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# The Villages–Noon Roclarion

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## Presidents Message

Rotarians, as we approach the half-way mark of our Rotary year, I have been astonished with how active our club has been in 2017. We continue to press forward to reaching our goals for the year and are well on our way to receiving the Rotary International Presidential Citation for our club. This means that we have aligned our goals and activities with those of RI President Ian Riseley. One of the things I am most proud of this year is all the new members we have recruited. That means our club is growing and gaining more hands, hearts and minds to do good deeds in our community. Our new fundraiser, Carols by Candlelight is scheduled for this week. As you know there is a Rotary night on Weds Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by 6 public shows. I am forever grateful to all those who have put in hours of work to ensure that this event is a stunning success. Special thanks to Alex Santoriello for putting together this remarkable show for our club to benefit Rotary Youth Services and Camp Boggy Creek.

The heart of our club is the work that is done by each of our committees. This year our club is sending 10 High School students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp. We are also planning on giving out thousands of dollars in scholarship to high school students to make it possible for them to afford college. We have raised awareness and significant funds for Polio Plus with our World Polio Day Events. We have also sponsored and assisted with the Habitat for Humanity Veterans Village, and are planning additional service projects in 2018. I know that we have to find a way to stop the recent spike in teenage suicides in South Lake County. Our President Elect Ray Levy has a tremendous heart and vision for this cause with his newly founded organization Make a Difference USA. Stay tuned as we intend to put together a club service project to take action to bring awareness to this cause. Finally we have launched a Rotaract Club at Lake Sumter State College. We will need your help to mentor these students. I invite you to join one of these Rotaract Club meetings weekly on Thursdays at 330pm at Lake Sumter Student Center room 108. If you are not involved in a committee, I urge you to find what you are passionate about and get involved. Don't be a "RINO" or Rotarian in Name Only. Let's put our Service Above Self Motto into Action!

Best,

Donny P. Abraham, RN, MBA, FACHE

Rotary Club of The Villages- Noon | President 2017-18

### Officers & Directors

#### President

**Donny Abraham**

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# Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah

From The First Family



## The Four Way Test

Of the things

We think say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
5. Will it be FUN?

### Make Up Opportunities:

Wildwood—Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Lake Miona Golf Club

Villages Morning-Thursday 7:00 AM

La Hacienda Recreation Center

Bellview Rotary — Fridays 7:30 AM

Jitter café– Summerfield

Leesburg Rotary—Wednesday 12:15

Leesburg Community Center

Villages Evening — 5PM

Lake Miona Recreation Center

E-Clubs login and follow instructions:

[www.rotaryclub34.org](http://www.rotaryclub34.org)

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

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

Visit your Web Site:

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

## December Programs

12/19 Dr. Laowansiri, Medical Director, The Villages Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center

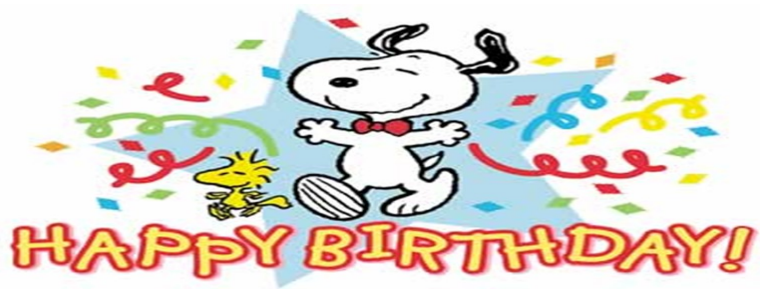
**12/26 No Meeting**

Attendance:

Regular Members: 26

Visitors : 11

Total: 39



## December Birthdays

12-4 Judy Richards

12-8 Linda Goldsmith

12-9 Pat Agnew

12-15 Jerry Brillante

12-16 Michael Saul

12-16 Freddie Belton

12-28 Lucille Brillante

12-30 Alex Santoreiello

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

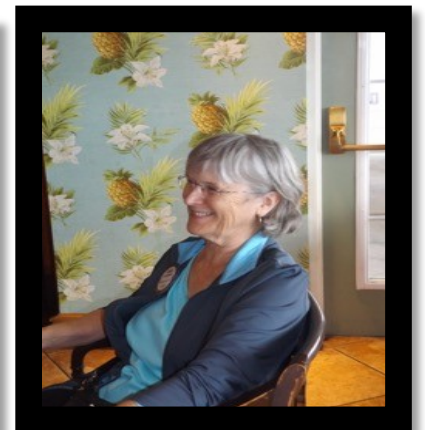
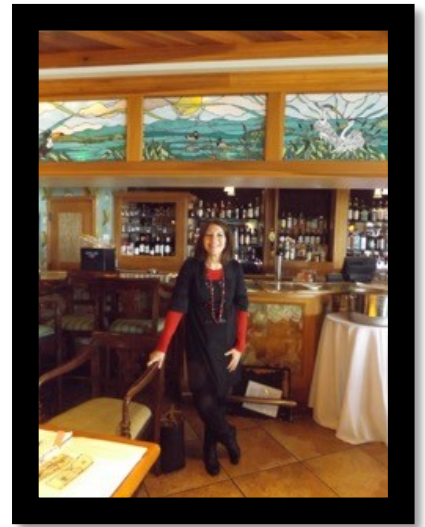
Together, we are setting in motion our global effort to help the world better understand who we are: people of action, driven by a desire to strengthen communities, mobilize problem solvers, and find solutions to the tough challenges that affect people around the world.

Starting now, you can visit the [Brand Center](#) to download new People of Action templates for social media posts and print ads. You can also download the video public service announcements that debuted at the Atlanta convention, as well as guidelines and tips on using the campaign. Use all of these to tell your own stories about how your club and district are taking action and bringing leaders together to make an impact in your community.

We are very proud of this new campaign and the opportunity it gives us to tell a consistent, compelling story about what makes Rotarians people of action. In the coming months, we'll add more resources to the Brand Center. We hope that you take advantage of these materials, because they'll help you to get the full benefit of the campaign by promoting both your club and Rotary in your community. Join us and bring the People of Action campaign to life by visiting the [Brand Center](#) today. The more we build awareness of Rotary, the easier it will be to make an impact in our communities right across the world.

— Ian Riseley  
President, Rotary International









**Linda Pisani receives her well deserved Christmas “thank you” from the club .**

**Thanks You Linda**



**Christmas Angel Gifts on their way to those who, with out our help would not have a very Merry Christmas**



**Herb London from the Wildwood Masonic Lodge ask if we will help with their Christmas Party for kids**



**Assist. Govenor Mike, tells us about the upcoming National Paralyzed Veterans Olympics, coming to Orlando and ask for our support.**

**The Pot Grows and the cards diminish, so if you want to miss a meeting, go ahead, that gives the rest of us a better chance to win.**

**There are only 43 cards on the table that is all that is left between you and the pot, as Larry Newman draws the wrong card , the Joker is waiting for you to start over again next week.**



**Over \$233.00 up for**





## **The Rotary Club of The Villages honors Lady Lake officers as Community Heroes.**

**President Donny and Mayor Lady Lake /Rotarian Jim Richards, present Lady Lake Police Officers, David Alvarez and Shan Barrett with Community Heroes Award at the “Carols by Candle light” , performance Wednesday night .**

**With close to 200 friends and neighbors there to let them know ,  
we do appreciate them.**



# ***Opening Night for Carols by Candle light***











**50/50 and door prize Chair Bill Tanner with Alex Santoriello Producer and star, with President of The Villages noon , Rotary Donny Abraham. Wait the beginning of the night.**



**50/50 and door prize Chair Bill Tanner along with volunteer Bonnie Ray Cypher pick the winners of the door prizes and raffle.**



## District Upcoming Dates

December 13, 2017

### **January 6 - 13, 2018**

Homestay Program

### **January 13, 2018**

Human Trafficking Workshop – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Rosen College of Hospitality

### **February 24, 2018**

District Grant Seminar for 2018 – 2019

Rosen College of Hospitality

### **February 3, 2018**

Statewide “Rotary Means Business”

### **March 1 – 3, 2018**

PETS2

Doubletree by Hilton at Seaworld in Orlando

### **March 7 – 11, 2018**

RYLA

### **March 24, 2018**

RLI

Rosen College

### **May 3, 2018**

Club Officer Submission Deadline

### **May 11 – 12, 2018**

District Conference and Assembly

Marriott World Center

### **June 16, 2018**

District Awards and Guards Banquet



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**



# 38<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



## WHAT?

Attracting more than 600 athletes each year and 4,000 volunteers, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. A multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological disorders.

## WHEN & WHERE?

**JULY 29 – AUGUST 4, 2018**

All events will take place in the Orlando area.

## WHY?

The Orlando VA Medical Center and Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida Chapter are committed to improving the quality of life for Veterans with physical disabilities and fostering better health through sports and recreation. Over the years, the Games have produced a number of national and world-class champions. However, the event provides the opportunity for newly disabled Veterans to get involved and push further than they thought possible. Typically, one quarter of the competitors are new to the Games.

## OUR EVENTS:

Competitive events at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games include swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, archery, air guns, basketball, boccia, nine ball, softball, quad rugby, bowling, handcycling, trapshooting, wheelchair slalom, power soccer, a motorized wheelchair rally, and track and field. Athletes compete in all events against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience, or age.

**Free. The public is most welcome.**

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

[www.wheelchairgames.org/volunteers](http://www.wheelchairgames.org/volunteers)

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