



The Rotary Club of The Villages (Morning) Summer Glen Veterans Club

Report #18 - November 8, 2021

Smiles for Veterans Dental Fund

Total Number of Grants Through date of this report:

	2018 2019 2020 2021 2021 Dentures in Process TOTAL
Account Balance:	
Sunshine State Veterans Fund Account	3,295.00
Evening Rotary Club of The Villages General Dentistry Account	3,625.00
Evening Rotary Club of The Villages - Dentures/Complex Dental	
Account	4,143.50
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Grant dated January 26, 2021	4,746.00
Morning Rotary Club of The Villages - Denture Account	
Grant dated March 15, 2021 (including pending grants)	1.00
Summer Glen Veterans Fund	1,085.00
Rotary Club of The Villages - Evening Foundation Matching Fund	
Account	4,154.00
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE	21,049.50

During this reporting period the following significant events occurred:

We have had significant news coverage in local newspaper of the Smiles For Veterans Dental Program and attached are the news articles.

We had anticipated that there was a need for one set or partial set of dentures per month and we have this budgeted quantity funded for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. We have 9 partial and full sets of dentures in process. See the accounting under The Rotary Club of The Villages (morning) grant.

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Date: grants through 2021.52 through 2021.79 Report #18 dated 11/8/21

<u>Smiles for Veterans Dental Fund</u> Total Number of Grants Through date of this report:

2018	22
2019	67
2020	43
2021	ZZ
2021 Dentures	
in Process	6
TOTAL	215

Account Balance:

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Sunshine State Veterans Fund AccountIntial Donation 4,800.00 5,000.00 9,800.00 Donation - November 2019 TOTAL DONATIONS

Langley Grant #	Date of Service	Payment Amount
2018.1	1/30/18	45.00
2018.2	2/12/18	45.00
2018.3	2/28/18	45.00
2018.4	2/28/18	45.00
2018.5	3/26/18	
2018.6	UR 1000 TO 100 T	45.00
2018.7	3/27/18	45.00
2018.8	4/26/18	45.00
	6/15/18	45.00
2018.10	10/22/18	45.00
2018.20	12/10/18	45.00
2018.21	1/8/19	45.00
2019.1	1/18/19	45.00
2019.2	1/18/19	600.00
2019.19 (Split grant with Rotary)	10/25/22	35.00
2019.20	3/21/23	45.00
2019.21	5/8/19	45.00
2019.22	5/8/19	45.00
2019.23	5/8/19	45.00
2019.24	5/8/19	45.00
2019.25	5/9/19	45.00
2019.26	5/7/19	45.00
2019.27	5/8/19	45.00
2019.28	5/16/19	45.00
2019.29	5/30/19	45.00
2019.30 2019.31	4/16/19	45.00
	2/8/19	45.00
2019.32 2029.33	6/5/19	600.00
2019.35	8/6/19	45.00
2019.36	8/6/19	45.00
2019.37	8/6/19	45.00
2019.37	8/6/19	45.00
2017.30	8/6/19	45.00

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2019.39	7/5/19	45.00
2019.40	7/12/19	45.00
2019.41 2019.42	7/15/19	45.00
2019.42	7/26/19	45.00
2019.44	8/1/19	45.00
2019.45	8/2/19 8/29/19	45.00 45.00
2019.46	9/5/19	45.00
2019.47	11/20/19	45.00
2019.48	11/20/19	45.00
2019.49 2019.50	11/20/19	45.00
2019.51	11/20/19	45.00
2019.52	11/20/19 11/20/19	45.00
2019.53	11/20/19	45.00 45.00
2019.54	11/5/19	45.00
2019.56	11/6/19	45.00
2019.57	11/6/19	45.00
2019.58 2019.59	11/6/19	45.00
2019.60	11/7/19	45.00
2019.61	11/8/19 11/15/19	45.00
2019.62	11/13/19	45.00 45.00
2019.63	11/20/19	45.00
2019.64	12/6/19	45.00
2019.65	12/10/19	45.00
2019.66 2019.67	12/11/19	45.00
2020.1	12/23/19	45.00
2020.2	1/2/20 1/16/20	45.00 45.00
2020.3	1/24/20	45.00
2020.26 (Split with Rotary)	11/11/20	35.00
2020.27	11/11/20	45.00
2020.29	11/11/20	45.00
2020.30	11/11/20	45.00
2020.31	11/11/20	45.00
2020.32	11/11/20	45.00
2020.33	11/11/20	45.00
2020.34	1/27/21	45.00
2020.35	1/27/21	45.00
2020.36	1/27/21	
2020.37	1/27/21	45.00
2020.38	1/27/21	45.00
2020.39		45.00
2020.40	1/27/21	45.00
2020.41	1/27/21	45.00
2020.42	1/27/21	195.00
2021.1	1/27/21	45.00
	1/27/21	45.00
2021.2	1/27/21	45.00
2021.3	1/27/21	45.00
2021.4	1/27/21	45.00
2021.5	1/27/21	45.00
2021.6	1/27/21	45.00
2021.7	1/26/21	45.00
2021.8	2/1/21	45.00
2021.9	2/23/21	
2021.10	2/23/21	45.00
2021.12	5/24/21	45.00
2021.13		45.00
2021.14	5/24/21	45.00
2021.14	5/24/21	45.00
2021.16	5/24/21	45.00
	5/24/21	45.00
2021.17	5/24/21	45.00
2021.18	5/24/21	45.00

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2021.19	5/24/21	45.00
2021.20	5/24/21	45.00
2021.21	5/24/21	45.00
2021.22	5/24/21	45.00
2021.23	5/24/21	45.00
2021.24	5/24/21	45.00
2021.25	5/24/21	45.00
2021.26	5/24/21	45.00
2021.27	5/24/21	45.00
2021.29	5/24/21	45.00
2021.30	5/24/21	45.00
2021.31	5/24/21	45.00
2021.42	6/11/21	45.00
2021.43	6/25/21	45.00
2021.44	6/30/21	45.00
2021.46	7/2/21	45.00
2021.47	7/6/21	45.00
2021.48	7/6/21	45.00
2021.49	7/12/21	45.00
2021.50	8/5/21	45.00
2021.51	8/11/21	45.00
Total Grants		6,505.00
Ending Account Balance SSVF		3,295.00

Evening Rotary Club of The Villages General Dentisty Account	
Initial donation	1,000.00
Donation June 2020	1,000.00
Donation March 2, 2021 (#1268 for \$200 plus match from Foundation)	400.00
Donation from Club's Foundation Robey Matching funds ck# 1288	1,000.00
Donation from Rotary Club Foundation (#1296, match, Military Club, and	-
Jasniewsk donation	2,200.00
Donation of \$800 plus Foundation match	1,600.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	7 200 00

Langley Grant #	Date of Service	Payment Amount
2018.13	10/22/18	45.00
2018.15	10/22/18	45.00
2018.16	11/1/18	45.00
2018.17	11/1/18	45.00
2018.18	11/1/18	45.00
2018.19	11/1/18	45.00
2019.3	1/18/19	45.00
2019.4	2/8/19	45.00
2019.5	2/18/19	45.00
2019.6	2/20/19	45.00
2019.7	2/25/19	45.00
2019.8	2/27/19	45.00
2019.9	3/1/19	45.00
2019.18	1/9/19	45.00
2019.17	1/10/19	45.00
2019.15	1/17/19	45.00
2019.11	2/9/19	45.00
2019.14	2/21/19	45.00
2019.1 0	2/28/19	45.00
2019.13	3/21/19	45.00
2019.12	3/22/19	45.00
2019.16	3/26/19	45.00
2019.19 (Split grant with SSVF)	10/25/18	10.00
2020.4	7/21/20	45.00
2020.5	7/22/20	45.00
2020.6	7/21/20	45.00
2020.7	7/21/20	45.00
2020.8	7/22/20	45.00
2020.9	7/21/20	45.00
2020.10	7/21/20	45.00
2020.11	7/22/20	
2020.12	7/22/20	45.00 45.00
2020.13	7/21/20	
2020.14	7/22/20	45.00
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2020.15	7/22/20	45.00
2020.16	7/21/20	45.00
2020.17	7/21/20	45.00
2020.18	7/22/20	45.00
2020.19	9/21/20	45.00
2020.20	9/21/20	45.00
2020.21	9/21/20	45.00
2020.22	9/21/20	45.00
2020.23	9/21/20	45.00
2020.24	9/21/20	
2020.25	9/21/20	45.00
2020.25 (split with SSVF)	11/11/20	45.00
2021.32	8/19/21	10.00
2021.34	5/14/21	45.00
2021.35	5/25/21	45.00
2021.36	5/27/21	45.00
2021.37	6/2/21	45.00
2021.38		45.00
2021.39	6/2/21	45.00
2021.40	6/3/21	45.00
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2021.52	6/3/21	45.00
2021.53	4/19/21	45.00
2021.54	5/7/21	45.00
2021.55	5/26/21	45.00
2021.56	6/3/21	45.00
2021.57	6/9/21	45.00
2021.58	7/27/21	45.00
2021.59	8/6/21	45.00
2021.60	8/11/21	45.00
2021.61	8/24/21	45.00
2021.62	8/30/21	45.00
2021.63	8/30/21	45.00
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2021.66	9/10/21	45.00
2021.67	9/17/21	45.00
2021.68	9/21/21	45.00
2021.69	9/29/21	45.00
2021.70	10/8/21	45.00
2021.71	10/8/21	45.00
2021.72	10/13/21	45.00
2021.73	10/13/21	45.00
2021.75	10/14/21	45.00
2021.76	10/19/21	45.00
2021.77	10/26/21	45.00
2021.77	10/27/21	45.00
2021.79	10/29/21	45.00
Total Grants	11/1/21	45.00
		3,575.00
Ending Account Balance Rotary		3,625.00

Evening Rotary Club of The Villages - Dentures/Complex dent (No restrictions on timeline to spend funds)	al Account	
Beginning Account Balance		7,000.00
Langley Grant #	Date of Service	Payment Amount
2021.33	5/12/21	590.00
2021.45 2020.28 (patient ID 2158550)	6/30/21	500.00
2021.11	11/11/20	790.50
2021.28	2/17/21	488.00 488.00
Total Grants		2,856.50
Ending Account Balance		4,143.50
Evening Rotary Club of The Villages - Denture Account Grant dated January 26, 2021 Plus match from the Evening Rotary Club Foundation (Must be spent from 7/1/21 to 6/30/22) - Paid check #1308 Grant Dated January 26, 2021	, 1309	4,746.00
Langley Grant #	Date of Grant	Payment Amount
Total Grants		0.00
Ending Account Balance		4,746.00
Morning Rotary Club of The Villages - Denture Account		
Grant dated March 15, 2021 (Must be spent from 7/1/21 to 6 Grant dated January 26, 2021 for \$2,373 plus Foundation match	5/30/22)	4,746.00
Langley Grant #	Date of Grant	Payment Amount
Patient ID 230129 - Allocated but dentures not complete	auta vi Gidili	150.00
Patient ID 113821, DOS 10/15/21. Grant #2021.74		395.50
Patient ID 187609 - Allocated but dentures not complete Patient ID 218658 - Allocated but dentures not complete		790.50
Patient ID 241050, DOS 9/10/21, Grant # 2021.65		445.50 440.50
Patient ID 230675 - Allocated but dentures not complete		791.00
Patient ID 230129 - Allocated but dentures not complete		150.00
Patient ID 24889 - Allocated dentures not complete Patient ID 239552 - Allocated not complete		791.00
Total Grants		791.00
Ending Account Balance		4,745.00
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2018.11	7/20/18 10/22/18	45.00 45.00
018.12	10/22/18	45.00
018.14	10/22/18	45.00
018.22	1/8/19	45.00
2019.33	5/16/19	600.00
019.54	12/11/19	45.00
0020.43	1/27/21	45.00
otal Grants		915.00
Ending Account Balance Summer Glen		1,085.00
vening Rotary Club of The Villages Matching Fund - Foundation	Account	
leginning Account Balance (Fred Robey Grant)		15,000.00
Matching grants to match donations Matching Funds per email dated 1/6/21 from Tim Treat Check from Kat Sizmore payable directly to Langley (\$2,150,		Grant Amount
Davidson \$100, Ratcliff \$100, Rausch \$100, Schmeid \$50, Bodenner's \$1,000)		3,500.00
asniewski dontation \$500		500.00
fatching Funds per DDF grant dated 1.20.21		2,373.00
fatch Funds per check number 1268		200.00
fatching check for \$100 donation from Jasniewski & \$1000 Military Offic Association of America	ers	1,100.00
lub Foundation match to DDF grant, check number 1308		2,373.00
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Hello, my name is Michael J. Hansen. I am a service connected disabled veteran whom was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps. I'm a proud person and served my country with honor. Twenty three years ago I was diagnosed with Barrett's Esophagus disease. This has slowly caused severe decay and destruction of my teeth and gums throughout the years. A year and a half ago I lost a crown on my front tooth.

I am a happily married man with two boys ages 9 and 13 years old. I am embarrassed that I have to write this letter but I am seeking a dentist that can help me "smile" again. Financially things are hard. I am looking for help with a low monthly payment plan or any assistance that may be provided. My family and I are struggling through many health issues and hardships.

I would be grateful if you could accept me as your patient and help in any way possible. I have no dental insurance due to my disability rating is not at 100% so they do not cover any dental care.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hansen

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LANGLEY HEALTH SERVICES

It's an outdoor party akin to a festival. Kids sip orange punch, line up for face paintings and flood the concession tables where volunteers serve hot dogs and chocolate chip cookies. A Christmas morning kind of magic floats about with the music and the aroma of warm buttered popcorn. A dozen new bicycles popcorn. A dozen new bicycles gleam on the pavement, ready for the afternoon chance drawing. With hundreds of families in attendance, not every kid goes home with a bike. But every child lines up to meet Santa and Mrs. Clause and takes home a wrapped gift of their own.

The Annual Laura Vickers' Christmas for Kids Party is just one of the many Sumter County outreaches Langley Health Services (LHS) supports. The company also administers The Healthy Start

Project to provide an angel tree for donated gifts to families in need, and has raised over \$20,000 for cancer research and assistance via the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

What started as Project Health Inc. in 1974, a company built to address the healthcare needs of agricultural workers in Sumter County, is now Langley Health Services (LHS). With clinics in Citrus, Sumter and Marion County, LHS offers adult medical services as well as pediatric care, podiatry, dental care, radiology, behavioral health and pharmacy

services. Each location serves the medically underserved in areas or populations designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty or a

high elderly population.
Paul Quinn is Langley's director of radiology services and community outreach. He talks about a newer program he's especially proud of — one that makes him smile. "It's called Smiles for Veterans,"

he said. "We're working with The Evening Rotary, The Sunshine Veterans Group and Summer Glen Veterans Club" Quinn said.

"Between those organizations and Langley, we're furnishing dental care to financially challenged veterans.
Unless you're a prisoner of war or are totally disabled by the military, there is no dental excesses formatter.

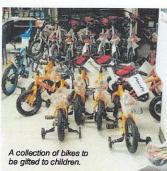
is no dental coverage for veterans." Quinn notes that not having a good set of teeth can affect a person's life and health in ways those with great smiles can't comprehend.

"It's a huge problem, so we instituted this program several years ago. Veterans can come to a clinic for routine care, fillings or extractions and it only costs them \$5. The rest is paid for by the veterans' groups and Langley.

Recently, the program expanded to include a set of dentures for one

eligible veteran monthly.
"These are quality dentures. Not
being in the dental field, I didn't realize there are sub-standard prod-ucts — dentures that won't last more than a year. But these are the same high-quality dentures we make for all our patients, and they are provided at a low cost for those who need them. We've done three sets and we have funding for the next 15 months.

Quinn hopes the program will continue as new funds allow



"This is a big deal. Imagine trying to eat with four teeth in your head, and there are a lot of medical problems that stem from not eating well when dental care is abysmal.

When asked why giving back to the community is a focus for LHS, Quinn said, "My whole career has been in the nonprofit world. Yesterday I called a veteran who needs front teeth and has no recourse. When I told him we could help him, he just burst into tears. He said, 'You don't know what this means to me.' And so, giving back is by far the best part of my job. Langley has always been employee focused and community driven. It's what Langley is all about. We're a business, but we're staffed by professionals who genuinely want to be here and want to have an impact on our patients and community."
For Paul Quinn, Randy Thompson

and other business leaders, building a strong company comes with a calling. Their generosity promotes goodwill and shows their philanthropic spirit.



DOC'S RESTORATIONS

This past year and in previous years, we put together a Christmas toy drive for the Interfaith Emergency Services in Marion County. We also had the honor of designing and donating A.D.A (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible cabinetry for the Villagers For terans and Sgt. Pam Kelly's project. With the help of other local businesses, we came together to provide her with a home that offers her independence.



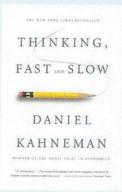


RECOMMENDED READING

Offering Food for Thought Written by RICA KEENUM

THIS MONTH'S BOOK SELECTIONS FOCUS ON THE MIND.

offering expert tips and inspiring stories to help leaders tap into the benefits of slow thinking (Thinking, Fast and Slow) and change bad habits with a simple framework for mastering the tiny behaviors that lead to positive results (Atomic Habits). Add these books to your personal library, listen to audio versions as you commute, or pick up a copy to read and then pass it along. Sharing knowledge is one way to inspire others to greatness

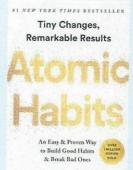


Thinking, Fast and Slow: Kindle Edition by Daniel Kahnema

Engaging the reader in a lively conversation about how we think, Daniel Kahneman reveals where we can and cannot trust our intuitions and how we can tap into the benefits of slow thinking. A renowned psychologist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, he offers practical and enlightening insights into how choices are made in both our business. business and our personal lives — and how we can use different techniques to guard against the mental glitches that often get us into trouble.

In this international bestseller, Kahneman takes us on a ground-

breaking tour of the mind and explains the two systems that drive the way we think. System 1 is fast, intuitive, and emotional; System 2 is slower, more deliberative, and more logical. We can understand each only by knowing how the two systems shape our judgments and decisions. This incredible book will change the way you think.



James Clear

Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones by James Clear

If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. No matter what you hope to achieve in life, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving.

Revealing practical strategies for forming good habits, James

Clear uses his expertise as one of the world's leading experts on habit formation to teach you exactly how to master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. You'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights.

Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors you can apply to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Read inspiring stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field.

This book will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits — whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization to be a strategies whether the strategies with the strategies with the strategies whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization to the strategies whether the strategies wh

hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.



FODAY'S TOPIC

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Local group raises money after hearing about the dental needs of local veterans.
Working together with Langley Health Services, The Evening Rotary Club of The Villages has been able to raise funds to help veterans with dentures and other needs.

By ANDREA DAVIS
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Going to the dentist can be expensive, especially without insurance.

But for military veterans,

getting the dental care and assistance needed can be an even more difficult task.
"The majority of people are

"Ine majority of people are concerned about how their teeth look," said Dr. Paul Quinn, director of radiology at the Thomas E Langley Health Services in Sumterville. "For veterans it can be even worse as veterans with missing teeth begin to isolate because of embarrassment."

The Smiles For Veterans Dental Fund, which was started as a partnership by The Evening Rotary Club of The Villages, in collaboration with Langley Health Services, The Rotary Club of The Villages, Sunshine State Veterans Fund and the Summer Glen Veteran Club, has provided dental services to over 200 veterans in Sumter, Citrus and Marion counties in Florida since its formation in 2018.

make dental services affordable to low income veterans. The low income veterans can receive general dental services with a

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\$5 out-of-pocket cost, and they can receive dentures at 50% reduction in cost. When a veteran contacted Quinn for help with their teeth and didn't have a way to pay, Quinn referred them to the dental team at Langley.

When the veteran arrived, Dr. Sandy Pirie, director of the Langley Health Services (LHS) Dental Services was shocked.

"It was far more serious than the veteran thought," Pirie said. "It ended up being a life-threatening situation."

The veteran had been through treatment for neck cancer and the treatments had destroyed the roots of his teeth, leaving him vulnerable to infection to where antibiotics could no longer lend a hand. The teeth also could not be pulled until he received specialized treatment for the situation in advance.

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Submitted photo Paul Quinn, left, meets with Dr. Sandy Pirie, center, and Rotarian Jim Bodenner to discuss funds available for dental grants for the next quarter. These grants go toward paying dental costs and helping to provide dentures for veterans in need.

said. "He is now working with us to get his dentures."

Quinn, who also is a Rotarian, mentioned the need for veterans to the Evening Rotary Club of The Villages, and they quickly worked to find a way to help. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 40% of adults report having

felt pain in their mouth within the last year, and more than 80% of people will have had at least one cavity by age 34.

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Using this program, eligible low income veterans can receive their dentures at a 50% reduction cost over the process of four or five visits within 10 weeks, according to Quinn.

A s Rotarians learn more about how they can help, members of their group have begun sharing the information with other organizations and clubs throughout Central Florida to help raise funds.

Jim Bodenner, a Rotarian and a Village Tierra Del Sol resident, said a Rotary benefactor who understands the program and have observed its use recently offered a challenge grant to match dollar for dollar up to \$15,000 in donations for the program.

"Using this program and all the information, we have currently raised about \$10,000 for the fund," Bodenner said, "We, as a club, recently contributed \$7,000 of that to start helping with dentures. We know it's going to be a challenge, but we want to help make all veterans feel comfortable and be able to give a little back to them after all they have done for us."

To learn more about the program or to make a donation, contact Bodenner at 616-866-8180 or by visiting rotaryvillagesevening.com.

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Around The Area

Military Officers Present \$1,000 Check

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contact Jim Bodenner at 616-866-8180 For additional information about the program www.rotaryvillagesevening.com



Local Students On Presidents List

Hospice Of Marion County

Upcoming Events

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President's List. Tiffani McLain of Summerfield Hospice of Marion County will be holding two infor-

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mative events and you are invited to attend.

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MOAA is the nation's largest association of military officers, open to active duty, retired and former officers from all military services. One of MOAA's main interests is the well being of all current and former members of the military, especially low income veterans.

Commander Rhodes presented information to the MOAA chapter that many low income veterans had limited access to needed dental services and that the Smiles For Veterans Dental Fund was created to help with this

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Brittany J. Brown

Each year, ter schools select their nominees for Teacher of the Year. The Times is publishing short bios on each of those teachers. The focus this week is on Brittany J. Brown, Sumter County's Teacher of the Year for 2022.

"I strive to empowevery student to reach their greatest potential through motivating, nurturing and instructing. Building relationships is key to success in the classcom. All students can, ind will, learn - when the necessary iven ools and support," said Vildwood Elementay School teacher and umter County School district's Teacher of he Year, Brittany J. Brown.

Not only was she named Teacher of the Year in Sumter, she was ilso among a handful of eachers chosen as top n the state this year.

Noting that her faorite teaching quote "My teacher beieved I could, so I did." Brown teaches third nd fourth grade Enlish Language Arts. he is now in her ninth ear as a teacher.

She said she graduted in 2011 from the iniversity of Florida vith a Bachelor of Scince degree in Family, outh and Community

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BY BRENDA LOCKLEAR Editor

Community mourns passing of sheriff's officers

Sumter County Sheriff's Office employees and the family members of two officers have been dealing with loss in recent weeks - the passing of officer Michael Taylor and more recnetly, Sgt. William Prevatt.

Prevatt was dedicated to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, starting his career in 1995, he retired as a Sergeant in 2013 and rejoined the Detention Center in 2019, according to Sumter Sheriff Bill Farmer.

Prevatt passed away recently, the result of complications from COVID-19, according to Farmer. "I would like to offer my con-

dolenc es to Sgt. Prevatt's family, his three children Jay-Kaycob. la, Bryton. We would also like to ask that vou keep Sgt. Prevatt's

family

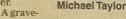
William Prevatt

and our Sumter County family in your thoughts and prayers during this unthinkable time."

A visitation is set for 11 a.m.

prior to the funeral service which has been scheduled for

on Thurs day, Sept. at the Croom-A-Coochee Baptist Church. located at 10926 South U.S., Webster.



side gathering will follow at Gardens of Memories, Webster,

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As of Monday, Aug. 30, the Sumter County Sheriff's Offie has dealt with a total of 66 cases of COVID-19 among the 344 employees, according to the agency's public information officer, Michelle Keszey.

BY BRENDA LOCKLEAR

Editor

The sheriff's office is reportedly doing a number of things to keep employees and inmates safe, according to Keszey and Sumter sheriff's Major Reese Thompson.

Keszey notes employees are wearing PPE and limiting close contact when possible

"We have equipment that can sterilize their equipment and vehi-cles. They are taking their temperatures daily and reporting any immediatesymptoms immediate-ly," she said. "We have limited the

amount of staff working in offices together by providing laptops

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Dental health



Rotarians present \$7000 in donations to Langley Health Services, to start helping fund dentures for veterans. The Evening Rotary Club of The Villages, in collaboration with Langley Health Services (LHS), Sunshine State Veterans Fund and Summer Glen Veteran Club established the Smiles for Veterans Dental Fund to make dental services affordable to low income veterans.

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an Club established the Smiles for Veterans Dental Fund to make dental services affordable to low income veterans. The low income veterans can receive general dental services with a \$5 out-of-pocket cost and they can receive dentures at a 50% reduction in cost.

This effort is truly a blessing to the veterans that need it" said Dusty Rhodes, a longtime member of Rotary and a U.S. Navy veteran.

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contacted Langley representative Paul Quinn and said he "needed help with his teeth" and he didn't have any way to pay a dentist. Quinn referred the veteran to the dental team at Langley.

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"It is a dream come true. I am so grateful," said the vet, now workign with Langley to get his

Paul Quinn, Dr Sandy Pirie of Langley Health Serset of dentures. For eli-

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Casto urges residents to prepare for storms early

County's Sumter Manage-Emergency ment monitors various situations that become a threat to Sumter residents and property, from diseases, floods and fires to weather threats.

In recent weeks. agency director David Casto noted they were monitoring three tropical disturbances - two in the Atlantic, not expected to pose a threat to Florida, and one that was headed for the Gulf of Mexico.

Althouth none of the three posed any imminent threat to Sumter County, Casto voiced his concerns over residents who wait to plan for hurricane season.

"We do want to reinforce the people to get ready now for a hurricane," he said, noting that people tend to wait to the last minute, until it's too late buy supplies and prepare.

Be cognizant that Please see STORM/Page 2

When he returned, he hired on as a deputy "I knew Wiliam for 15 years. He always did an outstanding job. He was a very dedicated, loyal

Michael Taylor, was a father of four, marrid to

Shannon Taylor.

He had worked at the detention center for 10

years, according to Thompson.

"He originally hired on as a detention support specialist and later attended the academy," becoming a corrections officer, Thompson said.

He began working intake and release as a book-

ing officer.

brothers: Chris Taylor and his wife, Teonna, along and his wife Diana; three with their four children; Matthew Taylor and his wife Haylee, and their son; Zachary Taylor and his wife, Celie; mother in-law: Susan Parris; father in-law: Greg Reams; sisters in-law: Sierra Parris and her children; Audrey Reams and her daughter; and brother in-law: Clem Reams.

He attended Lake Panasoffkee Elementary, South Sumter Middle and graduated from South Sumter High in 2007. In 2008, he met Shannon, the love of his life and they married in 2013.

During his time with the sheriff's office, he earned the award of Excellent Marksmanship.

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According to Quinn, "without a doubt veterans with missing teeth begin to isolate because of em-

barrassment.'

He witnesses this regularly, but, recently a working veteran in his 40's contacted the program asking if he was eligible to have his missing front teeth fixed.

"You have no idea how this will change my life," the veteran said with great emotion according to Quinn, "that is what this program does. Good dental solutions are life changing and quite often the veteran is very emotional when they see the

Low income veterans typically don't seek preventative care because it is expensive. However, the end result often becomes more serious to

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by age 34. The nation spends more than \$124 billion on costs related to dental care each year. On average, over 34 million school hours and more than \$45 billion in productivity are lost each year as a result of dental emergencies requiring unplanned care. Oral conditions are frequently considered separate from other chronic conditions, but these are actually inter-related. Poor oral health is associated with other chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Deaths from dental abscesses today are so rare, that it is difficult to fathom that only 200 years ago, this was a leading cause of death according to the National Library of Medicine.

The Rotarians, Jim Bodenner, Dusty Rhodes and Kat Sizemore, have shared how the Smiles for Veterans Dental Fund works with other Rotary clubs and other organizations around Central Florida, in an effort to raise funds for the program. They are also working hard to get the word out to low income veterans to make them aware of the dental services offered by the program.

Recently, a Rotary benefactor, understanding the program and observing its use by veterans, offered a challenge grant to match dollar for dollar for up to \$15,000 for donations to the program.

The Rotary Club of The Villages (morning) re-cently donated to the fund. To get more details about the program, obtain a program speaker or to make a donation you can contact Rotarian Jim Bodenner at 616-866-8180 and a low income veteran can schedule an appointment for dental services by calling Paul Quinn at Langley at 352-569-2935. Information can also be found on the clubs website www.rotaryvillagesevening.com.



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