



Northside Business Leaders, Inc.

Post Office Box 28554 • Jacksonville, Florida 32226-8554

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



“The Northside”

February 2012

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.



Mark Your Calendar

February 14, 2012

Ed Garland
St. Johns River Water Management District

February 28, 2012

Board Meeting

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

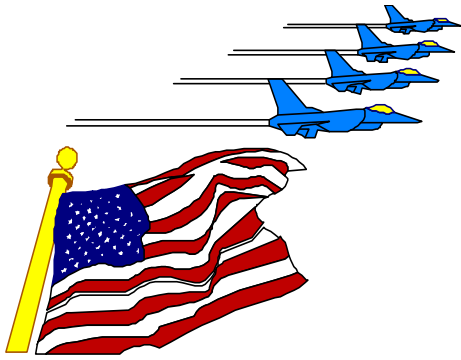
Birthdays for February

Neal Henning	04	Sam Folino	07
Jake Godbold	07	Martha Leverock	08
Eeva Pakarinen	09	Faye Rustin	20

We now have a Face Book page!

REMEMBER TO WISH YOUR FRIENDS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Check out our website at: www.northsidebusinessleaders.com



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

MEMBER NEWS!

The 2011-2012 OFFICERS

President: Rev. Ray Turner 1st VP: Glenn Fowler 2nd VP: Shannon Elian 3rd VP: T.C. Davis

Chaplain: Isaac Jones Secretary/Treasurer: Sandy Gibbs

Sergeant at Arms: Michael Fisher, Mark Kaleel, Jerry Holland, Darrell Kelly, Pepper Pete, Steve Leggett, & Donnie Wright

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

Welcome New Member!



Eeva Pakarinen, Navy Federal Credit Union

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE ZOO LATELY?



JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF ITS 31st BABY GIRAFFE



January 13, 2012 – Jacksonville, FL – The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens announces the birth of a male reticulated giraffe on January 11 at 12:10 p.m. The calf weighs approximately 145 pounds, is six feet tall and doing well. Guests riding the Zoo Train may see the calf and its mother in the outdoor holding area, pending weather conditions or feeding or healthcare requirements. The naming rights for the calf will be auctioned off on April 28th at ExZOOberation, the Zoo’s largest evening adult fundraiser.

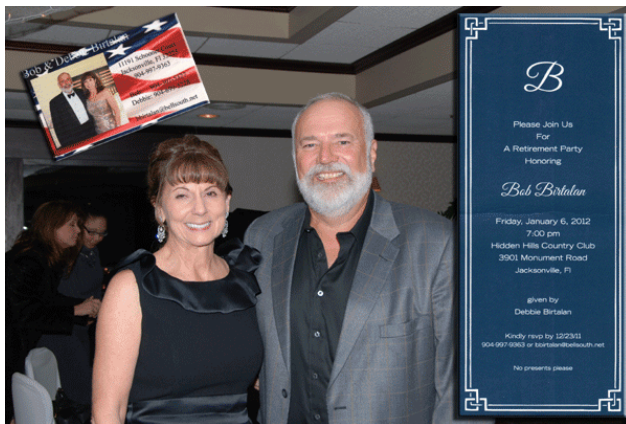
This is the second offspring for the mother, Naomi, a five-year-old, since she arrived at Jacksonville Zoo in October 2006. The calf’s father is Duke, the 14-year-old patriarch of the giraffe herd, who has now sired a total of seven offspring since he came to the Jacksonville Zoo in April of 2003. The Zoo now has nine giraffes in its collection. This is the 31st giraffe born at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

“The neonatal or ‘well baby’ exam has been completed, and the calf is off to a good start,” said Tony Vecchio, executive director of Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. “The calf was standing on all fours within one hour of the birth and is now walking, sitting, standing and nursing properly. The keepers and animal healthcare staff will continue to monitor the newborn closely,” he concluded.

For nearly a century, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has been dedicated to inspiring the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection that consisted of one red deer fawn, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens now has more than 1,500 rare and exotic animals and 2,000 plants. It has won national acclaim for its

South American Range of the Jaguar exhibit and has the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo is a non-profit organization and is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). It is open year-round, seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Christmas Day, and is located on Jacksonville's north side at 370 Zoo Parkway, one-half mile east from I-95. For more information on the Zoo, log on to www.jacksonvillezoo.org.

Past President Bob Birtalan (Shown with Wife Debbie)



Retires from BAE

Debbie Birtalan put together a Retirement Event for Bob that was truly fitting and deserving for his thirty years with Atlantic Marine and BAE. The emotions of Bob, family, co-workers and friends was "Bitter-Sweet". The hugs, the handshakes and the conversations brought tears and happiness, while honoring this tower of individual. Bob not only gave his best talents, but he brought you into the mix if you wanted to join in his vision and dreams.

Bob a Past President of the Northside Business Leaders also lifted our club up back in the 2002-2006 time. He was still behind us after that, but due to more commitments to new owners he was not able to lead us as much and we truly missed him. Now we hope he will return to and bring back the energy, leadership and inspiration. George Corey gave a special congratulation during the event.

Many times potential new members ask what will the NBL do for them. If you really want something from our club look around at our membership. You will find a wealth of knowledge, inspiration, and leadership from of the best men and women in Jacksonville. All you have to do is learn to watch these folks, ask questions and then better yourself by putting some of there ideas to work for you. Bob is one of those people, that you want to get to know.

Thanks again to Debbie for inviting us to your tribute to Bob's Retirement.

Paul A. Forte, Past President

Jax Port Tour



Panamax Ship Cranes

The JaxPort tour was very informative and everything is *BIG!* Our tour guide Joanne Kazmierski kept us busy the whole 90 minutes. She was very knowledgeable, professional, sweet and a really down to earth person. All of us on the tour were very impressed with what was going on at the port presently, but the future can put Jacksonville into a very prosperous situation.

Presently JaxPort is #2 in the nation for new automobiles moving thru a port. We have a large exporting business of large cars, suvs and trucks. We are also #2 port as a Military Readiness port. The JaxPort is considered one of the most secured ports in the Nation. We are rated 13th in the nation overall as a port. We can become #1, but we must get people on our side and show them what we can do better than other ports and how are location to railroads, airports and two major highways (I 95 & I10) connecting here in Jacksonville make us very flexible for moving goods. Additionally we have I75 & I16 1-2 hours away.

Again a "Big Thank You" to Joanne & Keith our bus driver for a great tour!



What we have to do NOW is deepen the port, fix Mile Point and secure a spot for the Cruise ships permanently! **Paul A Forte, Turbo Action Inc.**

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

January 10, 2012

Marisa Carbone Finotti JEA Home Energy Team

Our speaker for our January 10th meeting was Marisa Carbone Finotti with the JEA home energy team. Ms. Finotti was both entertaining and informative as she explained the content and usage of the JEA Do-it yourself home energy evaluation kit. Ms. Finotti Works for a non-profit organization called the Green Team Project that contracts with the JEA. She explained various ways our energy is wasted in the home, how we can detect this loss, and suggestion to prevent future loss. As Ms. Finotti explained, by preventing wasted energy in our homes, we can contribute to a greener environment while saving on our energy bills.

The JEA Do-it yourself home energy evaluation kit is available at all the Jacksonville Libraries and can be checked out free with a library card. The kit includes an energy audit guide, an infrared thermometer, Kill-a-watt meters, and other tools needed to complete the energy audit. In speaking of lost energy in the home, Ms. Finotti told us that the air conditioner/heater is the largest consumption of energy item in the home. Some of the suggestions to prevent lost energy were to set thermostats to 68 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer, replace incandescent lights with new florescent energy bulbs, and put water restrictors on water faucets and shower heads.



Marisa and Glenn

Officer of the Quarter



Officer Oman and wife Tonya

Officer Trey Oman III

On November 14, 2011, Officer Oman noticed a stolen Ford F-250 that was used in the several residential burglaries. After following the vehicle, Officer Oman and another officer attempted to pull the truck over on Edgewood Ave. The Ford truck smashed into the other officer's patrol car and led the two officers on a chase. The truck crashed at the intersection of New Kings Road and Edgewood Ave. The two males ran from the truck but were apprehended by Officer Oman and his fellow officer. Later, Officer Oman found two guns, stolen credit cards and a safety deposit box in the truck.

**Glenn Fowler, First VP
Fowler Accounting Services, Inc.**



Our Special Guest...



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President's Letter

Having had a great start on the new year during January, there is an excitement to the future. Thanks must go to our 1st VP Glenn Fowler for his leadership and planning the JAXPORT tour and planning for the next tour. Glenn has brought a list of outstanding speakers with prospects for upcoming meetings that are top quality!

A few things that we as a club must cooperatively work together on are vitally important to our future. One being our meeting attendance! Since we only meet once a month EVERYONE must make the effort to attend. Not only does this help the club meet the agreement with the zoo as to prepared meals, it also gives all an opportunity to fellowship and network. PLEASE BE PRESENT next VALENTINES DAY, February 14th! Bring your "sweetie" or old "salty"!

Promotions are important to our meetings, PLEASE bring a DOOR PRIZE! One from your business or as I have stated in board meetings, any unwanted Christmas gifts that you don't want! We'll take about anything. It's a fun time and by the look of the group everyone enjoys the 50-50 and door prizes!

The club needs new blood! New members that are willing to get involved. Every organization that I am aware of is suffering due to "age-deficiency"! With no offense to our current membership, we need all the "young guns" we can get. ENCOURAGE those prospects to attend and join. Our current membership must "step-up" to the plate and ATTEND the meetings so as to encourage and bolster the entire club. We have a great group of business leaders from all areas of the north side represented and we are not satisfied! We want more.

The Scholarship Committee is already at work looking at our 5 north side high schools, the fair committee is talking new strategy for November, the board is looking at ways to get involved more in the community and together, the Northside Business Leaders CAN make a difference!

See YOU at the next meeting!

F. Ray Turner
President, Northside Business Leaders

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!
Sandy Gibbs, "Secretary/Treasurer" & Shannon Elian, "PropVoice Management"



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Revised: September 20, 2009

NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____ Ext _____ FAX _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

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

Send Newsletter and Information: Home Address Business Address E-mail

Sponsored by: _____

One Time Application Fee: \$50.00

Annual Dues Individual: \$115.00

Annual Dues Corporate: \$300.00

Annual Dues Retired Spouse: \$35.00

Mail Application to:
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Questions? Contact: Shannon Elian, Membership Chair
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CATEGORY INFO ON WEBSITE UNDER MEMBERSHIPS