleaving, literally combining dozens of DC activities (putaway, replenishing, order picking, sleigh loading, cycle counting) in a dynamic queue...the DC elves have been on engineered standards and incentives for three years, leading to a 12% gain in productivity...The WMS and transportation system are fully integrated, allowing (the elves) to make optimal decisions that balance transportation and order picking and other DC costs. Unbeknownst to many, Santa actually has to use many sleighs and fake Santa drivers to get the job done Christmas Eve, and the transportation management system (TMS) optimally builds thousands of consolidated sacks that maximize cube utilization and minimize total air miles.

Dec 14 Clark School for Hearing and Speech

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-06

15th annual Silver Bell party for the Clarke School for Speech and Hearing.

Dec 14th from 5 to 10 pm.

12882 Mead Landing Ct Jacksonville FL 32223

RSVP Ray at Dawg1967@bellsouth.net

All proceeds go to the school.

Max's Kids Christmas Party

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-11

MAX'S "KID'S" CHRISTMAS PARTY

Its Christmas time and the elves have been busy!
They've decorated so much they are all getting dizzy!
They have worked very hard from morning 'til night
You must come and see- it is really quite a sight
Come eat the treats, as much as you wish,
But, feel free to contribute your own special dish!

Friday, December 13, 2013
From 6:00 - 9:30

Santa arrives at 7:00 to take requests from our little friends
So please bring your cameras to capture their grins!

***Bring a covered dish...a Camera...and the KIDS!**
(Desserts, drinks and "Adult Beverages" provided)

9947 Blakeford Mill Road
RSVP - 363-1234

Or fsumax@bellsouth.net

Merry Christmas **Ho!-Ho!-Ho!** **Max Zahn...and his ELVES**

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-01

DATE:	GREETER:	GREETER:	INTRODUCTION:	INVOCATION:	RAFFLE:
12/17/13	Bill Gowen	Ed Grey	Paul Hardaker	Major Harding	John Hart
12/24/13	NO MEETING: CHRISTMAS				
12/31/13	NO MEETING: NEW YEARS				
01/07/14	John James	Al Kalter	Rose Marie Preddy	Ken McCauley	Scott Mitchell
01/14/14	Ladson Montgomery	Mark Mouro	Mark O'Connor	Daniel Locke	Bill O'Leary
01/21/14	Chris Phillips	Fred Pozin	Dennis Lafer	Ricardo Quinones	Brian Register
01/28/14	OFFSITE: MANDARIN COMMUNITY CLUB				
02/04/14	Jim Register	George Robbins	Gale Ruskosky	Liz Shaw	Wilson Smith
02/11/14	Gary Sneddon	Jerry Snider	Rita Story	Michael Sullivan	Ryan Tiedeberg
02/18/14	Gordon Vines	Bill Walker	Ed Washington	Steve Wetherell	Jim White
02/25/14	Gary Williams	John Williams	Ray Wolford	Max Zahn	Dale Zimmerman

It is the responsibility of the person assigned that week to find a replacement if unable to attend the Tuesday breakfast meeting.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-20

What:

Mandarin Rotary

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 2013

Where:

Mandarin Oaks **Publix** - San Jose Blvd @ Mandarin Road

When/Who:

Saturday Dec 14

Time	Name	Cell Phone #	
10a-12n	Max Zahn Mark O'Conner Ken McCauley	716-5637 334-6749 564-7028	fsumax@bellsouth.net markoconnor@bellsouth.net eisconstruction@att.net
12n-2pm	Jim Johns Chris Phillips Harlan Eaton	338-2042	Johns@SolidRockEngineering.com cphillipsjax@gmail.com n/a
2pm-4pm	Sam Folds Jim Akers		sam@samfolds.com spoci@bellsouth.net
4pm-6pm	Gary Williams Nancy Babineaux	338-6354	garyw@trustwellfa.com nanbab45@att.net
6pm-8pm	Gary Stasco Joe Vickers	352-224-8855 554-6004	gary.stasco@scouting.org vickers@tutoringbvcity.com

How to Sign-up:

e-mail: jock@iphart.com with requested date & time

Call: 904.612.4613 – Cell Jock Hart

Fax: 904.292.2665 – print, insert name in desired time-slot, fax

We only have two dates to help the Salvation Army.

Mandarin Rotary raised \$1,500 last year for this campaign.

Help us match that this year!

Final confo:

Thanks for volunteering for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign this year.

The Attachments have details provided by the S.A. Other tips from your fellow Rotary members:

- Check with the Publix service desk for questions. Read **Responsibilities** attached.
- Buy & pass-out small candy canes from the store to pass out to children
- OK to bring a chair, but stand and say **Merry Christmas-** and don't forget that big **THANK YOU!**
- Wear Holiday clothing and/or hats
- Bring better bells to ring, perhaps a small CD player with Christmas music?
- Involve the family! Kids, grandkids, spouse, can help, even for 30-minutes or so
- Check the weather. If cold, dress to stay warm
- We only got cell phone number from a couple. Please update your cell phone number via email to the Rotarian before and after you.

Minutarian Wisdom From District Governor Art

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-06

Week 24. Rotary Minute

Rotarians of 6970,

It's official, Marshall Butler is the new District

Governor Nominee Designate, and will serve as 6970 Governor the Rotary year of 2016-17. Please join me in congratulating Marshall and all the nominees that interviewed. We thank them for their commitment to Rotary and service beyond the club. You'll be hearing much more about Marshall in the near future.

The auction of two owner's suite tickets to the JAGS game December 15th is complete, and closed. Congratulations to Don Blackburn, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. Don's \$2,000 bid, along with the accompanying Gates Foundation Match means 10,000 children will be immunized from polio. Thanks to all those that submitted bids. I hope to see a bunch of Rotarians on Sunday, December 15th, JAGS versus the Bills.

Remember, we can all make a difference, give to polio and help wipe out this disease.

Thanks so much,

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

District Governor Art

Dec 10 Brad Johnson Headmaster Bolles

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-06

Brad Johnson has been a lawyer for 26 years. He was also the play by play announcer for Bolles Football. Brad's wife calls him Pumpkin. That is the type of inside information you can only get in the Mandarin newsletter.

The Bolles School works to develop young people to their full potential. Bolles has developed a National reputation and have students who went on to earn awards such as the Pulitzer Prize, Emmys and Rhode Scholars to name a few. Athletes such as Chipper Jones have also come from Bolles. Brad then went on to say that Bolles "sweet spot" is just the typical normal kid.

The 5 rules that Bolles emphasizes are as follows:

Be Safe

Use Good Judgement

Pay Attention to Details

Show Up

Try Hard

Brad gave the Club a great story about a phone conversation he had with Herb Peyton.

Brad also told the group that the success of Bolles is not because of the buildings and facilities, but it is because they have the best faculty and staff in America.

He elaborated on the Arts Program and talked about how the "Annie" production was completely sold out. He said the program was better than Broadway.

He talked about the many sports championships that Bolles has achieved. He finished by saying the greatest sports accomplishments were not necessarily the championships. He gave some stories about the girls cross country team and boys swimming team in which they did not come in first, but the students exhibited great sportsmanship through their actions.

Party at Max's House

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-20

It's that time again.....Time for the Mandarin Rotary's "Family Holiday Party"

Friday December 20, 2013 6:00-10:00pm

Dress is Christmas Casual

Location:

Max Zahn's House

9947 Blakeford Mill Road

Jacksonville FL 32256

RSVP: 363-1234 fsumax@bellsouth.net

December 20 Food Bank

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-10

Food will be distributed at the Food Bank on December 20. We need volunteers for three shifts. From 7-9, 9-11 and 11-1.

The address is 11730 Old St Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Hiring Military Veterans

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-12-10

Mr. Stasco,

Thank you for your interest in service members who are transitioning from the military to the local civilian business community. I assure you, our transitioning service members exhibit an excellent work ethic and will add value to any business.

The best way to hire transitioning service members is to contact the Transition Assistance Program/Goals, Plans, and Success (TAP/GPS) administrators who work as part of the Tri-site Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

The Points of contact are:

Mr. Rich Brown, NAS Jacksonville FFSC, 904-542-5711, richard.brown2@navy.mil

Art Gore, NS Mayport FFSC, 904-270-6600 x1606, arthur.gore.ctr@navy.mil

Felipe Gonzales, NSB Kings Bay, 912-573-9800, felipe.gonzales@navy.mil

For the local Jacksonville Tri-Base area, which includes Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the number of Sailors attending TAP GPS in the Tri-Base area for FY 13 was approximately 4,600 total personnel (2,154 at NAS JAX, 1,302 at NS Mayport, and 1,147 at NSB Kings Bay). The normal percentage of transitioning Navy service members remaining in the Tri-Base area is about 60%, therefore the estimate for Navy transitioning service members who entered the local area workforce in FY13 was estimated to be about 2,700 personnel.

Again, thank you for your interest in our transitioning service members, and thank you very much for the opportunity to speak with the Rotary Club of Mandarin.

All the Best,
RDML Rick Williamson, USN
Commander, Navy Region Southeast
Box 102
NAS Jacksonville, FL 32212-0102
(904) 542-2324

The Card

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-15

25 Cards left in the deck and \$666 in Pot. We are looking for the 3 of Spades.

Max's Corner

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-10-27



It's All About Attitude

Mustang Johnny is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, 'If I were any better, I would be twins. He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, John was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and asked him, 'I don't get it!' 'You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?' He replied, 'Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or...you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.'

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or...I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life..

'Yeah, right, it's not that easy,' I protested.

'Yes, it is,' he said. 'Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life.'

I reflected on what he said.. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw him about six months after the accident.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, 'If I were any better, I'd be twins...Wanna see my scars?'

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

'The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter,' he replied. 'Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or....I could choose to die. I chose to live.'

'Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?' I asked.

He continued, '...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action.'

'What did you do?' I asked.

'Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me,' said John. 'She asked if I was allergic to anything 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity.'

Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live.. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude....I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'
