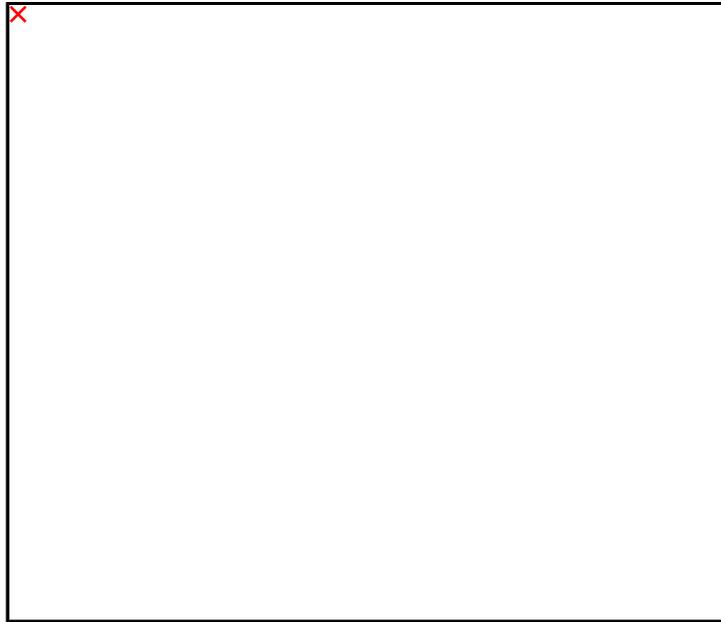


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By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-06



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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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## Club Leaders

**Stephen F. Lazar**

President

**Rita F. Story**

President-Elect

**Ryan Tiedeberg**

Vice President

**Nancy A Babineaux**

Secretary-Elect

**Darrell Edward Boyles**

Attendance Secretary, Recording Secretary, Secretary

**Fred Schramm**

Treasurer

## Birthdays

**Rita F. Story**

November 20

**Charles H. Denny, IV IV**

November 24

**Ricardo E. Quinones**

November 25

**William B. Walker Jr.**

November 26

**Gale A. Ruskosky**

December 07

**Dorrie R. Felder**

December 10

**Sam J. Folds**

December 11

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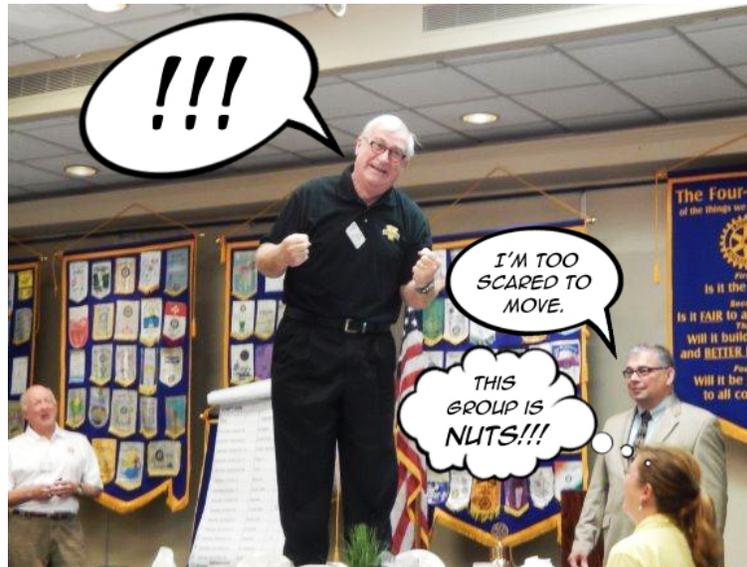
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November 19

## Football Report

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-14



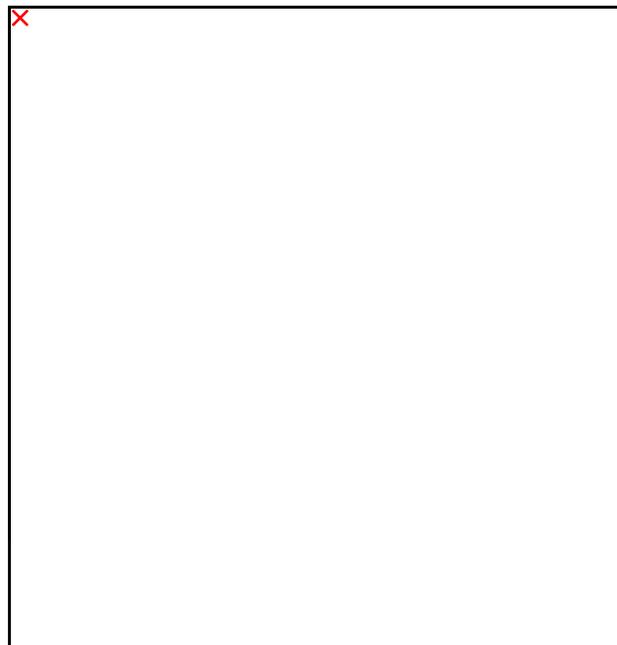
The football report started with an exciting opening at the last meeting. The first team report was delivered on Vanderbilt by Jim Akers. Rather than just stand and report how Vanderbilt beat up on the Gators at their home field; Jim felt compelled to first stand on his chair and then jump on the table.

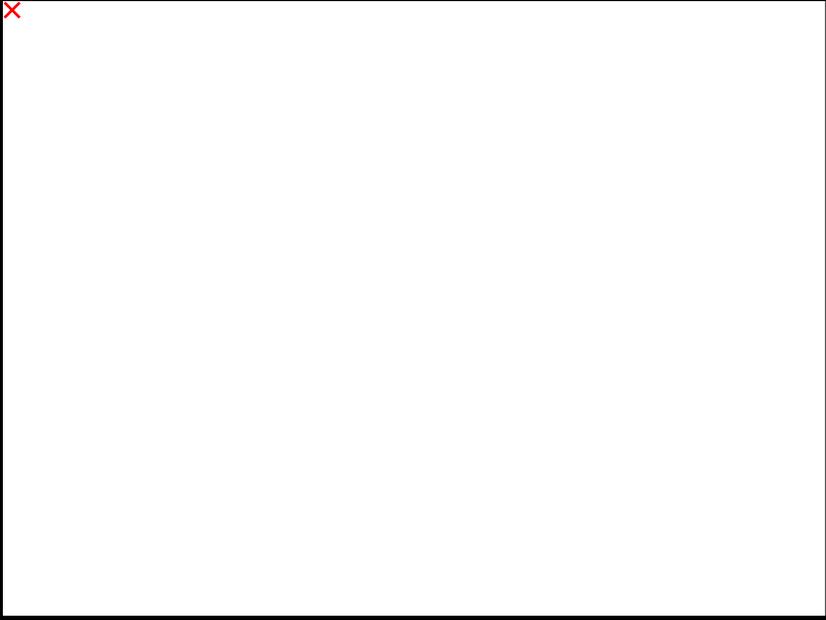
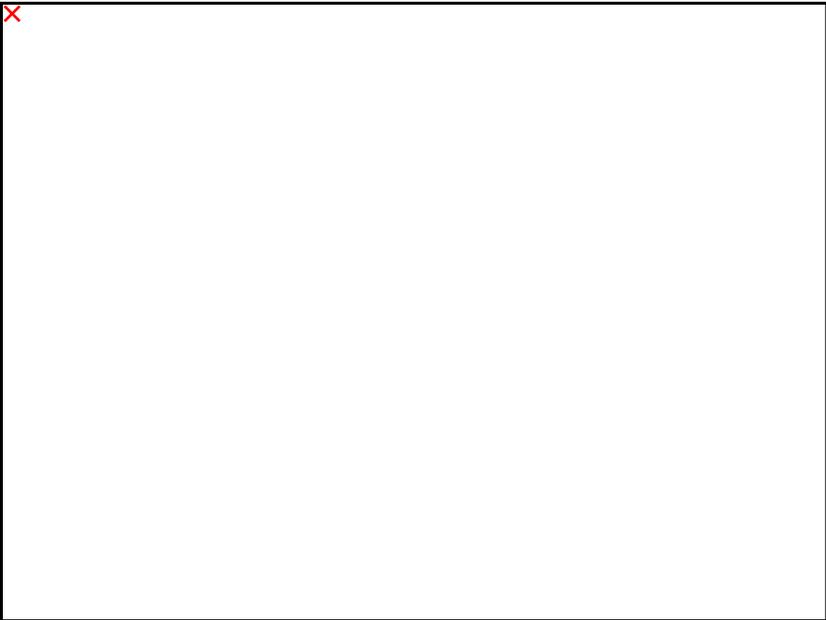
For the first time in a long time, Steve and Max were actually speechless. If anyone was sleepy that morning, Jim definitely woke them up. Although the speaker talks to numerous Clubs, I am sure she will remember our group for a long time. Priceless and very funny. Great report Jim.

## Service Project Wheelchair Ramp Nov 9

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-06





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The Club completed a Service project for Hart Felt Ministries on Saturday November 9th. We did some general yard clean up, planting some flowers, and constructing two small wheelchair ramps.

We helped Ann Waggett who is a 67 year old who lives alone. She suffers with severe side effects of diabetes (sight and neuropathy) and heart disease. According to the paperwork she completed, she needed "ramps at her front door, end of driveway, into porch.

Special Thanks go to the Rotarians who participated in this project. Louis & Jill Dunbar, Major Harding, Ed Grey. Jimmy Johns and Bill Gowen who worked hard this Saturday to make a big difference for a Lady in need. Rita Story also came out to support the project. This project helped Ann to be able to stay in her home.

Major will be announcing shortly the date and time for the next project.

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## Thank You Letter from Hart Felt Ministries for ramp project

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-11

Major, I just want to extend a HUGE thank you to the group from Rotary Club – Mandarin for the compassion you all showed Ann Waggett on Saturday. The forethought you put into how to meet her mobility needs reflected putting yourself into her shoes and seeing the need from her perspective. It was obvious that your team members knew exactly what to do to accomplish the work Saturday as well as some additional things that could easily be done to make Ann's home more user-friendly for her. The time I spent with Rita and Mrs. Waggett and her daughter Hope was so touching. Rita took the time to really listen to Ann's spoken and unspoken needs. Ann's grief over the sudden death of her husband is still very fresh, and she was greatly encouraged by the love shown to her by your team. It is a true honor to serve in His Yoke with you. I thank God for connecting us and look forward to working with Rotary Club – Mandarin again soon.

God bless you ALL!!!

Jane

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## Minutarian Wisdom From District Governor Art

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-06

Week 20. Rotary Minute

Rotarians of 6970,

Rotarian Nonie Larson of the Fleming Island Club, and

all the clubs of Clay County have been raising funds this year in a unique way. Participating area restaurants have been willing to share an evening of dining, giving back a percentage of the revenue to the clubs to fight polio. The past few months have generated \$800 in proceeds. Want to enjoy some food, fellowship and fun? Manny's Bistro on November 25th is the next opportunity. For more information, reach out to any of the Fleming Island Club members.

Congrats to the Rotary Club of New Smyrna Beach as they participated in the 'World's Biggest Commercial', in honor of World Polio Day.

The St. Augustine club recently held their annual fellowship event at the St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club. Deland Rotary, had their first ever Glamour and Gore fundraiser and yes, there were costumes. Gainesville Sunrise took over a local restaurant, did the cooking which was very tasty, and raised some club funds for local causes. I can personally attest to all three being great successes. Once again: food, fellowship and fun.

Thanks so much,  
Engage Rotary, Change Lives

Have a wonderful week!

District Governor Art

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## Gator Bowl Tickets

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-15

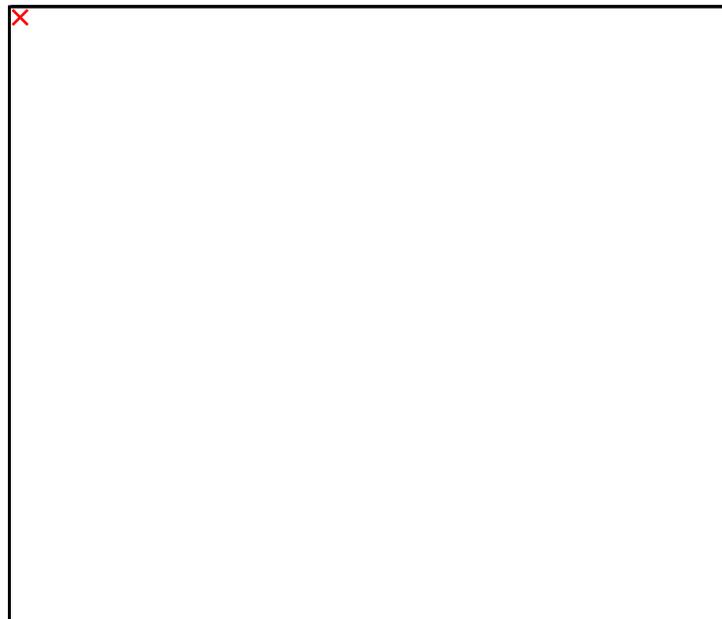
Anyone who needs Gator Bowl Tickets should purchase them through RoseMarie. For every \$60 ticket sold in November, the Gator Bowl will give \$20 to the Club. RoseMarie can be reached at [rpreddy@preddy.com](mailto:rpreddy@preddy.com).

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## November 19 Meeting Jason Altmire Florida Blue

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-12

With Obamacare now implemented, this will be a very informative meeting to bring our Club up to date on the latest news. Make sure you bring any guests who want to know about the new law.

### **Jason Altmire**

Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Community Engagement

Jason Altmire is Florida Blue's senior vice president, Public Policy and Community Engagement. In this role he is responsible for leading and managing Florida Blue's Government and Community Affairs organization, which also includes oversight of the Florida Blue Foundation and the Florida Blue Center for Health Policy. Altmire is a key spokesperson for the company's health care policy efforts and corporate social responsibility programs.

Prior to joining Florida Blue in 2013, Altmire served three terms as a United States Congressman in Washington, D.C. A nationally recognized leader on health care policy, he has been profiled in Time Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post and USA Today, and has been a frequent guest on a wide range of national television news programs.

Before being elected to Congress, he spent his career in the health care industry. He led the department of government relations and community health at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and before that worked at the Federation of American Hospitals in Washington, D.C. He has also been an adjunct professor at

George Washington University, focusing on politics and policy.

He is an active member of the community and has served on the boards of several non-profit and civic organizations, including his current leadership positions with the Jacksonville University Public Policy Institute, the United Way of North Florida Public Policy Committee and the Florida Forum Advisory Council.

Jason Altmire holds a master's degree in Health Administration from George Washington University and a bachelor of science degree in Political Science from Florida State University

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## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-01

DATE:	GREETER:	GREETER:	INTRODUCTION:	INVOCATION:	RAFFLE:
11/19/13	Jim Barker	Fred Barnett	Daniel Locke	Jeffrey Chefan	Greg Clary
11/26/13	NO MEETING THANKSGIVING				
12/03/13	Robert Coble	Lad Daniels	Charles Denny	Louis Dunbar	Daniel Locke
12/10/13	John Edgcombe	Jeff Edwards	Dorrie Felder	Sam Folds	Steve Gallagher
Dec-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	Dennis Lafer	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	Rose Marie Preddy	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.

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## Mandarin Community Center Open House

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-02

The Mandarin Community Club will hold an **Open House on Sunday, November 17 from Noon to 4 p.m.** as part of its 90th Anniversary Celebration. Historic information and artifacts of the Club and the Mandarin community will be on display.

Refreshments will be served including a special anniversary cake (cutting set for 2 p.m.). Members of the Mandarin Museum and Historic Society will be on hand to offer tours of the Old Post Office and General Store and the Ancient Oaks Arts and Farmers Market will be open that afternoon as well. By special arrangement, several antique cars will be displayed on the MCC grounds.

Anyone with photos, news articles or stories relating to the Club or the Mandarin community over the past 90 years is encouraged to bring them and add to the historical displays.

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## North Florida vs Webber International

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-10-27

Rotary Members get a special rate of \$4 for the Men's Basketball Game at UNF arena on November 21 at 7pm. See the UNF Ospreys take on the Webber International Warriors at discounted rate.

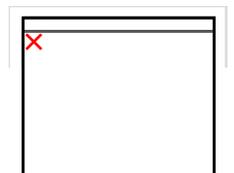
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## Mandarin Food bank

By James R. White

2013-11-05

The Rotary Club of Mandarin will once again be assisting the Mandarin Food Bank in distributing complete Thanksgiving Meals for our neighbors in need. Please join us in one





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And People Ask Me Why I Like Retirement...

