



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SEBASTIAN, FL

~~~ NEWSLETTER ~~~

Meeting 12 Noon, 2nd - last Wednesdays of the Month

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Students of the Month

OUR YOUTH OF THE MONTH AWARD recognizes hard-working pre-high school and high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership, and daily demonstrate good citizenship both at school and at home. Students recognized for the month of September were **Robert Dangerfield** from **Sebastian River Middle School**, **Dylan Erickson** from **Storm Grove Middle School**, **Devin Desai** from **Sebastian Charter Junior High School**, and **Briony Weragoda** and **Kenyan Paschall** from **Sebastian River High School**.



Student Coordinator Adam Preuss with Devin Desai, Dylan Erickson, Kenyan Paschall, Robert Dangerfield, Briony Weragoda and President Fred Jones

Robert Dangerfield is a wonderful student that always comes to class with a positive attitude and is ready to learn. He is a role model in class by demonstrating several of the IB Learner's Profiles, he is knowledgeable, principled, and open-minded. Robert models the IB program characteristics of being curious and inquisitive and he is always willing to communicate his thoughts during class discussions, encouraging his peers to be participants in discussions. Robert's work ethic is top notch; if he does not succeed the first time, he will redo work to get the grade that he knows he is capable of achieving. Robert is a model student that any teacher would be proud to have in class. In accepting his award Robert thanked his teachers and our club for being awarded. He said, "Good character can get you anywhere."

Dylan Erickson fits the description of the Storm Grove model student – a Responsible, Respectful Role Model. He is taking Advanced Placement classes and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. In his personal time he enjoys Karate. Dylan hopes to continue his studies and become a therapist to help others. He thanked our club for the opportunity to be awarded.

Devin Desai exemplifies everything a student should be – great character, responsible, respectful, and a citizen in every way. He is viewed as a role model by his peers with his

knowledge, diligence and articulation. He is incredibly hardworking, works well with students in his class and is confident as a leader always willing to help out. Devin is a stellar student and also a leader on the cross-country team. He strives to do his best and encourages others to do the same. In accepting his award Devin said, "Thank you for choosing me for this honor."

Briony Weragoda is an IB Diploma candidate with a weighted GPA of 4.582 and a Class Rank of 8th. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is an AP Scholar. She has earned 2 Biotech certifications. She has been a Drum Major since sophomore year (quite an honor) and has played on the Varsity Lacrosse team for 2 years. She has received superior ratings for 3 years on oboe and saxophone in the Solo and Wind Ensemble and is 1st chair on oboe. Briony is also the Senior Class Representative. Her volunteer work includes a mission trip to Haiti where she taught English and mentored orphans, and working with Buddy Break assisting special needs children. She loves to paint, read, travel and hike. Briony plans to attend University of Florida or Georgia Tech to study bio-medical science and help animals. In accepting her award she thanked her teachers, our club, and specifically her parents for "being my cheerleaders in 100% for all that I do."

Kenyan Paschall is an IB Diploma Candidate with a weighted GPA of 4.736 and Class Rank of 1st. He was a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist and recognized as the 2021-2022 Sunshine State Scholar for the School District of Indian River County. He was also recognized in the top 100 11th graders in Florida for 2021-2022. He is a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar with Distinction, an AP Rural and Small Town Scholar (2021), an AP African American Scholar (2021). Kenyan is a member of the Peer-to-Peer Club and volunteers

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as a mentor for students at Fellsmere Elementary School, discussing strategies for dealing with anger, sadness, bullying, etc. and serving as an overall positive role model for the kids. He is a member of the Masterminds Club, representing our school district at the state level. He tutors math for IB and AP students as well. Kenyan loves to surf. He teaches elementary students how to surf through Brando's Surf School. After graduation he plans to attend University of Florida, University of Miami or Stanford to study environmental science. In accepting his award he thanked his teachers and our club for this "incredible recognition" and his parents for "always pushing me to be my very best."



Jr. Excel Club of Sebastian Charter Junior High School

The first meeting was held on Wednesday August 24th immediately after school. Due to threat from Hurricane Ian our September meeting has been rescheduled for October 12th. At that meeting we will install officers and have break-out planning sessions for this year's projects. Our regular October meeting will be held on October 26th. The School Advisor is Skye DeVarney who has returned this year and is enthusiastic about rebuilding this club!



Excel Club of Sebastian River High School

Due to threat from Hurricane Ian our September meeting has been rescheduled until early October. At that meeting we will install the newly elected officers and discuss projects for the year.

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.

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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. Kids from Hart & Soul, Youth Guidance, Boys & Girls Club, Gifford Youth Achievement Center and Daisy Hope have all been invited. Weekly planning meetings are held immediately after lunch. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the kids on the dock. Please contact Phil to assist.

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, tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors). Please bring items in during the month of September or deliver to Terry Gardner at Seacoast Bank.



May thanks to Dr. Holly Hamilton, Riverside Family Dental and her staff for donating many dental care items to our drive!

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, Francis Papineau and Kim Prado have also offered to assist. Thank you all for helping us make these clubs successful again this year! Contact Margie or Kathy if you can help, too!



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! It is 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 13th 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 20th 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.



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

On August 24th we presented a check to Phil Barnes for the 45th Tropical Luau event to be held on October 7th at The Boulevard in Vero Beach. At this year's party 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



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 (Donald Hart)
- 08/31/22 - Andy & Tina Hodges, Sebastian Daily (Fred Jones)
- 08/31/22 - Cynthia Ryan & Tracy Zudans, IRC Veterans Council (Ali Qizilbash)
- 09/14/22 - Theresa Vasquez, Seacoast Bank (Terry Gardner)
- 09/14/22 - Paster Joey Everington Calvery Chapel (Susan Baran)
- 09/14/22 - Angel Pietsch, Little Birthday Angels (Susan Baran)
- 09/14/22 - Jennifer Cevallos (Johnnie Richard)
- 09/21/22 - Jean Cooney, PNC Mortgage (Jan Montgomery)



Welcome New Members

On September 21st we installed Adam Olgilvee of ORC Services as our newest member. Please make an effort to introduce yourself to Adam and welcome him to our club.



Fred Jones, Adam Olgilvee and Diana Best

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Calendar of Events

October

10/05 - No Meeting (Board Only)

10/12 - TBD



Birthday Cake

10/19 - Students

10/26 – TBD



October Birthdays (Libras & Scorpios)

Phil Barnes	10/08
Francis Papineau	10/10
Jeff Slade	10/10
"Frenchie" Pelletier	10/16
Margie Duffell	10/18
Jeff Kagan	10/20
Kathy Burns	10/26



October Anniversaries

John Rooney

9 Years

Libras are social creatures who value social relationships and are extremely amiable and honest. Libras are among the world's most fascinating and clever people, and they have a lot to offer. The charm, beauty, and well-balanced personalities of Libras are well-known.

Known for their secretive attitude, praised for their intelligence, trustworthiness, a Scorpio is a gem that people want them in their life. If you want to share your secret they are the best people ever. Scorpios are very faithful and loyal be it in a relationship or in any kind of relations.

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