

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE

Rotodome

August 10, 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: Rotary Exchange Program - Sanoor Pradhan



Sanoor Pradhan is a third year student at the University of Florida majoring in Architecture and Linguistics. In the 2019-2020 academic year he was a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Tallahassee (District 6940) to Prague (District 2240). The RYE program had a large impact on his chosen fields of study in university and provided him the experience to acquire a C1 proficiency in the Czech Language. Through the course of his exchange he attended Gymnazium Thomasse Mana, a Czech-German university preparatory high school. Along with taking classes in the native language he also taught English to Czech students ages 10 to 15. During exchange he enjoyed spending time with his host families, classmates and other exchange students often on outdoor excursions or spontaneous adventures within Prague. In March of 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic paused normal existence, a long period of quarantine was enforced in the Czech Republic and Sanoor's return flight to the United States was delayed. These events provided Sanoor with a truly unique exchange experience which enabled him to grow through a period of crisis. Today, in his spare time he enjoys reading, painting, rock climbing and is an active member of the UF chess club.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

8/17/22 - RIDER Center (FAMU/FSU Eng Schl)-Will Hill, Asst.Dir RIDER

8/24/22 - What's Real in Realty - Ed Murray - NAI/Talcor

8/31/22 - Talent Pipeline Initiative/Talenthub - Corrie Melton VP Chamber

9/7/22 - One Mentor, One Child - Alice Sims

9/14/22 - Aquaculture in the Big Bend - John Harley



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

By 2022 About 6.5 million people, including 1 of every 9 people ages 65 and older, had Alzheimer's dementia in the United States.



INSPIRATION: By Kelley Phillips



Dear Lord, we ask forgiveness for our transgressions and for your guidance as we go forward in Rotary service. We ask a special blessing for those reeling from the effects of the storms of the last week. Many are suffering grievous losses. May you give them the strength and will to carry on. We pray for protection and guidance for Sheriff McNiel and members of his department as they enforce the law and strive to serve and protect us. Please bless the food that we are about to receive and bless those who assisted in preparation and serving. We ask these things in your Holy Name, 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 Potary Club of Tallahassee Mer

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

"The Roarin' 20's"

THEME ANNOUNCED!!

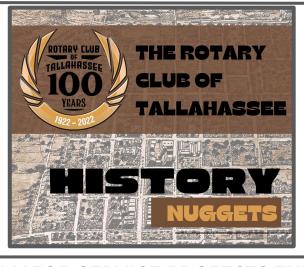
Our club, est. 1922 will take you all the way back to the Roarin' 20's as we celebrate our club through the decades!

Roarin' 20's dress optional

For **tickets** contact John Harris:

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

Sponsorships are available, contact George Avant 850-566-7135, GAvantjr@gmail.com



History Nugget

The Leon Hotel burned to the ground in October of 1925, but the Rotary Club of Tallahassee had just shifted lunch meetings to the Dutch Kitchen in the basement of "The Columns" on the southwest corner of Adams Street and Park Avenue. When the Floridian Hotel opened in 1927 on the site of the former Leon Hotel, RCT moved its meetings back across the street again.

MAJOR SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGH THE YEARS

1960–61 Sidney Andrews, reported the club's major project the Rotary scholarship house at FSU. Sam Lastinger, the project officer for the Southern Scholarship Foundation, convinced Sidney that the Tallahassee Rotary club should buy and sponsor a Rotary scholarship house. The club made two voluntary five dollar assessments, added to the semi annual dues and raised \$1500 to make a down payment on a small frame house on W. Pensacola St., one short block from the FSU campus. A mortgage was arranged at Leon Federal Savings and Loan. Club members donated their time and skills for several workdays to remodel the house. It was furnished modestly and in the fall of 1960, 12 fine, deserving boys moved in. They were furnished free lodging for a year on the conditions that they make superior grades, did not own a car, were not married and could not afford a college education on their own.

1961–62 Sid Mendelson, hosted a visit by the Rotary International President Joseph Abey of Reading, Pennsylvania. The most notable club project was an attendance contest between the challenger, the Rotary club of Tallahassee, and the Rotary club of Olympia, Washington. The local club challenged the Olympia club because it is also the state capital, it had about the same population at that time and the two club's rosters were about the same size. The Olympia club accepted the challenge. The contest was to be for 10 weeks with Tallahassee betting 1000 Florida oranges against 1000 Washington apples. In the first four weeks Olympia reported a 97% attendance score against Tallahassee's 96.96%. However, the next week the Tallahassee club had the first 100% attendance the oldest member could ever remember and went on from there to edge out Olympia. At the meeting, after the results were final, Blair Stone, the CEO of the telephone company and a former president of the club arranged a call between the presidents of the Tallahassee and Olympia clubs while the meeting was in progress and even enabled club members to listen via loudspeakers. This was extremely high-tech at the time.