



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE

Rotodome

September 14, 2022

Join us for Rotary this Wednesday at 12:15 pm (doors open at 11:30 am) in the Alumni Center Ballroom. We are now LIVE STREAMING meetings on Facebook: [click here](#) to go to our page and watch it LIVE at 12:15 pm.

PROGRAM: A Shellfish Aquaculture, Serenoa Shellfish Company- John Harley



This presentation offers insight into the basics of oyster and clam aquaculture. How oysters grow and change. Focused on the day-to-day operations of a working farm, learn how John's farm went from a "what-if-idea" to reality. John will provide a brief perspective of the oyster industry in the panhandle of Florida: an overview of the lease process, various gear, the work needed to get oysters from tiny seed to market size, and the unique charms and challenges of going to work on the water every day. John will cover a brief history of wild harvest, its potential for restoration, and how farmed oysters fit into our local bays' economic and ecological profile. As a bonus, you'll leave knowing how to properly shuck an oyster (if you don't already know!).

BIO

John Harley was born and raised in Tallahassee, FL, and has lived near the Gulf of Mexico most of his life. After more than ten years of working in environmental consulting, he began oyster farming with a friend. John eventually branched into full-time aquaculture, founding [Serenoa Shellfish](#) in 2019. He now has leases in Wakulla County, FL, in Skipper and Oyster Bays, where he grows oysters and clams for restaurant and mail-order markets. John and his partner, Emily, and their two daughters, Ruth (5) and Wren (1), live in Sopchoppy, FL. Follow John and oyster farm life on Instagram [@serenoa_shellfish](#).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 9/21/22 - No Wed. meeting. Centennial Celebration on 9/22/22
- 9/28/22 - Big Bend Homeless - Holly Bernardo
- 10/5/22 - The Strange Universe/Ants - Walter Tschinkel
- 10/12/22 - Governor's Program - Dan Sulgar
- 10/19/22 - The State of FAMU - Pres. Larry Robinson
- 10/26/11 - Duke Energy Battery Power - Danny Collins



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

About a third of the 16 million U.S. caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia report that their own health has gotten worse due to care responsibilities.



INSPIRATION: By Karen Randolph

Today we pray for your guidance to fully imagine Rotary's commitment to service above self. Please help us to see beyond ourselves so we recognize those in need. Help us to lift the burdens of others while we embrace a sense of respect and compassion toward all, especially those who are different from us. Soften our hearts to be sensitive, loving, and generous as we serve together. Broaden our shoulders and brace our backs so that we may carry out our call to service to the best of our ability. Help us to pursue our calling with integrity and humility. We thank you for the many opportunities that Rotary provides so that we may truly serve above self. Amen.





NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Rotary Club of Tallahassee Centennial Celebration Dinner

Get your tickets now for **THE ROTARY CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**.

It will be an evening of fun, friendship, and rich history of The Rotary Club of Tallahassee.

Come and celebrate all that we've accomplished and discover interesting stories from 1922-2022.

DETAILS

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 5:30pm - 9pm

Alumni Center Ballroom

Cost: Free for The Rotary Club of Tallahassee Member + 1 Guest. Each additional guest is \$50. Don't delay! Space is limited!

For **tickets** contact John Harris:

850-251-0044, john.harris@gray-robinson.com

Sponsorships are available, contact George Avant

850-566-7135, GAvantjr@gmail.com

THEME ANNOUNCED!! "The Roarin' 20's"

Our club, est. 1922 will take you all the way back to the Roarin' 20's as we celebrate our club through the decades!

**Roarin' 20's
dress optional**



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History Nugget

In 1989 successful Tallahassee restaurateur, Lucy Ho, became the first female member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, and in 2003-04 Rotarian Donna Thornton became the club's first female president. Today a majority of the club's Board of Directors are women, even though women still comprise only 26 percent of all club members.

**HISTORY
NUGGETS**

MAJOR SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Mark Demont, 2000 to 2001, had his first exposure to Rotary as a member of the Interact Club of Leon high in Tallahassee. He spoke fondly of the times he was allowed to attend lunch meetings and when he had the opportunity to join the club he did so. This was the first year of the club tradition known as the Ethics in Business Award. This recognized the business or local person who exhibited the highest ethical standards of business practice in dealing with employees, customers and other businesses and a commitment to community service. This also marked the passing of Miss Willa Chapman at the age of 99. She had played the piano for meetings for almost 60 years.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BACKPACKING - Sat., Sept. 17th, 8am-12pm at Second Harvest
Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAEAC2DAAFC1-second>

READING PALS - Every Tues. and Thurs., 3:30-4:30 at Riley Elementary
Sign up: Contact Rhonda Cooper Of United Way at 850-487-8091.

SAVE THE DATE: Big Bend Habitat Women of Rotary Build Day, October 8th from 8 AM - 2 PM