

# 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](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Instagram](#)  
[LinkedIn](#)  
[New Member Application](#)



## Club Leaders



[Ron G. Quinn](#)  
President



[Christina D. Jones](#)  
President - Elect



[Joey Tripp](#)  
Secretary



[Zachary T. Propes](#)  
Treasurer



[Julia Gesch Clay](#)  
Membership Director

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

## Craig Camuso, CSX Regional Vice President



[Craig Camuso](#)  
Regional Vice President - State Government Relations



Craig Camuso is the regional vice president for state government affairs at CSX Transportation in Atlanta, representing a 7-state region. He sits on several boards including the board of governors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors for the Georgia Railroad Association and the honorary board for Special Olympics Georgia. He is also a Governor Deal appointee to the GA Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board, where he also serves on its Executive Committee. Craig is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Georgia and was also a Member of its Board of Trustees.

He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia. Craig and his wife of 29 years, Kim, have two children and reside in Statham.

## Celebrate Community Week - September 11-17



11-17 September 2023

# Celebrate Community Week



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**Optimist**  
INTERNATIONAL

**Rotary**



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For help developing projects or connecting with other service organizations' clubs, or if you have questions related to Celebrate Community Week, write to [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).

During the week of 11-17 September, Rotary and Rotaract clubs around the world will partner with nearby Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on service projects related to health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy, and the environment. When we join together, there's no limit on the positive impact we can create in our communities. So start planning today!

- ▶ Visit Rotary Showcase for ideas and to record your shared project under the Celebrate Community campaign.
- ▶ Mark yourself as "going" to the Celebrate Community 2023 Facebook event.
- ▶ Share pictures on social media during that week, using the hashtag #CelebrateCommunity.

The Rotary Club of Gainesville is excited to participate with the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville in Celebrate Community Week, September 11-17. We have chosen to raise money for the Georgia Mountain Food Bank as our community project. It takes a community to feed the more than 50,000 people living with food insecurity in our five-county area.

The primary goal is to raise money for meals for families in need, but in the competitive spirit, our secondary goal is to raise more money than the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville! The winner will be determined by the Service Club that raises the most money for the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Although we would like to win, the real winners are the beneficiaries of our monetary gifts.

When you click on the link below, it will take you to our donation form that will record our club's efforts. Please make your donation by September 17th.

[Rotary Club of Gainesville Celebrate Community Donation form](#)



Lindsay Allison  
Public Image Vice Director



Carol M. Colón  
Club Administration Director



Robert E. Cuttino Jr  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jon Peterson  
Rotary Foundation Director



Michele L. Rasmussen  
Public Image Director



Kathleen Owen  
Club Administration Vice Director



Chris Davis  
Service Projects Director



Liz Coates  
Youth Services Vice Director



Jennifer Tarnowski  
Youth Services Director



Mike McGraw  
iPast President

## Annual Fall Cookout



# Rotary Club of Gainesville Annual Fall Cookout

## **SAVE THE DATE**



**September 25, 2023**

**Mitchell Quarters  
Riverside Prep  
Academy  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

You and your family are invited to the club's fall cookout on September 25. Hope to see you there!

This year's event is hosted by Riverside Prep Academy at the campus home of its president, COL Stas Preczweski, Mitchell Quarters, located at 1907 Lake Warner Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501. Rotarian Ellen DeFoor and Executive Vice President Britt Daniel will serve as our hosts.

The courtesy of your RSVP is appreciated no later than September 20. Please [click](#) here to submit your attendance to this event.

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### **Vocational Tour at Elachee on October 2nd**



*Save the Date*

VOCATIONAL TOUR

OCTOBER 2, 2023

NOON - 1:30 PM

ELACHEE NATURE

SCIENCE CENTER

**Rotary**  
Club of Gainesville



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**Save the Date for the Annual Auction**





**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

SAVE THE DATE

11

MONTH

06

DAY

23

YEAR

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR  
CHARITY BALL BELLE CANDIDATE

**CAROLINE POPE**

*Annual*

**AUCTION**

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**September is Basic Education & Literacy Month**

**SEPTEMBER IS**



**BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY  
MONTH**

*"Literacy is a  
bridge from  
misery to  
hope."*

**-Kofi Annan**



[rotarydistrict6910.org](http://rotarydistrict6910.org)

[@rotarydistrict6910](https://www.instagram.com/rotarydistrict6910)

## Upcoming Schedule



## UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

SEPT  
**18**

BOD Meeting - 11:00 am

SEPT  
**18**

Zach Propes, Hall County Administrator -  
Hall County Sales Tax Program and  
Comprehensive Plan Update

SEPT  
**21**

Thirsty Thursday - Standard  
Service - 5:00-7:00pm

SEPT  
**25**

NO MEETING - Annual Fall Cookout  
Mitchell Quarters - Riverside Prep  
Academy from 6:00-8:00pm



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[www.rotaryclubofgainesville.com](http://www.rotaryclubofgainesville.com)

### Birthdays



[Rob W. Chambers](#)  
September 14th



[Darla Jean Eden](#)  
September 15th



[Philip A. Wilheit](#)  
September 18th

### Wedding Anniversaries

[Dale McElveen Jaeger](#)  
September 12th

[Kathleen Owen](#)  
September 13th



[LaDon T. Shaw](#)  
September 16th

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