



# 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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### Students of the Month



Student Coordinator Adam Preuss, Lilly Daley, Lindsay Bieber, Haley Macleary, Obed Philippe, and Derin Julmiste

**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 October were **Derin Julmiste** from **Sebastian Charter Junior High School**, **Lilly Daley** from **Sebastian River Middle School**, **Lindsay Bieber** from **Storm Grove Middle School**, and **Haley Macleary** and **Obed Philippe** from **Sebastian River High School**.

**Derin Julmiste** is a great example of a student of character. He sets an example of responsibility to his peers. He is very respectful. He is involved with his community. He cares about his own success and his peers. He helps out others around him. Derin is a positive light at SCJH. He is cherished, applauded, and respected by each person that crosses his path and his presence exudes kindness. Hard-working, dedicated, and selfless, Derin continues to inspire, energize, and succeed. During our October assembly, Derin was presented with his award for The Exchange Club's Student of the Month. In that moment, the entire student body unprovokingly erupted into a meaningful roar of

cheers! It is because Derin is so kind and that he lives by the motto "actions speak louder than words," that we celebrate him. He truly lives by example and for makes all of us take notice of the way things should be done. In accepting his award Derin thanked his school for this opportunity, his teachers for their guidance, our club for the recognition and his parents for which he was "grateful for letting me be me."

**Lilly Daley** demonstrates her commitment to her academics and the SRMS cheerleading squad. Lilly was chosen as the captain of the cheerleading squad because she is dedicated to creating and solidifying the team. She is a leader who assists others to develop their skills and cheer techniques. Lilly is kind and compassionate to others and always behaves with dignity and honor. Lilly volunteers to help with fundraising and other cheerleading activities outside of the school environment. In the classroom Lilly has grown from a shy, hard-working young student into a more confident, out-going, independent thinker. Lilly shows how balanced she is by being accomplished in both and sports. She has been recognized in Science Fair repeatedly over the years. She is caring toward her peers as well as teachers, always principled, and extremely knowledgeable. She always comes to

class with a very positive attitude, and ready to learn. She not only pursues to do awesome academically, but she also has a loving heart for her peers and friends in her class and is always willing to help others. She is a role model for others to follow and a joy to have in class. In accepting her award Lilly thanked our club, her teachers and her parents for being honored.

**Lindsay Bieber** is a good student taking high school level courses. She is hard working and makes achievement look easy. She is always there to help others and is also a student athlete. Lindsay is a shining light – a fantastic young lady. In accepting her award she thanked our club, her parents and teachers and coaches for this honor.

**Obed Philippe** is an IB Diploma Candidate. He is a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar and Class Representative. He is a member of the African American Student Council and Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Obed is an active member of his church especially as a leader in the Youth Group. In his spare time Obed loves to read and play piano. Obed stated that his parents moved from Haiti 23 years ago and taught him their work ethic that he follows. He thanked his teachers and mentor. He wants to attend Florida Southern or Southeast University to study Psychology. He wants to help the next generation of kids make a positive change in this world.

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**Haley Macleary** is an IB Diploma Candidate in the top 5% of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Historian for the Excel Club. At CTE Symposium Night she was selected to represent Biotech and set up a station for parents and upcoming 10th graders who were looking for a good CTE program for them. Haley is a member of the Girls Weightlifting Team placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Districts and attended regionals. She is a lifeguard at North County Pool, a childcare provider locally, Volunteers for non-profit, Cat Adoption. She loves to go on environmental walks with her IB environmental science teacher. In accepting her award Haley thanked our club for this opportunity, her teachers for selecting her and her parents for their support. She plans to attend Eckerd College and pursue a career in Environmental Science.



## Guest Speaker Series



## Welcome New Members

On October 19<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Kim Prado as our newest member. Kim is transferring from the Vero Beach Club and is also our current Region 9 Vice President with a territory of Florida, Alabama and Puerto Rico. If you have not already met Kim please introduce yourself to her. We are so pleased to welcome her to our club. When accepting her member packet Kim did say how proud she was to accept the Big E Award on our behalf at the 2022 National Conference. We completed 88 projects! Congratulations to all of us for our accomplishments!



Kim Prado with Johnathan Rhodeback



Fred Jones with Rick Lewis

On October 26<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker was Rick Lewis with Wreaths Across America. Rick has been a resident of Indian River County since 1971. He joined the Navy at 18 and spent 6 years in the Navy. In 2007 he took early retirement after 30 years with the City of Vero Beach to get involved in community and give back. He joined the Indian River County Veterans Council as a delegate. There he was introduced to Wreaths Across America.

A Maine resident, Morrill Sorcester, went to Arlington Cemetery at 12 years old. In 1992 he started a wreath company and in 2005 he decided to donate wreaths for Arlington headstones. That venture went viral so in 2006 he expanded to local cemeteries. In 2007 a 501c3 was created with 600 sites getting wreaths. By 2021 there were 3100 sites at 2.4 MILLION wreaths being laid on headstones.

In Indian River County wreath distribution increased from 900 in 2018 to 2600 wreaths in 2021. All service members in Indian River County received wreaths in 2021. This allows families to know that loved ones are not forgotten.

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There will be a ceremony on December 17, 2022 at the Sebastian Municipal Cemetery at 10:30am as well as a ceremony at Riverview Park Sebastian at 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to place wreaths on the headstones of our veterans. Wreaths Across America want to get children involved to instill upon them a sense of where their freedoms came from.

To volunteer, just show up on December 17th. Wreath retrieval all be some time the 1st week of January, 2023.

They need 2600 wreaths for Indian River County and are current short 800. They have until the end of November to collect enough donations to fulfill all 2600. Wreaths are \$15 each. All donations stay in Indian River County for the purpose of buying wreaths.

Wreaths Across America members physically walk cemeteries to identify veterans who either have a DOD (Dept of Defense) emblem of some sort or an indicator that they were in one of the military branches. The Organization's motto is "Remember, Honor, Teach"

For mor information on the program or to honor a veteran contact [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org).



### Sebastian Police COPE News

On October 26<sup>th</sup> we presented Blue Bags to the Sebastian Police Department for distribution to kids who are being removed from their homes. This suggestion was given to us by member Ron Smith who recently transferred from the South Brevard Club. Ron also purchased the comforting items to be included in the bags. Thank you Ron for bringing this to fruition!



Fred Jones, Officer Donald Hart, Sergeant Todd Finnegan and Ron Smith



### Junior Blue Water Open

Our Junior Blue Water Open was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We had the largest turnout of kids ever. Kids from Hart & Soul, Youth Guidance, Boys & Girls Club, Gifford Youth Achievement Center and Daisy Hope attended. Volunteers included members, spouses, friends and SRHS Excel members. Thanks to all who helped make this another huge success!



Junior BWO Volunteers made this day a success!



Fisherman and Excel Mentor



Fisherman and Mentor taking a break!

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## National Day of Service

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> several club members participated in a beach cleanup on Wabasso Beach Causeway. This qualifies us for the Big E Award for this year. Lots of community service pride in our club – thanks to all that assisted!



Another Happy Camper!



A fun event for all!



Food Line Volunteers served delicious lunch provided by Woody's BBQ



Standing: Ron Smith, Johnathan Rhodeback, Karen McElveen, Kathy Burns  
Kneeling: Michele Morris, Diana Best, Eva Chapman and Mark Renehan

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

Kathy Burns attended the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting where members planned a whole school drive for food for the ecumenical food pantry the week of Nov 7th thru the 11<sup>th</sup>, with delivery the next week. A school goal has been set to collect 1500 food items (5 items per student) - if they meet the goal Dr. Dodds will give them all an ice cream party! The kids started making the posters for the event while in the meeting.

In December they will be having the Toys for Tots drive and make the school a community drop off location. The School Advisor is Skye DeVarney who has returned this year and is enthusiastic about rebuilding this club!



2022-23 Club Officers L-R Treasurer Allie Bogarts, Secretary Giovanni Russo, President-Elect Maya Corley and President Shane Corley



### Excel Club of Sebastian River High School

At our October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting members planned more events which fall under the four pillars of Exchange. Some of the members volunteered to work mentoring the kids at our Junior Blue Water Open. More information will follow. The School Advisor is Jaime Sturgeon who is enthusiastic about rebuilding this club!



2022-23 Club Officers L-R President Desiree White, President-Elect Conrad Silvester, Secretary Maragret Alexandre, Treasurer Aveyrey Locuiao, and Historian Haley Macleary

**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.**

### 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.

Terry Gardner and Karen McElveen have spearheaded another successful hygiene product drive to benefit the SRHS Chum Bucket. Thanks to publicity the event went viral and many locals also contributed. Look at what we did!



L-R Terry Gardner, Joanne Holmes of Chum Bucket, Kathy Burns, Eva Chapman and Karen McElveen unload items donated



SRHS Excel Club Advisor Jaime Sturgeon helped unload items, too!

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On October 26<sup>th</sup> our club presented a wedding gift to Phil and Alycia Barnes who were married on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and may you enjoy many years of happiness together!



Phil Barnes and Fred Jones

10/19 - Kerrie Coleman, Lulich Attorneys (Susan Baran)



## 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 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.

Karen McElveen is chairing the Guardians for New Futures children's' Christmas gift drive. We will be supporting 15 children with 3 gifts each. Karen is passing around a sign-up sheet. Please help her complete this goal of 45 gifts for the children this year!

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. Members 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!



### 4th Qtr. Visitors - Please Come Again!

10/19 - Cassie Haynes, ORC Services (Adam Olgilvie)



## Calendar of Events

### November

11/02 - No Meeting (Board Only)  
11/09 - Mark Richards, SPD Special Response Team



Birthday Cake

11/16 – Students  
11/23 – No Meeting



Happy Thanksgiving!

11/30 - TBD

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November Birthdays

Justin Lefebure	11/02
Don Hart	11/07
Adam Ogilvie	11/10
Rick Giteles	11/12
Ron Smith	11/15
Adam Preuss	11/18
John Rooney	11/22
Diana Best	11/24



November Anniversaries

Michelle Morris	2 Years
ArtKraft Sign (Lori Riley)	3 Years
Kathy Falzone	17 Years
Jeff Slade	40 Years (Charter)
Rene VanDeVoorde	40 Years (Charter)



*"A properly functioning democracy depends on an informed electorate."*

— Thomas Jefferson

