



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SEBASTIAN, FL

~~~ NEWSLETTER ~~~

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

Captain Hiram's Tiffany Room, Sebastian, Florida

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Guest Speaker Series

On February 8th our guest speaker was Pastor Joey Everington of Calvary Chapel speaking on the **Hands of Love, One Can You Can** and **Chum Bucket**. Pastor Joey joined Calvary Chapel as an Associate Pastor 7 years ago.

Hands of Love mission is to eliminate hunger and need. It helps to impact the community by providing food, clothing and assisting with housing and utilities to families in need. **One Can You Can** purpose is to eradicate hunger with students and their families. These two organizations have joined forces with the **Chum Bucket** which provides food for students and their families Sebastian River High School and Sebastian River Middle School who are struggling. Many are homeless or live in hotels. The number served has grown tremendously over the years and now serves 65 families/500 people. Through generosity of donors the need is now being met. Although students are provided breakfast and lunch while attending school, these groups also provide them with weekly backpacks to take food home for weekends. During the Thanksgiving holiday all 65 families were given a complete turkey dinner.

The needs of food are proteins such as canned tuna, chicken as well as peanut butter, soups and stews, canned beans, vegetables and fruits, pasta and rice and sauces. The greatest need is hygiene products – shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bodywash, soap, deodorant, dish and laundry soaps, cleaning supplies, toilet tissue and paper towels. Monetary donations can be made to **Chum Bucket or Calvary Church** with notation for **One Can You Can** use.

Pastor Everington said the lack of food and poverty are the beginning of crime and revolution. The mission *is Mizpah* – a Hebrew name meaning “taking care of those left out.”



Ali Qizilbash, Pastor Joey Everington and Fred Jones



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 February were **Antonio Flemming** from **Sebastian River Middle School**, **Shelby Riker** from **Sebastian Charter Junior High School**, and **Margaret Alexandre** and **Ranger Beach** from **Sebastian River High School**.

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Antonio Flemming is one of the kindest, respectful students. He is dependable, positive, and his smile lights up a room. Antonio is a very mature student, highly cooperative and hard working. He has straight A's in his classes; and is able to juggle an intense workload with his successful participation in many extracurricular activities (Superintendent's Council, National Junior Honor Society and basketball). Also, Antonio has shown a remarkable willingness to participate and lead other students to perform better.

Antonio is a hardworking and caring student both inside and outside of the classroom. Antonio provides a great role model for other students to emulate. He is the perfect example of an IB MYP Learner. He is open-minded, a risk-taker, knowledgeable, a good communicator, principled, balanced, caring, and so much more! Antonio is an extremely caring and conscientious student who puts forth his best effort in class every day. He is a self-advocate and is willing to ask for clarification and assistance when needed. He successfully balances a wide variety of activities. Antonio serves as a role model for his classmates and possesses all the qualities necessary for success both in school and in life. He has the motivation, integrity, and perseverance to become whatever he chooses. In accepting his award thanked our club and his parents and teachers "for encouraging me to be the person I am today."

Shelby Riker is tremendously successful. She has proven that she is destined for great academic success. She has lived up to and exceeded every expectation. Shelby is the student who will help others before herself. She is also very firm in her beliefs and can stand her ground but she also has a great awareness that things can change. She is taking 10th grade level math and getting straight A's. Shelby had an excellent science fair project this year which qualified her to compete in the Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair and she earned 2nd place in the Chemistry category. She is an executive officer in NJHS.

Shelby is an incredibly hardworking and detail oriented student. She is willing to go the extra mile. Her studious efforts and tenacious attitude have helped her to excel in everything that she does. She works well with all students in her class and is always willing to help out when needed. She excels in problem solving and thinking outside the box. Shelby defines leadership with conviction. She exudes confidence in both her actions and decisions. She has a true sense of her strength, creativity, and ability to articulate her message. Her ability to communicate her thoughts, whether verbally or in written form, is beyond what is expected of her. She is one of the top students in her class. A trailblazer of success, Shelby will continue to reach the highest of achievements with a smile and sense of pride. She is always on her A game and elevates class discussion. Through friendly competition and an eagerness to succeed, Shelby continuously pushes the ceiling of greatness for others to follow. In accepting her award Shelby thanked her friends, our club and faculty and family for their support saying, "It is an honor to receive this award."

Margaret Alexandre is an IB Diploma Candidate with a weighted GPA of 4.536, an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and ranked 17th in her class. She is a NHS member and SRHS Excel Club Secretary this year, and was in the band during her freshman and sophomore years. "Maggie" has been employed at Panera Bread since November 2021. She is a night shift closer with 5 accumulated raises so far! She has been a science fair judge. She volunteers at the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation, volunteered to clean student laptops at the end of the school year during the pandemic, and has been volunteering at **Fellsmere Elementary Peer to Peer Group** helping students with homework since 2021.

Maggie enrolled in the honors program for 9th and 10th grades. She was accepted into the IB Diploma Programme and has shined as a student. Her history essays are well argued, and

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she writes like she is a senior in college. She plans to attend FSU or UF to study oceanography or aerospace engineering. In accepting her award Margaret thanked our club for this opportunity saying, "it is a great honor."

Ranger Beach is an IB Diploma Candidate with a weighted GPA of 4.732 and Class Rank of Salutatorian . He is a National Merit Scholar Finalist and AP Scholar with Distinction. Ranger is Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor Society has played varsity football and lacrosse for 4 years and was team captain for both. He served on the Superintendent Advisory Council for first 3 years of high school. He is a volunteer for the at **Fellsmere Elementary Peer to Peer Group**, and has been a gym member for the last 5 years.

Ranger gave a speech to SRHS faculty on the first day back to school which had many teachers in tears. His words were heartfelt and grateful. His future will be a success whatever he chooses it to be. He plans to attend UCF or UF and study business. In accepting his award Ranger thanked our club and his parents for always "having my back", his friends and support group, and especially Mr. Jaime Sturgeon, IB Coordinator for helping to change my life and the lives of so many others."



Antonio Flemming, Shelby Riker, Margaret Alexandre, Ranger Beach, Adam Preuss and Fred Jones



Sebastian Police News



The Sebastian Police Department now has a new positive behavior support initiative for our local youth. They would like

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to recognize them for "Doing the Right Thing." They are putting a positive twist on getting caught doing the right thing by having their officers reward the youth of Sebastian with an "I was caught doing the right thing" token.

"When our young people show an act of kindness, an act of bravery, or just make good decisions, we cherish those positive traits. We hope this will encourage other people to have a desire to "do the right thing" in order to receive these positive rewards," said the department's spokesperson.

Tokens are redeemable at one of the following establishments for the following treats:

- Burger King – 13555 US Highway 1, in Sebastian – Small French Fry
- McDonald's – 13395 US Highway 1, in Sebastian – Small Ice Cream
- ORC Services, Inc. – 401 Sebastian Blvd., in Sebastian – Treasure Chest Item
- Paradise Ice cream – 482 US Highway 1, in Sebastian – Small Ice Cream
- Pop's Ice cream-13600 US Highway 1, in Sebastian – Small Ice Cream
- Wendy's – 1625 US Highway 1, in Sebastian – Small Ice Cream

Each token has a QR code on the back, so when scanned by your phone it will automatically take you to the Sebastian Police Department website.

For more information about this program, please contact Officer Bill Jursik with the Community Oriented Policing Endeavor (C.O.P.E.) Unit at (772) 228-7017.

Donald Hart announced the Sebastian Police Department will begin its Citizens Academy on February 20th. It will run each Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. through May 11th. This educates citizens on how the police department functions. If you are interested contact 772-589-5233.

This and That

Joy Votrobek announced an upcoming 5K run on May 26th at the North County Aquatic Center to benefit the American Security Council. You can sign up at www.ascf.us or contact Joy for further information at 772-388-2490.

Michelle Morris says that the 2023 Blue Water Open will be held on 06/02/23 and 06/03/23 with a rain date of 06/10/23. **We will need all new logos from sponsors this year. The format can be Ai, vector, png or pdf (NOT JPEG), so please secure these from your sponsors. We have collected \$3,000 in sponsorships so far!** Committee meeting dates will be announced soon. Rachel Cannon has volunteered to head up trip ticket sales! Diana Best and Terry Gardner will be working on volunteers – if you have a favorite spot let them know so your place will be reserved!

Ali Qizilbash needs suggestions for booking speakers. If you have someone of interest please let him know. Suggestions are appreciated.

Fred Jones announced that our club will participate in another collaborative effort in funding a Freedom Shrine at the Bracket Library in Vero Beach. We will also have the Memory Field Flag display at Riverview Park from April 1-15th. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the flags.

Rene VanDeVoorde has asked for volunteers to assist with selecting students that will receive scholarships. Applications will be reviewed based on merit and need. Contact Rene if interested.



1st Qtr. Visitors - Please Come Again!

- 01-11-23 Judy Landgrave, District 7/8 Awards Chairman
- 01-11-23 Nancy Madsen, District 7/8 Division Director
- 01-25-23 Nancy Eisele (Joy Votrobek)
- 01/25/23 SPD Capt. Wood & Corp. Richards (Rachel Cannon)
- 02/08/23 Sherry Matthews (Michelle Morris)
- 02/15/23 Lou Navarro reMax Crown (Jan Malcolm)
- 02/15/23 Charla Frederick (Joy Votrobek)



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.

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The first Parent Aide has been paired with a family and 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.



Calendar of Events

February

- 02/22 - Freddie Woolfork, GYAC
- 02/29 - TBD

March

- 03/01 - No Meeting (Board Only)
- 03/08 - TBD
- 03/15 - Students
- 03/22 - TBD
- 03/29 - TBD

SAVE THE DATE

Exchange Club Florida District
Annual Convention

WHEN

May 5-7, 2023

WHERE

DoubleTree by Hilton
Jacksonville Riverfront

Save your room now -
 reservation cut-off date is
 midnight April 14, 2023
1-800-222-8733



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



2022-2023 Club Officers L-R: Treasurer Allie Boogaerts, Secretary Giovanni Russo, President-Elect Maya Corley and President Shane Corley

In January they planned upcoming speakers and events. In March Officer Donald Hart will present on his Mother's and Dad's legacy in the Gifford area and on his organization **Hart & Soul** (Pillars – Americanism & Community) They are also planning a school wide Easter Egg hunt in April and will be planning that in February and March (Pillar - Youth). Club members have earned 7 patches since the beginning of the school year, at least one in each of the 4 Pillars of Exchange! The School Advisor is Skye DeVarney who has returned this year and is enthusiastic about rebuilding this club! The next meeting is January 18th.



Excel Club of Sebastian River High School

In February members made and distributed Valentine cards for Senior Citizens and made posters to display at the school celebrating Black History Month (Pillars – Community and Americanism). They are planning more events which fall under the four pillars of Exchange. The club has earned 6 patches since the beginning of the year in 3 of the 4 Pillars of Exchange! Meetings will continue every other Wednesday at the school at 2:00 p.m. 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 Margaret Alexandre, Treasurer Averey Locuiao, and Historian Haley Macleary



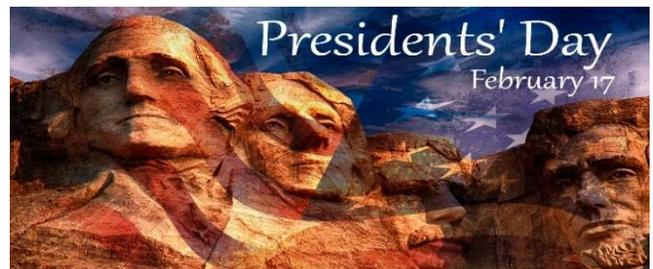
February Birthdays

Jan Malcom	02/02
Johnathan Rhodeback	02/04
Terry Gardner	02/06
Eric Flowers	02/17



February Anniversaries

Seacoast Bank (Terry Gardner)	7 Years
Paul Williamson	10 Years



Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2023 will occur on Monday, February 20. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



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