



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”

June 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 Father's Day!



Mark Your Calendar

June 14, 2011

**Peter Bragan, Jr.
Jacksonville Suns Baseball**

June 28, 2011

Board Meeting

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

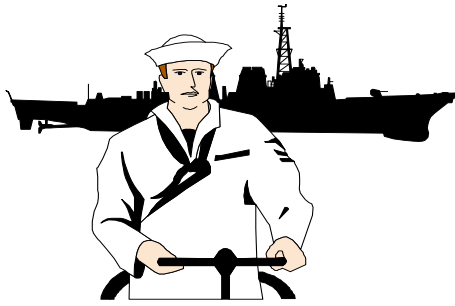
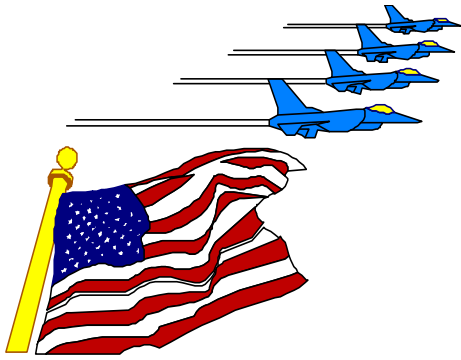
Birthdays for June

Ed Jones	09	Dorothy Ammons	09
Paul Forte	16	Sollie Mitchell	20
Scott Cates	22	Percival Campbell, Sr,	30

*****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 2010-2011 OFFICERS

President: Patricia Hamn 1st VP: Rev. Ray Turner 2nd VP: Glenn Fowler 3rd 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!

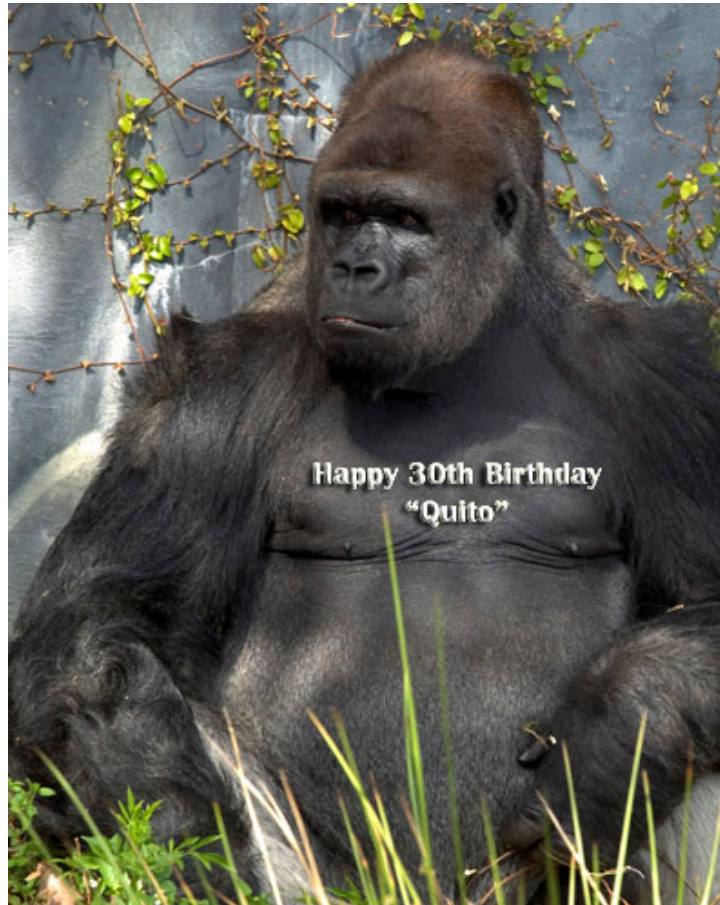
All of our Club Members are so special. Please let me know if you have any news for our Member column and keep us apprised of any special event or announcement.

Member News

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

Celebrates 30th Birthday of Silverback Gorilla, Quito

June 1, 2011



May 25, 2011 – Jacksonville, FL – The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is celebrating the 30th birthday of Quito, a silverback gorilla on Wednesday, June 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be an information booth at the Great Ape Exhibit with fun facts about Quito as well as conservation information on gorillas. Guests are invited to come at 9:30 a.m. and sing happy birthday to Quito where he will also be given his birthday cake. Stop by the Great Ape exhibit to sign his birthday card, hear from Zoo Keepers about Quito throughout the day, enjoy gorilla enrichment and stop for a visit from Jazoo, the Zoo mascot. A power point presentation will be provided throughout the day in the Samburu Room located at Main Camp, where guests can stop in to see pictures of Quito and learn more about his story. This event is free with regular admission into the Zoo.

New Member Welcome!



Monty Daly

Shannon's Spotlight

Try as we might, Paul Forte & I did not get together to do the second part of our interview. We promise to do better!

Announcement

Our very own Sollie Mitchell was interviewed by PBS about his service to our country during World War 2. It aired on May 29, 2011 from 7-8 P.M. We are currently working on getting a video of it to share with the other members. **Sollie, we are so proud of you!**



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

May 10, 2011

Mayoral Forum with Alvin Brown & Mike Hogan



Ray Turner with guests, Alvin Brown & Mike Hogan

If you missed this one meeting, you missed one of the most educational “political” events in club history! Mayoral Candidates Mike Hogan and Alvin Brown squared off at the May meeting of the NSBL to the delight of some 50+ members, guests and news media. Beyond the expectations of event planners both candidates rose to the occasion with wit, charm and some fun.

Mr. Brown started the forum first; speakers were in agreement to start alphabetically and finished in reverse order.

Mr. Brown first put on the 1st VP’s hat of the month, a Mexican sombrero and broke the ice of silence. During his different appearances answering questions, it was hard to tell if he was running for Mayor or the local Baptist Pastorate. Opening with “God is good” a familiar church phrase and referencing tithing during his presentation gave the impression he knows a little about church life.

Q & A went smoothly during the first three-quarters of the forum.

Mr. Hogan began his presentation on a more serious note. Immediately jumping on his long time status as a product of Jacksonville, growing up and attending Jacksonville schools, serving the city in the State Legislature, and currently the Tax Collector as qualifiers for the office of Mayor in comparison to Mr. Brown. He brought out his 30+ years with AT&T as a foundation for his ideas on running a large business. Mr. Hogan’s thoughts and answers during the first three-quarters of the forum were insightful and certainly full of experience.

Now, the BIG finale! During the forum the atmosphere had been one of appreciation of each candidate’s position although differing. Mr. Brown rose to respond to a question and began attacking Mr. Hogan’s record of pay increases and defunding the Duval County schools. This caught Mr. Hogan off-guard as the agreement had been to keep the forum pleasant and to the point.

Mr. Hogan’s facial expressions said more than this writer was willing to write. When Mr. Hogan’s time came, he was thinking carefully about his remarks to the accusations and responded by calling the

previous remarks by Mr. Brown "lies"! He answered the pay raise accusation by inserting the fact that as a Government employee salaries and raises are set by law. You don't say "NO" it just happens.

As to the accusation of "cutting the funding for Duval schools" Mr. Hogan while in the State Legislature had to deal with the "fall-out" from the serious decline in Florida's State revenue due to September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. He explained that the budget had to be dealt with across the board and that Duval County did not lose any School money.

As stated at the beginning of this article, if you missed this one meeting, YOU missed one of the best forums NSBL has had.

Bottom line: We all have the choice's to make; Republican or Democrat, Mr. Hogan or Mr. Brown, local long term experience or short term experience. However your thoughts run, make sure you RUN TO VOTE on May 17 or DON'T COMPLAIN!

Ray Turner, First Vice President



President, Patricia Hamn with Special Guest, "Slinky." Welcome Back Gerri Jones!



Now Mayor Elect, Alvin Brown

Officer of the Quarter

Officer Cindy Leavens



Officer of the Quarter, Cindy Leavens



Detective & Officer Leavens

Officer Leavens has exemplified the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office core value of "Community Focused". During the time period September thru December of 2010, she partnered with the Zone 6 Sheriff's Advisory Councils (ShAdCo) to host a Christmas Party for needy children. She met with and led the group's efforts in planning, organizing, directing staffing, and coordinating the event. She utilized her resources as a former Police Academy full time instructor to secure a room at the Academy capable of handling over one hundred persons. She also partnered with the local United States Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots program. Toys for Tots provided each child with three brand new age appropriate toys.

The previous year there had been some discord among some of the ShAdCo members on how the children were chosen for this event. Officer Leavens was not involved in the 2009 event when the discord developed. However, for the 2010 party she immediately absolved their concerns by her professional and impartial approach. She allowed each ShAdCo to select twenty children each based on several criteria. The most important criteria she used were the children were verified they were not receiving gifts from any other charitable or government entity. She also coordinated the efforts of the ten children chosen by the JSO to attend the party. In fact, she chose five children whose parents recently had been incarcerated for child neglect. All children got their picture made with Santa and Mrs. Clause as they received their bag of gifts. Officer Leavens also ensure each kid left the party with a child's favorite gift of all, a bag of candy. One parent confided her children would have had no presents to open on Christmas morning had it not been for this event. It should be noted that Officer Leavens lives here in the Northside, and serves the community with enthusiasm and humbleness. A letter was written and sent to Sheriff Rutherford signed by both "P" and "Q" ShAdCo chair persons stating this was the best ever Christmas party held since its inception nine years ago. The Chairs specifically cited Officer Leavens' professionalism and leadership in serving the neediest children of North Jacksonville. Officer Leavens' actions have brought great credit upon herself, the Sheriff's Office, and all who have had the privilege of knowing her. This is but one example of her dedication to being "Community Focused". Therefore, she deserves to be recognized as the Officer of the quarter for Zone 6.

Ray Turner, First Vice President



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President's Letter June 2011

Dear Friends,

Many things happen in June: It lets us know that 2011 is half over, marks the beginning of Summer, Father's Day is celebrated, and, last, but certainly not least, it marks the beginning of Hurricane Season.

This month, I would encourage each of you to think about your actions, inactions, the kind things you do, and the times you could have been kind, but were not. Think about what you say to people, and be mindful of how you would feel if the same thing were said to you.

Consider this: The cashier at Target may have seemed rude to you, but maybe she is going into foreclosure. Maybe she just found out her spouse, or one of her children is terminally ill. Do not be angry with people who are intentionally rude, and think only of themselves. They are to be pitied.

Always be honest. This does not mean that you have to be unkind in your remarks. If you have nothing nice to say, do not say anything. That is probably best. Refrain from gossip. This is counterproductive.

Appreciate the sunshine, the rain, the wind, or anything else nature brings you. Be kind to an animal. Someone once told me that every time you pet a dog, 100 sins are forgiven.

Last, I'd really like to see all of you at our next meeting on June 14th. I'd love to hear any suggestions you may have for a Club get-together. Since we're not having our annual banquet this year, I'm hoping you'll come up with some ideas that we'll all enjoy. Keep in mind that this year will be an informal event. So far, Janet Johnson has tentatively reserved a building toward the back of the Zoo that overlooks the river. We're also trying to keep the price at about half the rate that we're accustomed to spending, therefore, we should be able to have some great food, great atmosphere and a time of fellowship with one another that we've not done in the past. Please come and let me know.

I know my letter is different this month. It was written by my anonymous ghostwriter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hamn
President

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

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



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Category of Membership (**Circle**): Individual Corporation Ret. Spouse

I am interested in joining the following Committee(s) (Circle)

Annual Banquet, Directory, Fair, Finance, Golf Tournament, Government Affairs,
Membership, Mentoring/Scholarships, Speakers, Web Page

Send Newsletter and Information: _____ Home Address Bus. Address E-mail

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One Time Application Fee	50.00
Annual Dues Individual	115.00
Annual Dues Corporate	300.00
Annual Dues Retired Spouse	35.00

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