

Meet our speaker: **District Gov. Ted Johnson**

Edward Johnston joined Rotary in 1981 has been involved in the various aspects of Rotary for more than 33 years; Edward has served in all club capacities including chairing the Four Avenues of Service, Secretary, President and at the District level as Assistant Governor 2008-2009-2010.

As club President, Ted was instrumental in forming the Kings Bay Rotary 501 3 C Charitable Foundation, increasing club members almost 20% and encouraged the fifty club members (at the time) to generously donated over \$20,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

Ted served as Assistant Governor for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Rotary years during which a new club was chartered, several county projects were organized that all clubs participated and the United Way presented the Rotary club of Citrus County the "Spirit of Community" Award for both 2009 and 2010. Ted also received the Assistant Governor of the Year award from Rotary district 6950 for 2008-2009. For the Rotary year of 2009-2010, Ted and the clubs of Citrus County were awarded the ACE award, Area and Club Excellence Award, a new award created to present each to the area of District clubs that best exemplify the excellence team work that the Citrus clubs achieved under the guidance of Ted Johnston as their Assistant Governor. In 2010-11, Ted served as Special Advisor to the Governor.



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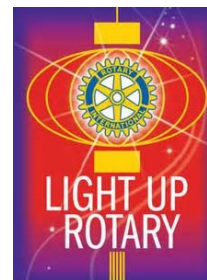
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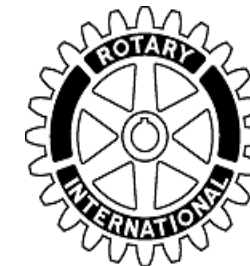
Married to Janet Johnston. Blessed with three children; Anne Marie, who is a chemical engineer employed by NASA at Cape Canaveral; Ellen, who is a graphic designer and currently is attending college for an additional degree and Aaron, a college student studying biomedical engineering.

Current Hobbies: Boating : Cooking : Diving : Fly Fishing : Hunting : Photography : Traveling to Exotic Destinations

Edward holds a Florida State Certified General Class "A" Contractors license, Florida Real Estate Brokers license, Federal Aviation Private Pilot's license, PADI open water diving license, and is a Certified Fly Casting Instructor with the International Federation of Fly Fishers.



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ROTARY 2014-2015

Club Number 4289

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PRAYER FOR TODAY: Lord, let me never miss an opportunity to give. Amen.

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Edward (Ted) R. Johnston
District Governor's Visit**

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: No Program

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Max Viera "Boy Scouts"
Upcoming Events:**

- Sept. 24: Kim Dohrman, Executive Director,
Creative Clay Cultural Art Center
- Oct. 11: Beer Fest
- Nov. 8: Black Tie Auction "Thanksgiving"

Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2013-2014:

President	Gerry Miller	Sergeant at Arms	Jim Woodworth
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Young writers get published with the help of Rotary

In Jamaica, 11-year-old Jordan Allwood reads his classmates a story about a lonely puppy who finds a new family.

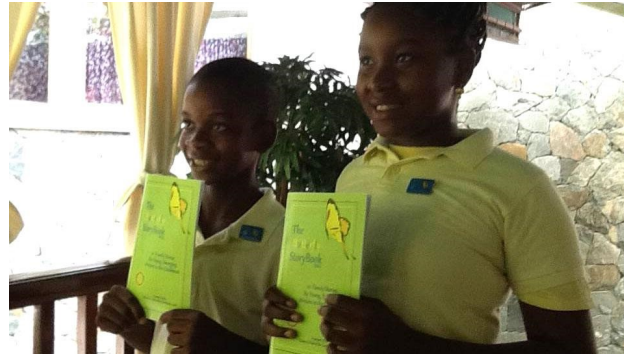
The puppy grows into a big dog, enjoys walks along the beach, and survives a frightening autumn day when he is caught in a trap before being rescued by his family. Jordan's story is one of hundreds that were written by children ages 7-11 for a writing contest organized by the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020 and supported by clubs in 10 Caribbean nations.

The best stories, including Jordan's, were published in "The Butterfly StoryBook," produced by the club and sold through Amazon.com. Rotary members and others are encouraged to donate copies to school libraries. Proceeds are used to support other literacy efforts.

In July, Rotary International and the International Reading Association (IRA) selected the Butterfly StoryBook project and a summer mobile library project run by the Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning, Washington, USA, to receive two \$2,500 awards from the Pearson Foundation. The awards recognize projects in which Rotary clubs and local IRA-affiliated reading councils collaborate to strengthen literacy in local and international communities. Rotary and the IRA have been project partners since 2002.

Diana White, a past district governor and member of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020, says she got the idea for the story contest after a visit to the headquarters of Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI), which holds a number of well-publicized youth contests every year. White said a project that involved drafting rules and promoting a contest was perfect for the e-club. It turned to clubs throughout the district to solicit entries from local schools. In 2013, the contest's first year, 200 children contributed stories. This year, 300 young writers took part. Each club selects three local winners, who receive certificates. Then a panel of judges from the e-club chooses 10 stories from among all of those to include in "The Butterfly StoryBook." Each of those young authors receives \$50 in books.

"It's been a great shot in the arm for our club, which only just chartered last year," says White. "We tried to think of things we could do specifically that didn't require everyone getting together in one place. This project has been more successful than we could have imagined and has been a great source of pride for our members."



This year, the e-club provided a free copy of the e-book to the Jamaica Reading Association, an IRA-affiliated council, which used it in its annual Reading Week in April. The association signed an agreement with the club to further promote the contest throughout the Caribbean. Rotary clubs in the U.S. Virgin Islands purchased 500 copies for the Summer Reading Challenge held there. Clubs have also purchased copies to donate to schools in Canada, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, and the United Kingdom.

The contest rules required each story to have a Caribbean theme, because the e-club wanted to share the culture of the region while encouraging creative writing. University students in Haiti translated the stories into French and Haitian Creole free of charge. The books are also available in English and will soon be available in Spanish.

"I'm really excited how this has all turned out," says White. "We still have a long way we can go with this project. There's no limit how far these books can be promoted through the Internet."

The Rotary Club of Ellensburg Morning and the IRA council based at Central Washington University collaborated on the second project to receive a Pearson Foundation award. Mandi Laurent, a member of the council, got the idea for a bookmobile, or mobile library, after attending a conference on summer reading loss.

Volunteers from the Rotary club, the IRA council, the local Rotaract club, and the Ellensburg Education Foundation solicit books from a variety of sources, sort them by grade level, and accompany the bookmobile, a converted delivery truck, to its stops in low-income neighborhoods every Tuesday in July. This year, the education foundation raised \$10,000 to purchase the truck it had been renting.

"We get a lot of smiles," says Laurent, who became a member of the Rotary club as a result of the project. "The children in these communities tend to be underserved, and many of them have very few books in their homes."

Many of the volunteers are educators, and they teach as they read books to the children. Laurent says she's also seen older children reading to their younger siblings. "This past week, I went along with a third-grade teacher, and she said afterward how glad she was that she took part," Laurent says. "It's an eye-opening experience every time you go."