

# 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



[Christina D. Jones](#)  
President



[Marsha Hopkins](#)  
President-Elect



[Joey Tripp](#)  
Secretary



[Zachary T. Propes](#)  
Treasurer



[William D Lee](#)  
Membership Director



[William A Stewart](#)  
Membership Vice Director



[Chris Davis](#)  
Service Projects Director



[Julia Gesch Hayes](#)  
Public Image Director

## August 5, 2024 - David L. Barnett, Ph.D. -



David L. Barnett, Ph.D., is the 11th president of Brenau University.

A native of Georgia, Barnett earned a doctorate in educational leadership and organizational development and a Specialist in Education from the University of Louisville. He also earned a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from Mercer University. He is also a member of the academic honor society Phi Kappa Phi and received many academic awards and honors during his educational pursuits.

Barnett previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer at Brenau, overseeing the university's day-to-day operations and its strategic financial planning.

He also has served in executive leadership roles at six universities in Georgia and Kentucky, including appointments that spanned the spectrum of executive administrative and academic leadership. Barnett held positions as chief financial and risk management officer, dean of a college of education, assistant vice president and dean of student life and development, and dean of distance learning programs. Early in his career, he served as director of financial aid, director of international programs and director of student housing.

Barnett also teaches doctoral courses and serves as chair for doctoral students' dissertations. He has presented at numerous national and regional professional conferences on the topics related to strategic planning for accreditation, financial risk management in higher education, adult learning theory, organizational leadership and development, and the application of systems theory in organizational management. Barnett serves on boards for many non-profit educational and community groups. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and board member for the Lake Lanier Olympic Foundation, Quinlan Art Center, Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education, and Georgia Independent Colleges Association.

Barnett and his wife, Kimberly, have two children and a grandson. He is an active member in a local church and participates in civic activities. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys various outdoor activities.



John C. LaForge  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Corbin Tessmer  
Public Image Vice  
Director



Carol M. Colón  
Executive Club  
Secretary



Kathleen Owen  
Club Administration  
Director



LeTrell E. Simpson  
Board Advisor and  
R85 Program Director



Jennifer Tarnowski  
Club Administration  
Vice Director



Dwayne Todd  
Ferguson  
Service Projects Vice  
Director



Michael E. Hill  
Rotary Foundation  
Vice Director



Jon Peterson  
Rotary Foundation  
Director



Terrell Cleveland  
Youth Services Vice  
Director



Melissa W. Tymchuk  
Youth Services  
Director



Ron G. Quinn  
iPast President

## Rotary International Monthly Theme



**Rotary**   
Club of Gainesville

August is a time to recognize members and their work in our communities, as well as to celebrate the club and the good it does.

A vertical banner for the Rotary Club of Gainesville. The background features a low-angle shot of modern skyscrapers. The banner is divided into sections by geometric shapes. At the top right is the Rotary International logo. The text 'Rotary Club of Gainesville' is in white. Below it, 'WELCOMES' is in large white letters, followed by 'NEW MEMBERS' in smaller white letters. The names of the new members are listed in large, bold, orange letters: EMMA COURTNEY, BRITT DANIEL, KRIS NORDHOLZ, RICHARD STEELE, and WAYNE STRADLEY. At the bottom left is the 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY' logo with three stars. There are also decorative dotted patterns on the left and right sides of the lower half.

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## AUGUST ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

MELISSA TYMCHUK - 1 YEAR  
JENNIFER BERO - 2 YEARS  
MICHAEL HILL - 2 YEARS  
DAVID LEE - 10 YEARS  
VICKI DAVIS - 14 YEARS  
MARSHA HOPKINS - 19 YEARS  
STEPHEN FARKAS - 22 YEARS  
MIMI COLLINS - 27 YEARS  
DOUG CARTER - 32 YEARS  
HECTOR COLON - 34 YEARS  
CAROL COLON - 36 YEARS  
HEYWARD HOSCH - 52 YEARS

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### Tribute to Abit Massey




# What happened at last week's meeting?



July 29, 2024

## Upcoming Schedule



**Rotary**  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS  
SCHEDULE**

**AUG  
12**

Hope Lanier, Hall County Educator who completed the Appalachian Trail

**AUG  
19**

11:00 am BOD Meeting  
Dr. Anna Stenport, Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**AUG  
26**

Dr. Andrew Predmore, Executive Director, Furman University

**SEP  
2**

No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday



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### Birthdays



[Will S. Schofield](#)  
August 2nd



[Joseph D. Chipman Jr.](#)  
August 4th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Michele L. Rasmussen](#)  
August 8th



[Brad Donnell](#)  
August 11th

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