



# Mandarin Newsletter

<http://www.rotary6970.org/>

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....](#)

### Inside This Issue

[Welcome to the Rotary Club of Mandarin](#)

Published on October 27, 2013

[Upcoming Meeting Assignments](#)

Published on November 01, 2013

[October 28 Meeting](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[November 4 Meeting Bud Para](#)

[JEA](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Light the Night November 6](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Parent Help Center Function on](#)

[November 8](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Rotary Social Sunday Nov 23 at](#)

[Latitude 30](#)

Published on October 19, 2014

[Mandarin Food Bank November](#)

[24](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Max's Christmas Party Friday](#)

[Night Dec 12](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Minutarian](#)

Published on November 02, 2014

[Rotary Directory](#)

Published on June 01, 2014

[Membership Activity](#)

Published on March 01, 2014

[The Card](#)

Published on November 15, 2013

[Max's Corner](#)

Published on October 27, 2013

### Club Leaders

**Rita F. Story**

President

**Ryan Tiedeberg**

President-Elect

**Ladson F. Montgomery**

Vice President

**Darrell Edward Boyles**

Attendance Secretary, Recording

Secretary, Secretary

**Nancy A Babineaux**

Foundation Chair

**John P. Hart**

Treasurer

**Brian J. Register**

Membership Chair

### Birthdays

**Stephen F. Lazar**

November 10

**Rita F. Story**

November 20

**Charles H. Denny, IV IV**

November 24

**Ricardo E. Quinones**

November 25

**William B. Walker Jr.**

November 26

**Nina M. Howell**

November 30

**Christopher L. Phillips**

November 30

## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-01

|          | GREETER:        | GREETER:        | INTRODUCTION:     | INVOCATION:       | RAFFLE:          |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 11/04/14 | Greg Clary      | Lee Curtis      | Lad Daniels       | Ken McCauley      | Chuck Denny      |
| 11/11/14 | Louis Dunbar    | Harlan Eaton    | Craig Fertenbaugh | Fred Pozin        | Jeff Edwards     |
| 11/18/14 | Rosann Faull    | Dorrie Felder   | John Edgcombe     | Ladsen Montgomery | Anthony Fiano    |
| 11/25/14 | Sam Folds       | Steve Gallagher | Ed Grey           | Mark Mauro        | Paul Hardaker    |
| 12/02/14 | Major Harding   | Jock Hart       | Nina Howell       | Mark O'Conner     | James Johns      |
| 12/09/14 | Chris Phillips  | Fred Pozin      | Rose Marie Preddy | Bob Askren        | Ricardo Quinones |
| 12/16/14 | Brian Register  | Scott Richburg  | George Robbins    | Chris Phillips    | Liz Shaw         |
| 12/23/14 | Christmas Party | Christmas Party | Christmas Party   | Christmas Party   | Christmas Party  |
| 12/30/14 | Christmas break | Christmas break | Christmas break   | Christmas break   | Christmas break  |
| 01/06/15 | Gale Ruskusky   | Jim Register    | Fred Schramm      | Fred Pozin        | Wilson Smith     |
| 01/13/15 | Gary Sneddon    | Jerry Snider    | Gary Stasco       | Rose Marie Preddy | Michael Sullivan |
| 01/20/15 | Dale Zimmerman  | Ryan Tiedeberg  | Robin Tuck        | Ricardo Quinones  | Ray Wolford      |
| 01/27/15 | Dale Zimmerman  | Jim Akers       | Ken Allen         | Al Kalter         | Rob Asken        |
| 02/03/15 | Nancy Babineaux | Jim Barker      | Fred Barnett      | Dennis Lafer      | Kevin Carlton    |

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

## October 28 Meeting

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

We had Josh and Ben Dvorak with their father Rob Dvorak as special guests at the meeting. Josh and Ben have applied to be our outbound exchange students in the upcoming year. One wants to go to Germany and the other wants to go to Russia. They both spoke to club and expressed their excitement and appreciation for the opportunity.



## Events

[Bud Para - JEA](#)

November 04

[Admiral Tom Watson](#)

November 11

[Bill Gulliford - City Council](#)

November 25

As we have had at all of the Fall meetings, we had the enlightening and entertaining football report from Max and Ray. It is only at the morning Mandarin Rotary meetings that you can get inside information about all the college football games from knowledgeable alumni.

We also had a wonderful Craft Talk from Darrell Boyles. He has been married to his wife for 26 years and they met at UF. Darrell's father was a naval officer so he moved a lot while growing up. He even spent time in the Phillipines. Some things you may not know about Darrell is that he is a black belt in Karate and was a long haired surfer dude in his younger days. It was great for the Club to learn a little more about one of our long standing members.

He never mentioned it in his craft talk, but the Secretary position requires a lot of work each week. In fact, the previous Secretary was a paid position because of the amount work involved. However, when Darrell took the position, he has not accepted any pay and the money that Club has been saving has been able to go to local charities to help support their cause. While the work of the Secretary is not very visible or high profile, it is extremely important to the smooth running of the club. Let's make sure we all thank Darrell for the large amount of selfless work he does weekly to keep the Club functioning smoothly

---

## November 4 Meeting Bud Para JEA

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

Mr. Bud Para has been the Chief Public Affairs Officer at JEA since 2011. Mr. Para joined JEA in 1980 as an Engineer in system planning and was promoted to Division Chief in 1986, Director of St. Johns River Power Park fuels management in 1995 and Director of legislative affairs in 2002. He serves on the Florida Municipal Electric Association Board of Directors and represents JEA on the American Public Power Association and the Large Public Power Council, where he chairs the government relations task force. He is a registered professional engineer in Florida. Mr. Para earned his Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his Master of Business Administration from the University of North Florida.

---

## Light the Night November 6

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

---

## Parent Help Center Function on November 8

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

The Parent Help Center which is an organization that the Club supported last year is having the following function on November 8 and our Club members are invited.

Camp Reward Is next Saturday in Jacksonville Fl. It's all free and it's a fun day for families. It's on a farm with hay rides, farm animals, and beautiful fall flowers. The weather is just right for everyone. The Sheriff and the things he fights crime with will be on display. The Jacksonville Fire Fighters will be present with a fire engine to show off, and to do all the cooking. The United States Marines will be there and many other organizations that believe in families. We already have families coming from North Caroline and South Florida, please come. We do this for our parents and their families. We like to show our families and their success off.

15251 Yellow Bluff Rd 32226 10am-2pm.

---

## Rotary Social Sunday Nov 23 at Latitude 30

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-10-19

**"It's a WONDERFUL Life" on the Big Screen ....Rotary Family Social...Sunday, November 23rd at Latitude 30 on Phillips Hwy. Social Time is 5 PM...movie starts at 6 PM. (About 2 hours long). Price is \$15 per person. You can buy your own food and drinks and eat as you watch the movie and even order more during the movie. Please bring canned or boxed food for the Mandarin Food Bank as their shelves are bare and Thanksgiving is the next week. Maximum is 75 attendees...so sign up quickly. Rotary can bill you but remember if you do sign up, you will need to pay even if you do not attend. You can sign up by emailing Max at [fsumax@bellsouth.net](mailto:fsumax@bellsouth.net)**

We are not opening this to the general public until we get a count of Rotarian members and their families attending. So, act quickly to reserve your seats.

---

## Mandarin Food Bank November 24

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

---

## Max's Christmas Party Friday Night Dec 12

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

---

## Minutarian

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-11-02

### Week 18. Rotary Minute for week beginning November 3, 2014.

On Monday of this week I complete my District Governor club visits. It has been an exhilarating and remarkable experience. The diversity of our clubs in District 6970 is amazingly refreshing. And that is greatly appreciated by this District Governor after making visits to 60 different Rotary Clubs! Each club has its own culture and character – from traditional to very casual – from breakfast to lunch to hors d'oeuvres to dinner. And though quite diverse, all of our clubs share Rotary's common purpose: Joining business and professional leaders; exchanging ideas; and taking action to serve our communities and to do good in the world.

I know it's not for everyone, but I wish each Rotarian could make the rounds to visit every club in our District. You'd see what incredible acts of kindness and service take place through the good works of the Rotarians in our clubs. You would know with absolute certainty that you are part of one of the greatest service organizations the world has ever seen. And you'd be darn proud to be a Rotarian in District 6970.

I want to take this time to thank all of you for serving – you're an amazing group of people. Through your efforts I know we will continue to Light Up Rotary in a big, bold and beautiful way!

#### Event Reminders:

**November 15 and 16:** We need volunteers to help conduct interviews for the outbound applicants in our Rotary Youth Exchange program. We will be interviewing over 60 applicants to fill 20 slots. So a lot of help will be needed. Please pitch-in to make sure that we select the best representatives from our District to spend the 2015-2016 school year studying abroad. Go to our District website to find out how you can sign-up to help for a half-day, whole day or both days. It's a very rewarding experience.

**May 8-10:** Save the dates as we combine our annual District Conference and District Assembly into one big event. See attached flyer.

For more on these events please go to [www.rotary6970.org](http://www.rotary6970.org) on the home page under the District Events column.

Yours in service to Rotary,

Percy

District Governor 2014-2015

Rotary International District 6970

---

## Rotary Directory

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-06-01

Lee Curtis has offered to put together a directory for Mandarin Rotary with everybody's picture. We need 100% participation if we are going to make this work. Please send your picture to Lee at [lee@minutemanjax.com](mailto:lee@minutemanjax.com). Everyone should also check their information on the website and also make sure they upload their picture to the website as well.

---

## Membership Activity

By Joseph P. Vickers

2014-03-01

2014-01-08

SECOND WEEK RUNNING: The following new member has been proposed to the Board. By the Board's affirmative action, their name is being published in the bulletin.

Name: Jason Fischer

Category: Environmental Engineering

Sponsors: Ryan Tiedeberg and Fel Lee

If any member has an objection or comment regarding this membership in the club, please direct it in written form to our president, Rita Story.

---

---

## The Card

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-11-15

We have 19 Cards in the deck and we are looking for the 7 of Clubs. The jackpot is now \$738.

---

---

## Max's Corner

By Joseph P. Vickers

2013-10-27

### BAD Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.



Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.



For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out



onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "**May I ask what the turkey did?**"

And you thought there were no clean jokes left!

---