

Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF — One profits most who serves best

Welcome new members!

Jo Avecillo was born, raised and married in Long Island, and spent her first 30 years there. She started her nursing career in Long Island and worked in many areas of nursing throughout her career. Jo received her MSN in nursing education in 2016 and is currently employed part-time as a clinical nurse educator. She has two children, a 30-year-old daughter in New York and a 28 year-old son in Jacksonville. She moved to Cocoa Beach a year and a half ago, along with her dog and two cats. Jo volunteers at the Brevard Zoo most Saturdays, and also enjoys traveling, cooking, environmental causes, volunteerism, reading, health and fitness.

Shane Byrne was born in Ireland and is a retired attorney. He recently moved to Cocoa Beach from California. He is married

to Narahya and they have a son in 6th grade. Shane enjoys tennis and cycling, and he has already stepped up to lead our Josh the Otter project.

Adopt these stations!

Seaport Condo N, Seaport Condo S, Harbor Heights, Ridgewood Ave, Madison Ave, Harrison Ave, Fillmore Ave, Lincoln Ave, Winslow Ave, California Ave, Johnson Ave, Palm Lane, Windrush, Royale Towers, S 8th Street, S 10th Street, Beach Island Resort (S 12th)

17 Drown Zero stations are available for adoption here in Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral. Please let Ellen or Wyatt know if you have any potential sponsors. It costs \$500 per year to sponsor a Drown Zero Life Preserver station, and businesses get to have their company information at the

“You’ve gotta dance like there’s nobody watching, love like you’ll never be hurt, sing like there’s nobody listening, and live like it’s heaven on earth.” —William W. Purkey

CLUB RAFFLE RESULTS

No Raffles this time

Recent Club Highlights:

top of their station so that they can be associated with this life-saving project. Plus, it’s the only advertising on the beach! Sponsorships help us pay for repairs, ring replacements and regular patrols to check on the stations.

On March 25 and 26, Cocoa Beach Rotary Members and Interact Members visited the Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral elementary schools to talk to young students about water safety. Interactors dressed in the Josh the Otter costume and read the Josh the Otter story to the eager students. Kindergarten students received copies of the book, and a total of 230 were distributed.

Blake Collingsworth, Josh’s dad, wrote the book, “Josh the Baby Otter” to teach children about water safety after tragically losing Josh in a drowning accident. During fun, educational Josh the Otter events children listen to the book, recite the water pledge, and meet Josh the Otter in person! Their mission is to educate children and adults worldwide about water safety through the utilization of drowning prevention campaigns & early childhood water safety training.

We had a great presentation from Steve Fine at the Melanoma Education Foundation. If you would like more information, you can email steve_fine@comcast.net or visit their Web Page: <https://www.skincheck.org>

Save the Date!

April 2 at 1:10 PM Rotary 101 “Fireside Chat”

April 3 Sheriff Ivey at Kiwanis, 12:00 at Azteca 2. We are invited!

April 15 from 5-7 PM Happy Hour- location TBD

April 26: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training in Port St. Lucie

Rotary Anniversaries

Sally Ellison
1 year

Wedding Anniversaries

Mick Graham to Leigh Ann
11 years

Marcin Kubiak to Joanna
2 years

Happy Birthday

Peter J. Cunningham 4/10
John E. Hewett 4/30
Arthur D Smith 4/25
Ron S Usher 4/12

Recent and Upcoming Speakers:

4/2 Club Assembly, Ellen Cruse
4/9 NASA and Beyond, Jim Kennedy
4/16 Main Street Cocoa Beach - Centennial Celebration Plans, Kenne Wells
4/23 Member talks, Ron Usher and Sophie Ritter
4/30 CEO of Brevard Chamber of Innovations, Jimmy Lane