

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:

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Services
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May 6, 2024 - Featured Speakers: Abigail Burle and Caroline Filchak



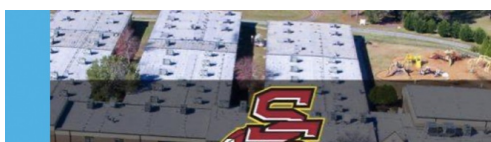
Abigail Burle

Abigail Burle is passionate about creating spaces of belonging and advocating for every person to have a seat at the table. She is an ex-middle school math teacher turned non-profit founder and a proud mom of six-year-old triplets. Her non-profit is called, Love Your Story, and it serves families impacted by disabilities. She is the author of her first children's book, *Around the Table*, which comes out in June. When she isn't writing, speaking, or playing with her kids, you can find her reading, using her metal detector, or singing at the top of her lungs.

Caroline Filchak

Caroline Filchak was born and raised in Gainesville, GA. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of North Georgia in 2011. She also earned her Masters in Business Administration from Mercer University in 2013. Caroline has worked at Clipper Petroleum, Inc., a local convenience store operator and petroleum distributor, since 2011 and currently serves as their Chief Strategy Officer. Caroline and her husband Ben have 2 children, Thomas (6) and Hope (3). Caroline and Ben's daughter Hope, born with multiple disabilities, inspired them to launch Hope for Hall in January 2023, a local nonprofit organization that strives to normalize disability through play, education and technology. Hope for Hall designed and built Hall County School Systems' first fully inclusive playground at Waka Mountain Elementary School and their second fully inclusive playground is scheduled to open at the new Sandra Deal Elementary School this summer. Caroline believes that inclusive playgrounds show all children that they belong in our schools and in our community. To learn more, you can visit her website at www.hopeforhall.com.

Student of the Month





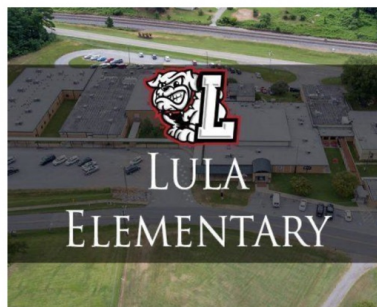
SPOUT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

Luke Bolin



LYMAN HALL ELEMENTARY

Allan Argueta Cruz



LULA ELEMENTARY

Gael Castro



Midland Music Fest 2024



A promotional poster for the Midland Music Fest 2024. The background is a dark, textured image of a city skyline at night. The poster features a central logo for the festival, which includes a stylized train engine and the text 'MIDLAND MUSIC FEST May 25 GAINESVILLE, GA'. Above the logo, it says 'Rotary Club of Gainesville PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL'. To the left of the logo, it says 'MAY 25th 2024'. To the right, it says 'OUTDOORS AT THE Smithgall ARTS CENTER'. At the bottom, there are two ovals: one for 'SKYNFOLKS THE AUTHENTIC LYNARD SKYNYRD EXPERIENCE' and another for 'Street Choir A VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE'. Below these ovals, it says '5:00^{pm} Gates Open' and '5:30^{pm} Music Starts'. At the very bottom, there is a QR code and the website 'midlandmusicfest.com'. The top of the poster has the text 'LIVE LOCAL FOOD MUSIC BREW TRUCKS' on both sides.

LIVE LOCAL FOOD
MUSIC BREW TRUCKS

Rotary Club of Gainesville

PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL

MAY 25th 2024

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Smithgall ARTS CENTER

MIDLAND MUSIC FEST May 25 GAINESVILLE, GA

SKYNFOLKS
THE AUTHENTIC LYNARD SKYNYRD EXPERIENCE

Street Choir
A VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE

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midlandmusicfest.com

[CHECK OUT THE MIDLAND MUSIC FEST PROMOTIONAL VIDEO!](#)

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Get Involved with Midland Music Fest!

SPONSOR

Don't miss out on this wonderful sponsorship opportunity! Midland Music Fest would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors each year.

Sponsor packages not only include advertising across various platforms, but also an 8-person Event Table and VIP Tickets for you and your guests. VIP Tickets include access to the VIP tent area, a catered meal, open bar (beer & wine only), and 1 event t-shirt per person.

For questions regarding sponsorship, please contact Tommy Howard.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SPONSORSHIP](#)

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

One of the most important ways that Rotarians can participate in this event is to share on social media.

Your support in sharing Midland Music Fest on social media promotes community engagement and has a major impact on the success of this event. As Rotarians, we can showcase our dedication to service by sharing with our networks.

[LIKE, FOLLOW, SHARE ON FACEBOOK](#)

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the backbone of putting on such a big event for our Rotary Club. Seeing the volunteer involvement at Midland Music Fest the last two years has been amazing!

This is such a fun event to be a part of, and we hope everyone can come together again this year to make it a huge success! All volunteers receive VIP admission!

For questions about volunteering, please contact Chris Davis or Lindsay Allison.

[SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

ATTEND

The easiest way to participate in Midland Music Fest is to attend and invite your friends, family, and coworkers!

Featured artists include: SkynFolks: The Authentic Lynyrd Skynyrd Experience, Street Choir: A Van Morrison Tribute, and local band, GoodFolk. Tickets are \$30 presale and \$35 at the door.

VIP Tickets are also available for individual purchase at \$150 per person. This includes access to the VIP tent, a catered meal, open bar (beer & wine only), and 1 event t-shirt!

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS](#)

LOCATION

We are so pleased to be hosting this year's event at The Arts Council's Smithgall Arts Center while the amphitheater is being completed at the Midland Greenway. With such a beautiful venue in the heart of Downtown, we know this year will be a huge sensation!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Proceeds from the event will be directed to the Midland Music Fest Fund, administered by North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF). The Fund will grant to this year's event beneficiaries, the Hart Joiner Endowment Fund for Children & Youth and The Rotary Club of Gainesville Centennial Project that is in collaboration with the City of Gainesville.



PREMIER SPONSORS



Northeast Georgia Health System

EVENT SPONSORS



MIDLAND SPONSORS



IN KIND SPONSORS



Annual Rotary-Kiwanis Golf Tournament - May 16, 2024 Update



Annual Rotary-Kiwanis
Golf Tournament

2024 Rotary-Kiwanis Golf Tournament
Honoring
CHARLIE THURMOND & TOM PARIS
Chattahoochee Golf Club – Thursday, May 16, 2024
1:00pm Shotgun Start



Update from Todd Ferguson, Golf Tournament Chair:
Our 50/50 Raffle club goal is \$9,000, and we are currently at \$5,540.

A graphic of a pink raffle ticket with the word "TICKET" and the number "683151" visible, set against a purple and yellow background with abstract shapes.

**YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR
GOLF TOURNAMENT BY
PURCHASING 50/50
RAFFLE TICKETS!**

**TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH,
OR YOU CAN PURCHASE
6 TICKETS FOR \$100.**

A small portrait of Todd Ferguson, a man in a dark suit and red tie, with his arms crossed.

Todd Ferguson, Golf Tournament Chair
770-654-5672 or tferguson@jtstratford.com

May is Youth Service Month




President Ron brings the Extra Large Club of the Year banner home! Congratulations!



Upcoming Schedule

Rotary

Club of Gainesville



UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE

MAY

13

Lane Walberg, Georgia Mountains YMCA
President and CEO

MAY

16

Annual Rotary/Kiwanis Golf Tournament
Chattahoochee Golf Club - 1:00 pm

MAY


20

11:00 am BOD Meeting
“Game Changer Program” featuring
Abit Massey

MAY

25

Midland Music Fest
Outdoors at the Smithgall ARTS CENTER
Gates open at 5:00 pm



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

www.rotaryclubofgainesville.com

Birthdays



[Jonathan Pope](#)
May 8th



[Kate Sievert Cook](#)
May 10th



[Chris Davis](#)
May 10th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

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