

Rotary Club of Gainesville Newsletter



Meeting Location:

First Baptist Church Banquet Hall
751 Green Street
Monday at 12:30 PM
Lunch begins serving at Noon
Founded in 1923

Links

[Club Website](#)
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Club Leaders



[Bill Hall](#)
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[Amanda Willis](#)
President - Elect



[Joseph Alan Tripp](#)
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Treasurer



[Mike McGraw](#)
Membership Director

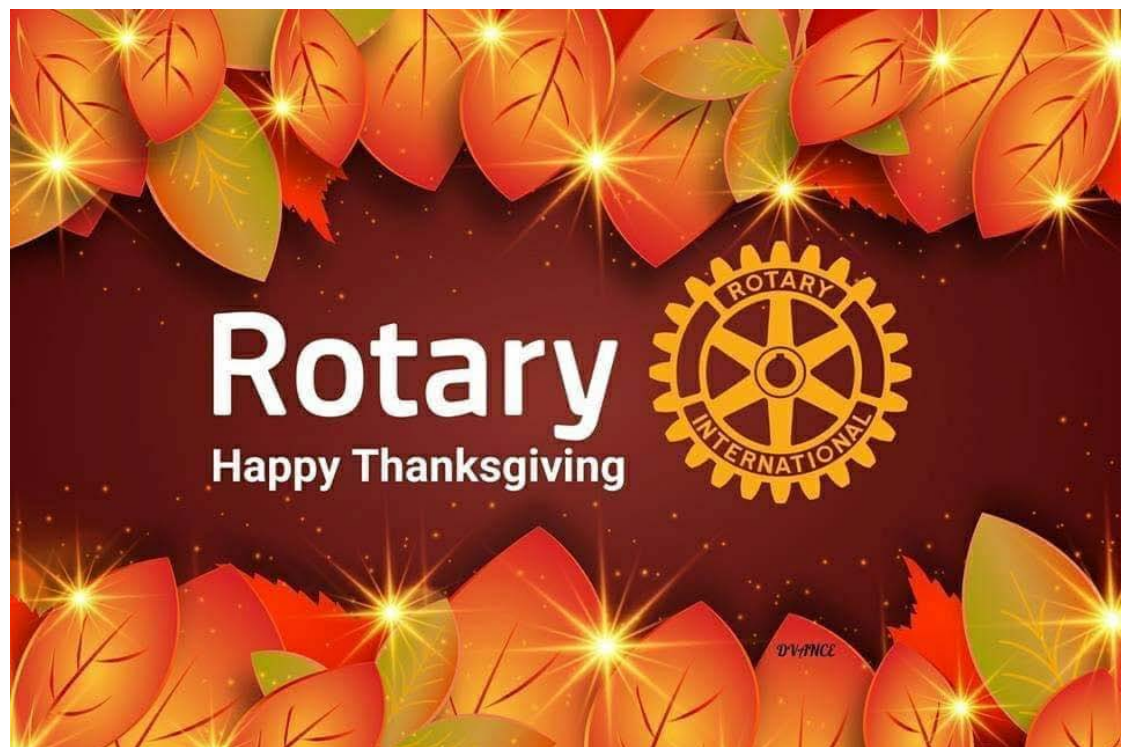


[Lindsay Allison](#)
Public Image Director

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Club Administration
Director

No Meeting - Monday, November 23rd

This is a reminder that we will have **NO MEETING today, Monday, November 23rd**. Our next Hybrid Meeting will be held Monday, December 7th at the Gainesville Civic Center. Happy Thanksgiving!



Congratulations to Ranger Manufacturing, Wilheit Packaging, and Murray Plastics!

Congratulations to Ranger Manufacturing and Wilheit Packaging on receiving the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Industry of the Year Award as well as Murray Plastics which received the 2020 Workforce Development Recognition Award.



2020 Industry of the Year Award (Small Employer Category)

Ranger Manufacturing

Mike McGraw, Partner & Business Development



Michael W. Giles
Rotary Foundation
Director



Zachary T. Propes
Rotary Foundation
Vice Director



Alison Bagwell Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms &
Public Image Vice
Director



Kathleen Owen
Service Projects
Director



Nancy Jo Zimmer
Club Administration
Vice Director



Amy Haralson Kienle
Youth Services
Director



Tommy Howard
iPast President



Chad Bingham
Assistant Governor

Ranger Manufacturing is an innovative machining and fabrication shop that combines engineering with manufacturing capabilities in laser cutting, CNC machining, welding, metal forming, and assembly. The company also manufactures its own patented products it sells through an online store and Grainger, offering some of the best bolt-cutter-proof locks in the business. Despite the company's small size of 19 employees, Ranger Manufacturing has placed a high priority on developing its workforce. The company is participating in two apprenticeships and will soon start a Work Based Learning partnership for local high school students. The lock side of the business, Ranger Lock, moved to Gainesville-Hall County in 2013, gained new ownership in 2015, and later merged assets with a small job shop in 2016, creating Ranger Manufacturing. This expanded the business beyond making its own products to a full service manufacturing operation servicing many local industries. Since Ranger Manufacturing's inception, they have not had one lost-time accident.



2020 Industry of the Year Award (Medium Employer Category)

Wilheit Packaging

Philip Wilheit, Jr., *Managing Partner & Sales Manager*

Since 1953, Wilheit Packaging has strived to provide great service to its customers and supply quality packaging materials at a fair price. As good as they are at business, it is their spirit and passion for giving back to the community that has made this business a household name in Hall County for generations. Their commitment of time, leadership and financial support has been consistent and foundational to many non-profit organizations including United Way of Hall County, Good News at Noon, Eagle Ranch, Georgia Mountains Food Bank, YMCA, Junior Achievement, Northeast Georgia Health System, Brenau University and the Boys and Girls Clubs, just to name a few. Wilheit Packaging employs more than 100 full-time associates that earn competitive wages, a 401K plan and a full benefits package including 100% of employees' health care and year-end bonuses. The company has a tradition of developing talent and promoting from within including mechanics, drivers and fork lift drivers. Wilheit Packaging is constantly innovating new services to meet customer needs, including an award winning and robust corrugated recycling program.



2020 Workforce Development Recognition Award

Murray Plastics

Bill Hall, *Founder & President*

Gainesville-based Murray Plastics believes in providing second chances. One of their first hires came from a transition center, and their second chance program has continued with the company. They are also advocates for work-based learning and providing valued employment to high school students. In 2018 they implemented a GED testing program that led to one of their employees being accepted into an Apprenticeship program. The company has 32 employees, with two team members attending Lanier Technical College as an Industrial Maintenance Apprentice with plans to move forward with additional programs. They are dedicated to make sure their employees grow both personally and in their careers.

For the full article, [click here.](#)

Thank You to our Ramp Team and Volunteers!

Thank you to Ramp Project Leader Lou Henderson and all of our volunteers who helped with **Ramp Build #129** last Saturday, November 21st. This was a major renovation of an existing ramp that had deteriorated to the point that it was no longer safe for use.



Register for Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Rotary Club of Gainesville is seeking volunteer bell ringers for the holiday season to assist The Salvation Army with their **Red Kettle Drive**. Our club is one of many clubs around the country who participate in this drive each year. Kettle donations helps raise money for those who need it most in communities nationwide ♦ providing toys for kids, coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless social service programs year around.

Bell ringers are needed for December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 at Walmart on Shallowford Road. No experience necessary!

[Click here for time slots.](#) Sign up today!

Please contact Zack Loggins at zack@runnersfit.com if you need assistance in signing up.

Light Up the Town Parade on December 6th

Please mark your calendar for **Light Up the Town Parade on December 6th** for the lighting of **the Rotary Christmas Tree**. Detailed information to follow.



November is The Rotary Foundation Month

NOVEMBER



“The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.”

Ethyl Percy Andrus

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Give



Upcoming Schedule with Link to RSVP

Date	Meeting or Event	Location
November 23, 2020	No Meeting ♦ Happy Thanksgiving	
November 30, 2020	No Meeting	
December 6, 2020	Christmas on Green Street	Details to follow
December 7, 2020	Hybrid Meeting Mark Butler, Labor Commissioner Reservation can be made by clicking below Eventbrite Registration	Gainesville Civic Center Chattahoochee Room
December 10, 2020	Thirsty Thursday	Mellow Mushroom
December 14, 2020	GRSP Program w/Sydney Hencil and Martha Zoller & Virtual Vocational Tour of Murray Plastics Reservation can be made By clicking below Eventbrite Registration	Gainesville Civic Center Chattahoochee Room
December 21, 2020	No Meeting ♦ Christmas Holidays	
December 28, 2020	No Meeting ♦ Christmas/ New Year ♦s Holidays	

Birthdays



[LeTrell E. Simpson](#)
November 22nd



[Cecil T. Miller](#)
November 24th



[Richard Hampton Young](#)
November 26th



[Marion Lee Arnold](#)
November 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

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