



# THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SEBASTIAN, FL

## NEWSLETTER

Meeting 12 Noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> - last Wednesdays of the Month  
Captain Hiram's Tiffany Room, Sebastian, Florida

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### Youth Guidance C.A.P. Center

Phil Barnes reports that the Youth Guidance facility is officially becoming a C.A.P. (Child Abuse Prevention) Center by the end of this month! It will be the only center in Indian River County, since the Exchange Club C.A.S.T.L.E. was dissolved. Our club made a \$15,000 donation at our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for the new C.A.P. Center. The center encourages parent involvement offering training in homes as well as programs at the facility and with community partners for building life skills. The facility is located at 1028 20<sup>th</sup> Place in Vero Beach. A capital campaign will begin soon for much needed renovations for a face lift and to make more usable space for programs. A core component of Youth Guidance is an at home intervention staff who give parent coaching and support. Phil has completed training and will be working with staff to train them as Parent Aides who will spend 2 hours a week giving in-home support to the families to advocate for the kids. They will start with one family and build from there. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Aide or serving on the Youth Guidance Board of Directors, contact Phil for more information.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> we presented a check to Phil Barnes for the 45<sup>th</sup> Tropical Luau event to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at The Boulevard in Vero Beach. At this years parth the Youth Guidance kids will have display stations exhibiting the trade skills they have learned. There will also be Polynesian performers. Ten tickets available for our members to use. If you are interested in attending contact Phil.



Phil Barnes with Fred Jones

On August 31<sup>st</sup> we presented a check to the Veterans Council of Indian River County in the amount of \$1500. Cynthia Ryan and Tracy Zudans thanked us for our check. The Veterans' Council focus is aid to veterans by providing services including home improvements, direct aid for basic living, car repairs, medical bills, etc. The council serves as a referral resource for veterans who call for help with various needs.



Phil Barnes, Executive Director of Youth Guidance accepts our \$15,000 donation from President Fred Jones



Cynthia Ryan, Tracy Zudans and Fred Jones

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## *This and That*

Ali Qizilbash needs assistance with booking speakers. Suggestions are appreciated. Please contact Ali if you are able to help him find interesting speakers.

Phil Barnes says the Junior Blue Water Open is scheduled for October 29th. Weekly meetings are held immediately after lunch. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the kids on the dock. Please contact Phil to assist.

Michelle Morris is challenging each member to sell five of our Blue Water Open T-shirts. Due to the rainy weather during our tournament our sales were down. There are V-neck, long sleeve and short sleeve available priced at \$20 long sleeve and \$15 short sleeve.

Rene VanDeVoorde says the Fellsmere Club is planning to celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information about a celebration will be announced.

Terry Gardner and Karen McElveen are planning a hygiene product drive to benefit the SRHS Chum Bucket. A list of items was emailed and distributed at our recent meetings (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, toilet tissue, kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors). Please bring items in during the month of September or deliver to Terry Gardner at Seacoast Bank.

Scott Theil is working on a member social to be held in September at Strike Zone. More details to come.

Margie Duffell and Kathy Burns need assistance with the two Excel Club meetings which will meet once a month at each school beginning this fall. Diane Croteau has offered to assist. Contact Margie or Kathy if you can help, too!

Rene VanDeVoorde announced that he is stepping down as our District Director. The Sebastian and Fellsmere clubs will be merging into the Vero Beach club district. Our new District Director will be Nancy Madsen. More information to come.



## *3rd Qtr. Visitors - Please Come Again!*

07/20/22 - Brent & Emily Bowers (Susan Baran)  
07/20/22 - Bobby Murphy (Susan Baran)  
07/27/22 - Lezlee Sabo (Kathy Falzone)  
07/27/22 - Adam Gouldsberry (Kathy Gutierrez)  
08/17/22 - Louise Kautenberg (Laura Petersen)  
08/24/22 - Adam Olgilvie, ORC (Diana Best)  
08/24/22 - Eric Ross, ORC (Diana Best)  
08/24/22 - Isabella Martinez, Youth Guidance (Phil Barnes)  
08/31/22 - Michael Hart (Donaald Hart)  
08/31/22 - Andy & Tina Hodges, Sebastian Daily (Fred Jones)  
08/31/22 - Cynthia Ryan & Tracy Zudans, IRC Veterans Council (Ali Qizilbash)



## *SPD C.O.P.E Unit News*

The SPD COPE Unit has several events scheduled this fall. There are so many that forwarded his email to all members. Our COPE Unit is **VERY BUSY** reaching out to our community! Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Todd Finnegan 772-473-2091.



## **Jr. Excel Club of Sebastian Charter Junior High School**

The first meeting was held on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> immediately after school. We will distributed membership applications and held the election of officers. We had 18 students attend! The School Advisor is Skye DeVarney who has returned this year and is enthusiastic about rebuilding this club! Our next meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> we will install officers and have break-out planning sessions for this year's projects.

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District Immediate Past President – Joe Walsh



## Excel Club of Sebastian River High School

A club rush was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> for new and returning students. First meeting date to be announced. Club Advisor Jaime Sturgeon is very supportive of our efforts and is enthusiastic about having members get underway with activities which support the ideals of Exchange. He has even set up a QR Code for students to scan and make membership application!

**Volunteers are needed to assist with helping the students at both schools achieve activities which represent the four pillars of Exchange. Any member willing to assist should contact Margie Duffell or Kathy Burns.**



## Guest Speaker Series

On August 17<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker was Paul Carlisle, City Manager of Sebastian. Paul has been in this position since 2017, previously serving as Glades County administrator since 2014.

Mr. Carlisle said that the city council is always trying to provide better ways to include all citizens in decision making. He cited the Indian River Lagoon strengthening health and improved seagrass growth.

He also spoke of the Annexation of the Graves Brothers property which will increase the tax base, provide sustainable housing, and entertainment venues and opportunities for residents to obtain jobs. He has a more progressive outlook to enhance the environment and businesses (retail sports stores and possibly a hospital), encourage our youth to stay in the area and for business to experience year-round sustainability. Recent community surveys indicate that residents want more entertainment, movie houses and restaurants. These are all possibilities in this annexation. There are future workshops, as well as city-county utility department meetings, and commercial, industrial, residential Planning and Zoning future land use maps to be completed before the anticipated finalization date of December, 2022. Once closed there will be immediate income to the city from taxes and impact fees and a market-driven time line for infrastructure.

There is a grant application for four more hangers at the Sebastian Airport. Public Works will be moving there soon and the vacated property inside the 512 triangle will be marketed, hopefully for more retail businesses.

As to incentives to attract new businesses, there are tax incentive available, but the "speed to market" has the most impact on future businesses in order to minimize lost revenues. The goal is to "lift up" the city. A recent national survey shows the Sebastian is #2 in best places to live, and #1 in best coastal community to retire.



City Manager Paul Carlisle with Ali Qizilbash

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On August 24<sup>th</sup> our guest speakers were Laura LaPorte, Kathleen Stanton and Robyn Coleman of LaPorte Farms. Laporte Farms is a 5-acre parcel located in Roseland which was established in 1994 as a petting farm by Laura LaPorte. The mission is "to provide a safe environment for all, regardless of age or ability to interact with animals while enjoying nature and bringing lifetime memories." The farm is a 501(c)3 organization and is licensed by the USDA and Florida Fish and Wildlife. The campus offers events such as company parties, birthday parties, field trips and weddings and candlelight services. LaPorte Farms offers a pond for kids fishing, daily pony rides and children's train rides, a tropical landscaped aviary, farm fresh eggs and local honey, and an opportunity to pet or view farm and exotic animals (a zebra, kangaroo, or camel!) There is also a children's neighborhood library, and a weekly children's story time session offering book swaps and reading incentives. LaPorte Farms also has a pink tractor named HOPE dedicated to cancer survivors and has memory plaques available.

Upcoming events include:

- 09/03 Kids Fishing Tournament
- 09/17 Special Needs Western Hoe Down
- 10/15 Pumpkin Carving & Scarecrow Costume Contest
- 10/29 Fall Festival
- 10/14-10/30 Haunted Barn & Hay Rides
- December Breakfast with Santa

The facility is open to the public during the Christmas holidays featuring 60 trees with 80,000 lights. Hot cocoa is served. IN closing we were told these events just get better every year. and invited to come tour the farm. For more information visit [www.laportefarms.com](http://www.laportefarms.com), visit the facebook page, or call 772-388-1824.



Kathleen Stanton, Laura LaPorte, Fred Jones and Robyn Coleman

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On August 31<sup>st</sup> our guest speaker was Sherry Burroughs, Executive Director, IRC Mosquito Control District (IRCMCD). Sherry joined IRCMC in 2016 and became Executive Director in 2020, after serving previously at the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control. She received her Bachelors of Science in Entomology from UCF and is currently working on certification in local government management.



Michael Hart, Sherry Burroughs and Fred Jones

Indian River County was one of 10 counties formerly known as Mosquito County. Indian River Mosquito Control District was established in 1925 as the first program in Florida. It encompasses 352 square miles and has a \$6 million budget. The focus is to keep the public safe.

Only the females bite, using the blood for protein for the eggs. The males eat nectars from various plants. There are more than 40 species of mosquitos in Indian river County. The IRCMC controls the estuary tides 6 months out of the year, removing larvae from the salt marsh as well as on land. It also conducts surveillance through data tracking for diseases by monitoring of blood samples of 8 chicken flocks located throughout the county.

Mosquitos are most active and dawn and dusk. The life span ranges up to several months depending on the species. Bats and minnows do not consume enough to keep the mosquito population under for control, therefore chemical treatment is used under compliance with a highly regulated state statute.

THE IRCMCD also participates as an educational source at local schools and other community outreach events. To do your part and assist on a personal level you should tip and toss or drain and cover containers holding water such as pet bowls and tarps covering boats. In closing Sherry reminded us that our real estate tax for the Mosquito Control District is approximately \$35 per year. (She states that is about the cost of 3-4 cans of insect spray!) For more information visit [irmosquito.com](http://irmosquito.com).

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**September Birthdays**

Randy Tremblay                      09/02



**September Anniversaries**

"Frenchie" Pelletier                      1 Year  
 Fred Jones                                      2 Years  
 Eva Chapman                                      4 Years  
 Marilyn Waldis                                      36 Years



**Calendar of Events**

**September**

- 09/07 - No Meeting (Board Only)  
 09/14 - Chris Cummings, Principal SRHS  
 09/21 - Students  
 09/28 – Paster Joey, The Chum Bucket



***Have a Happy Labor Day Weekend!***

*" Nothing will work unless you do."*

*- Maya Angelou*