



# Northside Business Leaders, Inc.

Post Office Box 28554 • Jacksonville, Florida 32226-8554

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Time: 11:45A.M. Place: Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens, Samburu Room



## ***“The Northside”***

***April 2011***

### **Mission Statement**

To continually improve the Jacksonville business environment and quality of life in Jacksonville, while serving the best interests of our members and the North Jacksonville community.

***Happy Easter!***



## Mark Your Calendar

April 12, 2011

Membership Meeting  
Shariffa Spicer

April 27, 2011

Board Meeting

**\*\*\*WE HAVE A NEW CLASSIFIED SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE!\*\*\***

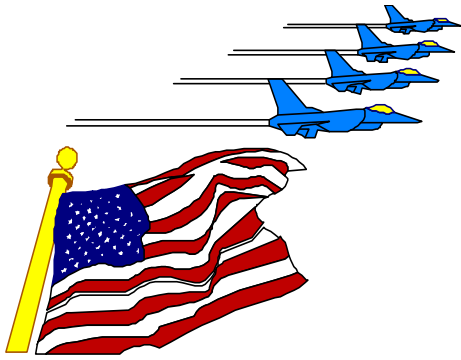
### **Birthdays for April**

Wayne Compton	01	Steve Sell	03
Rod Dixon	08	Ray Turner	08
Ellis Warren	10	Barry Bobek	15
Steve Leggett	20	Jeff Masculine	23
Gene Jones	28	Dick Berry	28
Warren Alvarez	29	Donnie Wright	30

**\*\*\*We now have a Face Book page!\*\*\***

**REMEMBER TO WISH YOUR FRIENDS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Check out our website at: [www.northsidebusinessleaders.com](http://www.northsidebusinessleaders.com)



**Remember the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces in your prayers!**

# **MEMBER NEWS!**

## **The 2010-2011 OFFICERS**

**President: Patricia Hamn 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Rev.Ray Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:Glenn Fowler 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Michael Fisher  
Chaplain: Isaac Jones Secretary/Treasurer: Sandy Gibbs  
Sergeant at Arms:Shannon Elian, Mark Kaleel, Darrell Kelly, & Pepper Pete**

### ***Members***

***The price for our luncheons is \$15.00. We will no longer mail the newsletter each month, but we will instead Email the document to all members. If you do not have email, please let us know and we will get you a copy. We will have copies available at the luncheon meetings and you can pick one up from Sandy.***

### **THE FRANCES AND CLYDE MEMORIAL FUND**

**Contributors to Date**

**John Benso, Bob & Debbie Birtalan, Sidney & Kim Broward  
Steve Burnett, Grady Parker, Les Wages, Gary Wallace**

**If you have any exciting news or events to share with members, please forward this information to Nancy Burnett, Shannon Elian, or Paul Forte by:**

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## **This is your Newsletter and we want to share your news!**

**All of our Club Members are so special. Please let me know if you have any news for our Member column and keep us apprised of any special event or announcement.**

# Member News

## **New Giant Anteater at the Zoo!**

*March 18, 2011 – Jacksonville , FL –* A giant anteater was born at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens on February 22. The mother (dam), named Stella-Abril, and her offspring are doing well. Stella was born on April 28, 1997, and this is her fifth offspring since arriving at the Jacksonville Zoo on May 6, 1998. Killroy, the father (sire), was born October 15, 1999 and arrived at the Zoo on August 16, 2000. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> giant anteater born at the Jacksonville Zoo. This was a highly anticipated birth, in part because veterinary and keeper staff had been performing routine ultrasounds, enabling close monitoring of fetal development. Stella was an excellent patient for these procedures, especially since they were completely voluntary and didn't require any sedation--just a steady supply of ripe avocado. Visitors may be able to see the dam carrying her young on her back in the afternoons starting today. The pair will go on exhibit full time daily within the next few weeks. The anteaters are located at the Zoo's River's Edge exhibit in the Range of the Jaguar. Naming rights for the baby will be auctioned off at the Zoo's annual ExZOOberation evening fundraiser on April 16, 2011 to help support zoo operations including animal care and conservation.

"Giant anteater births in zoos are still fairly rare, and I'm proud of Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' prolific history with this fascinating species", says Dan Maloney , the Zoo's Deputy Director of Conservation and Education.



Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) recommended the pairing and breeding of these two animals as part its giant anteater Yellow Species Survival Plan. Anteaters are listed as NT (near threatened) on the IUCN Red Data List.

Anteaters are edentate animals—they have no teeth. Their long tongues are more than sufficient to lap up the 35,000 ants and termites they swallow whole each day. Giant anteaters use their sharp claws to tear openings into anthills so they can put their long snout and efficient tongue to work. However, their prey, the ants, will fight back with painful stings, so an anteater may spend only a minute feasting on each mound. They have to eat quickly, flicking their tongue up to 160 times per minute. Anteaters are careful to never destroy a nest, preferring instead to return and feed again in the future.

## **RARE GREVY'S ZEBRA BORN AT JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS**



*March 15, 2011 – Jacksonville, FL – A male Grevy's zebra was born at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens on Saturday, February 26. Eclipse, the 17-year-old mother of the foal, came to the Jacksonville Zoo from White Oak Conservation Center, where she was bred in January 2010.*

Officials from White Oak advised that the father of the foal is an unnamed resident stallion born in 1999. This is Eclipse's sixth birth. The foal weighed 108 pounds and stood at three and a half feet tall at the shoulders at birth. Guests can see the foal frolicking after his mother in the Zoo's Plains of East Africa exhibit. Naming rights will be auctioned off at the Zoo's annual ExZOOberation evening fundraiser on April 16, 2011.

Unlike other types of zebras, Grevy's zebras face a dire extinction crisis. More than 15,000 of these animals roamed the savannas of Africa in the 1970s, but scientists estimate only 2,200 remain in the

wild today. The Zoo supports conservation efforts to save the Grevy's zebra, including participation in a Species Survival Plan (SSP) through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). This SSP allows the Zoo to work with other AZA-accredited organizations to help ensure the survivability of the Grevy's zebra for future generations.

"It's great to have a healthy foal because of the important contribution it makes to the conservation of the species," said Craig Miller, curator of mammals at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. "We look forward to following the next breeding recommendation from the SSP for pairing Eclipse with Mosi, our resident stallion."

The Grevy's zebra is the largest of the three zebra species and originates from parts of northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia. Although foals are born with brown stripes and fuzzy coats, they grow into their notorious black-and-white stripes by one year of age. The stripe pattern is unique to each animal, much like fingerprints are unique to each human. They provide an important adaptation for the species that allows them to blend into their natural surroundings.

Foals weigh 80 to 125 pounds at birth, but can grow to be over 900 pounds as adults.

For more than 96 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has been dedicated to inspiring the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experience in a caring environment. Preservation of sustainable biodiversity is a key mission of the Zoo. Since its beginning in 1914, with an animal collection that consisted of only one red deer fawn, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has become one of the top zoos in the nation. It now features more than 1,800 rare and exotic animals and over 1,000 unique plant species. The Zoo is a non-profit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums. It is open year-round, seven-days-a-week, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is located on Jacksonville's north side at 370 Zoo Parkway, one-half mile east from I-95. For more information, go to [jacksonvillezoo.org](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).



**Please remember to pass important events, and information along to us to share with the members. This is your Newsletter and we want to make it about you.**

# Past Meetings

## March 8, 2011

### Lee-Hogan-Mullaney Mayoral Debate



Rick Mullaney, Warren Lee, & Mike Hogan

The March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NSBL was one of the BEST of the year as three candidates running for the position of Mayor of this great city participated in a “round robin” forum. Mike Hogan, Warren Lee and Rick Mullaney presented themselves as worthy candidates to the attendance of a packed house. (Many of the mayoral candidates turned down the invitation to appear) Questions were written down by attendees prior to the meeting and were presented to each candidate in a rotation format with each one given the opportunity to respond to the same question.

Different opinions were obvious when asked about; race relations, tourism, parks and recreation, and city salaries among other topics.

It was apparent to this writer that the campaign has been a wearisome experience for all candidates as each talked prior to the meeting about how many forums and debates (50) they had attended with more to go before the election date of March 22. Maybe one of the questions should have been; “Is it worth it?” While most of us do not know the demands of the political life we all are aware of the political criticisms that follow.

Far too many voters have no clue as to what is going on when it comes to elections and the candidates. If you missed this one meeting you really missed a golden opportunity to understand some of

the candidate’s opinions on issues that will greatly impact our lives here in the City of Jacksonville.

It is very easy to be critical, however If you don’t vote, don’t criticize!

Ray Turner, First Vice President

## Straw Vote

Thanks to Jerry Holland's office, we were able to have a Straw Vote and the results are a click away in PDF format at [www.northsidebusinessleaders.com](http://www.northsidebusinessleaders.com). This Straw Vote includes all the Offices (Mayor, Sheriff, City Council, etc.)

The Paramount Performance Marketing donated the forms. For a link to their website, please visit [www.northsidebusinessleaders.com](http://www.northsidebusinessleaders.com).



Mike Hogan



Warren Lee



Rick Mullaney

To view the video, please visit [www.northsidebusinessleaders.com](http://www.northsidebusinessleaders.com).

***April 28***

## ***Members & Guests Barbecue & Picnic***

Location will be at the Brentwood Golf Course off of Golfair and I-95. Tim Petty and Pepper Peete head up the committee putting this event together.





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## President's Letter April 2011

We're off to a **busy** April and a great beginning this year. Since January, we've had **seven** people join our membership. Last month's two new members were: Darryl Ewing and Leah Campion. Be sure to give them a warm welcome.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**, our next meeting: members will be asked to vote on Pepper Peete's nomination for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** - George Corey would like to see the members attend the 4-H Club seafood buffet. The cost is - all you can eat for only \$25.00 per person. The buffet will be held at the Agriculture Center at the corner of McDuff and Commonwealth Avenue. Please plan to attend. See George for tickets.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** is an important date to remember. It's our **Membership Appreciation BBQ**. Tim Petty is going to be our "BBQ Chef." Please go to the website for all the details. Reminder: this event is **in lieu of** the annual September banquet. The cost is only \$20.00 per person with pricing being slightly higher if you're planning to play a little golf. Pepper Peete, our Sgt. at Arms and the Executive Director of the First Tee has invited us to use the Brentwood Golf Course for our BBQ. Location address: 1157 Golfair Boulevard.

Last month we had over sixty people in attendance. I'm sincerely grateful for each of you and I encourage you to invite potential new members each month.

Speaking of last month....Ray Turner pulled off an excellent program. The mayoral forum was excellent and we had many compliments from members and guests alike. Paul Forte has the entire program on the website for your review.

Ray has also invited the two candidates, Alvin Brown and Mike Hogan to face off again on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** at our member meeting. As of today, Mike Hogan has agreed to participate.

I'll see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Patricia Hamn

# Shannon's Spotlight

## "They call me Shotgun!"

I will be interviewing Paul Forte soon. I am told that I will be riding in a race car, that I will need a helmet, and that we will be on a real race track. I am in the process of planning this by, at exactly what time, would be good for my hospital stay.

Everyone will be invited to witness this rare event in Gainesville. If any of you happen to drive an ambulance, I would be very happy if you would join us!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

**Sandy Gibbs, "Secretary/Treasurer" & Shannon Elian, "PropVoice Management"**





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Revised: *September 20, 2009*

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BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Membership (**Circle**): Individual Corporate Retired Spouse

COMMITTEE OF INTEREST: (**Circle those of interest**) Annual Banquet, Directory, Fair, Finance, golf Tournament, Government Affairs, Membership, Mentoring/Scholarships, Speakers, Web Page

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