

Rotary



Club of Gilmer County

Club Meeting

Gilmer County
Meets at Second and
Fourth Mondays at
Harrison Hall.
180 South Dalton St.
Ellijay, GA 30540
Time: Monday at
Noon

Events

August 28th
**11:00 am - Board
Meeting with DG**

August 28th
Club Meeting
Speaker: Rotary
District 6910 District
Governor Brandy
Swanson
Subject: Rotary and
You

September 11th
**Gilmer County
Weekly Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Leo Damm
Subject: GRSP
Student Introduction

September 25th
**Gilmer County
Weekly Club
Meeting**

Club Leaders



Karla
Roper
President



Jason C
Payne
President-
Elect



Marvin
Chance
Secretary
Laws of
Life
Contest
Chair



Jerry D
Johnson
Past
President
Club
Executive
Secretary

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Meeting Agenda - Monday, August 28, 2023, Noon

Call to Order and Welcome	President Karla Roper
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	Club
Lunch	
Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Secretary Marvin Chance
Announcements and Business	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Paul Nealey / Gabe Harrison
Program	Rotary and You District Governor Brandy Swanson
Dismissal	The Four Way Test

Meet the District Governor Brandy Swanson



Adding value, overcoming obstacles, always learning, and improving to make a positive impact are my goals for each day. I'm driven to do my part to bring about a world in which we embrace our differences, love unconditionally, and unite to end suffering. My strength is in connecting people, ideas, and resources; however, I'm always ready to roll up my sleeves and take on any job that supports the cause.

My business role with Smith + Howard, accounting and advisory, allows me to fulfill my purpose and passion to serve by creating extraordinary value for our people, clients, and community. We are steeped in the complexities of financial strategy, the nuance of regulations, and the shifting economic landscape. Our insights prepare business owners and leaders to make well-informed decisions; in turn, they are empowered to enhance their companies in ways that ultimately improve their communities.

As an active Rotarian for over 25 years, I've served in many capacities, including as a Rotary Leadership Institute Graduate (RLI), RLI Facilitator, Paul Harris Society Member (Benefactor), Will Watt Fellow, and Rotary Foundation Major Donor, in addition to my involvement in PETS.

I've also contributed to the Gwinnett community (home for most of my life) in many capacities, including via Leadership-Glance Gwinnett, a Stephens Minister, a treasurer for various nonprofits, and a Registered Mediator. Putting my fundraising skills to work, I've volunteered for Covenant House of Georgia, 4Sarah, Rainbow Village, and several other

organizations. I've also served on the board of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

Married to my high school sweetheart and best friend for over 30 years, I'm grateful for our two grown children, their significant others, and my granddaughter. Proud of them all, I cherish getting together with family. We love our games and puzzles. I also enjoy scuba diving and traveling. When not serving, I do value my quiet time to read and garden.

Rotary Support for Gilmer Community Food Pantry

Monday, August 14, 2023

Vice President

Charles Pults
Treasurer



Penelope Oldfield
Marshall Rotary Foundation
Chair
Training Officer



Robin E Massaro
Club Service Chair
Family of Rotary



Barry A Lee
Past President
Club Admin Chair



Paul Nealey
Sergeant-at-Arms
Charter Member



Gabriel R Harrison
Sergeant-at-Arms
Assistant



Scott C. Chastain
iPast President



Birthdays

Gabriel R Harrison
September 11th

Jared Arrant
September 17th

Scott C. Chastain
September 22nd

Hal B Ridley
September 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott C. Chastain
September 11th



Members of the Rotary Club of Gilmer County responded to the call for help from the Community Food Pantry with food donations, funds and help. More than 100 pounds of food was donated through the club meeting on August 14. Other food contributions were dropped off at the Food Pantry facility, and several members gave monetary donations directly through the Food Pantry website. Rotarians care for their neighbors, and Rotarians help.

GRSP Student Meet and Greet

Tuesday, August 8, 2023



On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, members of all the sponsoring clubs were invited to a meet and greet for the 2023-2024 GRSP (Georgia Rotary Student Program) student Leo Damm, who had just arrived from Berlin, Germany, a couple of days before. Leo is pictured above during his personal introduction of himself at Meeks Park in Blairsville. Our club is the host club this year. Leo will be with us for a year and will study at Young Harris. We are all looking forward to getting to know him and allowing him to get to know all of us.

