

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

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October 7, 2024 - Career Day

Rotary Club of Gainesville



Career Day Panel

Jessica Dudley
Moderator



Nathan Goss

Vice President
Brenau University



Tim McDonald

President
Lanier Tech



Dr. Steven Smith

Vice President
UNG



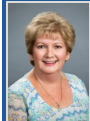
Jessica Dudley, President & CPO, United Way of Hall County



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Youth Services
Director



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iPast President

Jessica Dudleyâ€™s commitment to helping those in need is evident throughout her 16-year career in social work and community leadership. After earning her Master of Social Work degree from Edinboro University, Dudley worked with the Department of Family and Children Services, Flowering Branch Children's Shelter, and a private mental health and substance abuse agency. She also served as project director for the Two Georgia Initiative, a collaborative effort involving government, nonprofits, businesses, and residents, aimed at addressing health equity barriers and improving indigent healthcare access.

As President and Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Hall County, Dudley leads the organizationâ€™s mission to build a stronger, healthier, and more financially stable community by addressing critical needs. Under her leadership, United Way focuses on empowering local individuals and families by promoting health, education, and financial stability. Through strategic partnerships with businesses, nonprofits, and government entities, the organization works to tackle complex issues such as poverty, homelessness, and access to quality healthcare.

Dudley actively serves on the Northeast Georgia Health System Advisory Board and the Hall County Family Connection Board. She has also completed executive leadership training with the North Georgia Community Foundation.

Dudley is married to Brandon Dudley, and they have three children: Lexi, Mason, and Presleigh.

Nathan Goss, Vice President of Marketing and Enrollment Management

Nathan R. Goss serves as vice president of marketing and enrollment management at Brenau University and has served at the institution since March 2005. He oversees undergraduate and graduate admissions for all campuses and online programs. With over 24 years of experience in the enrollment management industry, he has specialized in mentoring effective recruiting strategies, building collaborative approaches in achieving goals and has consulted for a number of higher education institutions. Most recently, he has helped to develop key recruiting measures for Brenau to reach international students, traveling globally to meet with partners and prospective students. A native to Georgia, he earned his bachelorâ€™s degree in marketing from Oklahoma City University, a masterâ€™s degree in business administration and post-graduate certification in marketing from Brenau University. He married his college sweetheart, Claudia, and they have five children â€“ Avery, Bailey, Peyton, Reagan and Presley. He finds inspiration mountain biking, volunteering for local charities through his church and spending time outdoors with his family.

Tim McDonald, President â€“ Lanier Technical College

Tim McDonald is the eighth President of Lanier Technical College. In his 41st year at Lanier Technical College, McDonald provides leadership and vision for all College operations. McDonald previously served as the Collegeâ€™s Executive Vice President, providing leadership for the Economic Development and Adult Education Divisions of the College. Prior to the EVP position, McDonald served as Vice President for Economic Development and as the Dean of the Collegeâ€™s Dawson Campus. McDonaldâ€™s first 25 years at the College were spent as an instructor in the Machine Tool Technology program.

A native of Hall County, Georgia, McDonald earned an Advanced General Machinist Diploma from Lanier Technical College; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology-Southern Polytechnic State University; and a Master of Business Administration â€“ Brenau University.

Tim and his wife Kim have two grown daughters and four joyous grandchildren.

Dr. Steven Smith, Vice President â€“ University of North Georgia

Dr. Steven Smith is the Vice President of Regional Campuses for the University of North Georgia (UNG), a role he assumed in August 2022. Dr. Smith serves as the chief administrator based at UNG's Gainesville Campus and also oversees UNG's regional campuses in Blue Ridge, Cumming and Oconee County. Dr. Smith came to UNG from West Virginia University at Parkersburg, where he was the executive vice president for enrollment management, executive dean and CEO of the university's Jackson County campus, as well as special assistant to the president for equity and inclusion. He also previously served as associate dean of enrollment management at Jackson State University, where he supported the areas of admissions, recruitment and scholarships. Dr. Smith is a three-time alumnus of Jackson State University, earning his doctoral degree in educational administration and supervision, a master's degree in educational administration and supervision, and a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the university.

OCTOBER IS

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Foster sustainable growth, empower communities, and support economic initiatives.



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Kris Nordholz - Classification Talk



Kris Nordholz

CFO of Morton,
Vardeman, & Carlson
Co-Founder and
CEO of Full Media

Classification Talk

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REMINDER

The nomination process
for the Rotary Club of
Gainesville's Man and
Woman of the Year Awards
is underway. The deadline
for submission is
October 18, 2024.



**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

Please go to our [club website](#) and click on Awards,

Upcoming Project - Coat Drive

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COMMUNITY PROJECT WINTER COAT DRIVE



Please bring your gently used coats, gloves and/or hats to our October 7th and 28th meetings.



Service Projects Director Chris Davis and Vice Director Todd Ferguson would like you to participate in our Winter Coat Drive. Start looking through your closets now and bring your gently used coats, gloves and/or hats to our October meetings.

Annual Auction - November 4, 2024



Carla Baker, Chair

Please click on the link below to complete your auction item submission form. Once submitted, the form will be automatically sent to the Auction Committee.
[Click here for the auction form](#)

Auction items may be dropped off at The Little House at 603 Washington Street SW, Gainesville, GA. 30501 no later than October 30, 2024.



2024 - 2025 Important Dates

SEPT 30 - FALL COOKOUT AT
RIVERSIDE PREP ACADEMY
"POSTPONED"

NOV 4 - ANNUAL AUCTION

DEC 8 - CHRISTMAS ON GREEN
STREET

DEC 10 - CHRISTMAS PARTY ***NEW
DATE**

FEB 10 - ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE
BOATHOUSE AT LAKE LANIER
OLYMPIC PARK

APRIL 14 - SPRING PICNIC

MAY 24 - MIDLAND MUSIC FEST

The date of our Christmas Party has changed from December 12 to **December 10**. Please reflect the change on your Save the Date Card that was mailed to your home.

Upcoming Schedule



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UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

OCT 7

Career Day - Jessica Dudley, Moderator
Panelists : Nathan Goss - Brenau University,
Tim McDonald - Lanier Tech, and
Dr. Steven Smith - UNG

OCT 14

NO MEETING - Columbus Day Holiday

OCT 21

BOD meeting 11:00 am
Offsite Visit - Northeast Georgia History
Center / Featured Speaker: Zach Propes

OCT 24

Thirsty Thursday/World Polio Day
5:00-7:00 pm



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Birthdays



[Anthony M. Herdener](#)
October 7th



[Sollace M. Freeman Jr.](#)
October 7th



[Charles W Blair Jr.](#)
October 7th



[Shelly Echols](#)
October 9th



[J. Del Mixon](#)
October 10th



[Kevin Wetzel](#)
October 11th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Jonathan Pope](#)
October 11th

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