

# 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



[Mike McGraw](#)  
President



[Ron G. Quinn](#)  
President - Elect



[Joey Tripp](#)  
Secretary



[Christina D. Jones](#)  
Treasurer



[Julia Gesch Clay](#)  
Membership  
Director



[William D. Lee](#)  
Membership  
Vice Director

[Lindsay Allison](#)  
Public Image  
Vice Director

## Ben Booth, Cottrell, Inc.



Ben Booth is a Senior Sales Consultant with the auto transport manufacturer Cottrell, Inc. In his 25<sup>th</sup> year with the company, Ben oversees all sales in the Northeastern United States and Canada. Early in his career, Ben was responsible for all sales in the Western United States and Canada.

Cottrell is the industry leader in over-the-road auto transport manufacturing. They have earned this distinction with innovative products and a relentless desire to surpass their customers' expectations throughout the buying process. Headquartered here in Gainesville, GA strategically located in an impressive 400,000 square-foot facility on 140 acres. Cottrell currently offers more than 50 different product models related to auto transport.

Ben enjoys writing, photographic design and anything that involves a ball (like Golf, Tennis, or basketball). In May, he finished his first full length novel Height and Tie (A car hauler's story). Height and Tie is a fictional coming of age story about a young man trying to find his way in the world of car hauling and all the challenges that go with it. Ben wanted to write a book for the proud people of the auto transport industry, so he leaned on his industry knowledge and experiences to do just that. Dabbling in photographic design, Ben made auto transport the focus of his photography. Taking photos of random trucks, trailers and even scrap metal, Ben adds his magic touch turning them into works of art. Ben estimates he has over 250 creations with more than 40 hanging in the halls throughout Cottrell.

Ben is a Gainesville native where he resides with his wife Elder and two daughters McRee (11<sup>th</sup> grade Lakeview) and Maxwell (6<sup>th</sup> grade GMS).





Chandler G. Brown  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Carol M. Colón  
Club Administration Director



Michele L. Rasmussen  
Public Image Director



Chris Davis  
Service Projects Vice Director



Bill Hall  
Past President



Kathleen Owen  
Service Projects Director



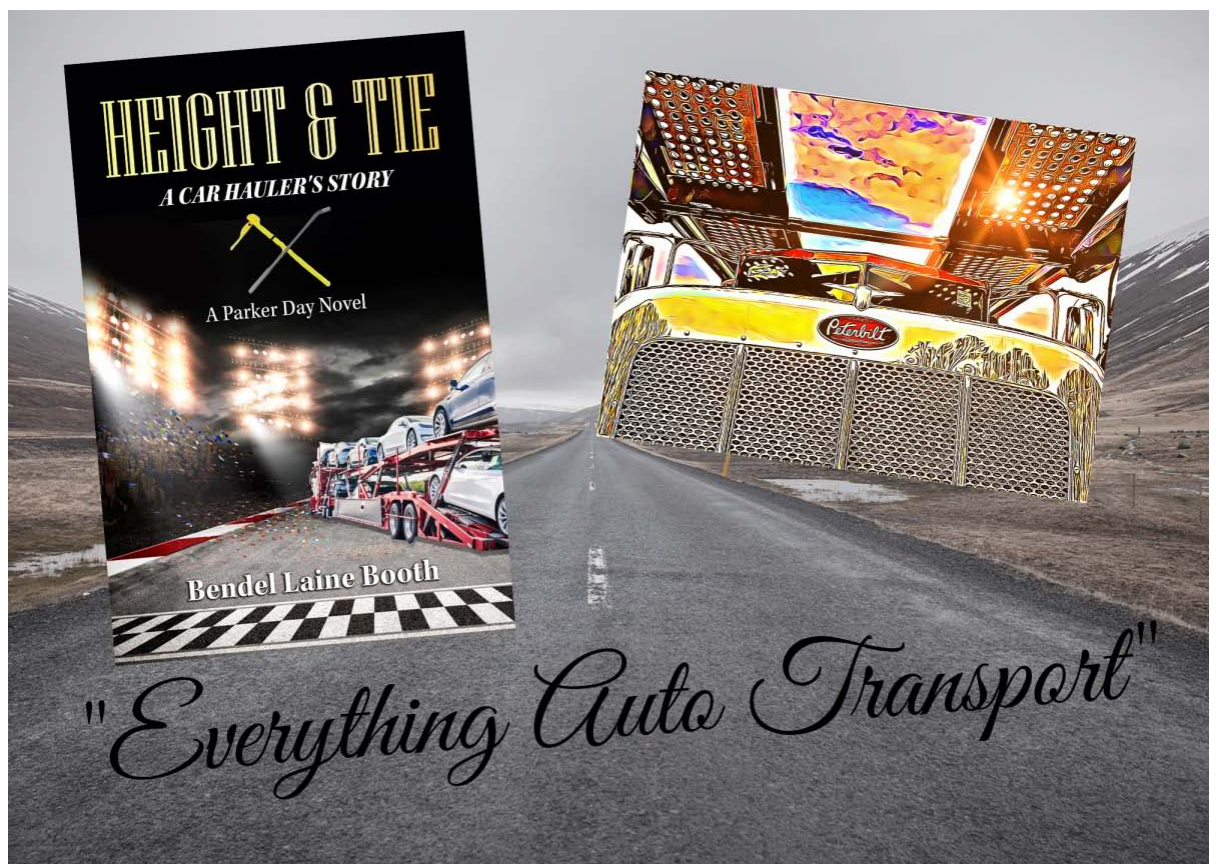
Zachary T. Propes  
Rotary Foundation Director



Liz Coates  
Youth Services Director



Amanda Willis  
iPast President



*"Everything Auto Transport"*

## The Rotary Club of Gainesville Welcomes GRSP Student Hedvig Lind



Hedvig Lind

2022-23

GRSP Student  
from Sweden

Brenau University

## Northeast Georgia Council, BSA Recognizes Abit Massey as a 2022 Silver Beaver Recipient



Abit and his wife, Kayanne, reside in Gainesville, Georgia. They are the proud parents of son, Lewis; daughter-in-law, Amy; and daughter, Camille. Abit and Kayanne have also welcomed grandchildren, Chandler, Mary Cameryn, Christian and Lucia.

After graduating from Athens High School, he attended UGA where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1949. Later, he received his Juris Doctor from Emory University. Abit's family has continued to remain active in the life of UGA - his family was named the UGA Alumni Association Family of the Year in 2014. In fact, he and his wife have over 18 family members who have attended the University of Georgia.

Known to many as the "dean of the poultry industry," he became the executive director of the Georgia Poultry Federation in 1960. He served in this role until 2009 when he became President Emeritus – a position he continues to hold today. Abit's contributions to the state of Georgia benefited not only the poultry industry, but the Georgia Department of Commerce, now Economic Development, where he created the tourist division and built the first welcome station.

Abit has served his community and state in many ways including such positions as Chairman of Deacons, Gainesville First Baptist Church; Chairman of the Boards of Georgia and American Societies of Association Executives; President of UGA Alumni Association; President of Georgia Women of Achievement; Chairman of Gainesville City Board of Education; and President of Junior Achievement of Northeast Georgia.

His commitment to making a difference is shown through his current work as Chairman of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Georgia Games Commission (which sponsors amateur athletic events), and Co-Chairman of the Friends of Healan's Mill.

Abit's Scouting history is also a family affair. He is the fourth Eagle Scout out of four brothers. He was honored to be name the first Chief of the Mowogo Lodge. The Northeast Georgia Council was proud to award him the first Distinguished Citizen Award in 1985. Abit Massey is also currently serving on the council's executive board. Continuing the Scouting family tradition is grandson, Chandler, who is also an Eagle Scout.

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### Annual Fall Cookout





*You and your  
family are invited*

## **ROTARY CLUB OF GAINESVILLE ANNUAL FALL COOKOUT**

*Food & Fellowship*

**MITCHELL QUARTERS  
RIVERSIDE  
MILITARY ACADEMY  
OCTOBER 3, 2022  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**



### **Annual Auction**



## Follow the Club on Social!



Currently, Secretary Joey Tripp has been busy updating everything for our club. The QR code you find on the screen and in our bulletin is a tool to help you connect with us and get updates delivered to your favorite social media platforms. Great job Joey!

## Upcoming Schedule



# Rotary Club of Gainesville Events Schedule

DATE	MEETING OR EVENT	LOCATION
September 5	<b>No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday</b>	
September 12	K9 Officer Chris Letson, Gainesville Police Department	<b>First Baptist Church</b>
September 19	Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Southern Regional Education Board	<b>First Baptist Church</b>
September 25	Directors' Meeting with District 6910 Governor Gerry Taylor - 5:00 pm	<b>The Shores at Lynncliff</b>
September 26	"Official District Governor Visit" with Governor Gerry Taylor	<b>First Baptist Church</b>
October 3	<b>ANNUAL FALL COOKOUT</b>	<b>Mitchell Quarters Riverside Military Academy</b>



## Birthdays



[LaDon T. Shaw](#)  
August 29th



[Frank K. Norton Jr., Jr.](#)  
August 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries



[William Brent Cochran](#)  
August 31st



[Carol M. Colón](#)  
September 1st



[Hector Luis Colón](#)  
September 1st



[M. Haydee Anderson](#)  
September 1st

[Andre P. Pereira](#)  
September 1st



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