

Rotary Newsletter

Club of Gainesville



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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Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr - Featured Speaker on April 22, 2024



Chris Carr was re-elected as Georgia's Attorney General in November 2022. Then-Governor Nathan Deal first appointed him to the role in 2016.

As Attorney General, Carr believes he has no more solemn duty than to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, and the interests of the people of the State of Georgia. He also believes that his office must play a significant role in protecting the lives and livelihoods of all Georgians.

Since taking office in 2016, Carr has made it a priority to combat human trafficking, gang activity, opioid misuse, elder abuse, and consumer fraud. In 2019, he created the first-of-its-kind Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, which rescued and assisted 116 victims last year alone. Building off of this successful model, Carr created Georgia's first statewide Gang Prosecution Unit, which officially began its historic work on July 1, 2022, and has already indicted 63 alleged gang members across the state. His Statewide Opioid Task Force, which includes more than 400 public, private and nonprofit entities, has been cited as a national model, and Georgia is now poised to receive more than half a billion dollars for treatment after Carr initiated legal action against those who contributed to the opioid crisis. To help prevent our older and at-risk adults from falling victim to scams, Carr created the Georgia Consumer Protection Guide for Older Adults, and he works every day to ensure our most vulnerable Georgians are protected from exploitation of any form.

Carr previously served as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD) under Governor Deal from November 2013 to November 2016. As Commissioner, Carr led the state agency responsible for creating jobs and investment in Georgia through business recruitment, retention and expansion, international trade and tourism, as well as the arts, film and music industries. Georgia was recognized as the top state in the nation in which to do business for each of the three years Carr served as commissioner. Under his leadership, GDECD helped to facilitate 1,069 projects across the state that represent approximately \$14.4 billion in investment and the creation of more than 84,000 jobs.

Prior to joining GDECD, Carr was Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson for six years. During his time in Washington, Carr advised the Senator on federal legislation and numerous judicial nominees for the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts in Georgia and across the country. He also served on Georgia's Judicial Nominating Commission, the body charged with recommending candidates to the Governor to fill judicial vacancies, from 2011 through 2018.

Carr began his career with Georgia Pacific, then practiced law with Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta, and later served as Vice President and General Counsel for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

Carr is a graduate of the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business and Lumpkin School of Law.

He and his wife Joan have two daughters.

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Announcing Midland Music Fest 2024!

LIVE LOCAL FOOD
MUSIC BREW TRUCKS

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PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL

MAY
25th
2024

OUTDOORS
AT THE
Smithgall
ARTS CENTER

**MIDLAND
MUSIC
FEST** May 25
GAINESVILLE, GA

SKYNFOLKS
THE AUTHENTIC LYNARD SKYNYRD EXPERIENCE

**Street
Choir**
A VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE

**5:00^{pm}
Gates Open**

**5:30^{pm}
Music Starts**

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.

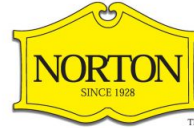


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EVENT SPONSORS



MIDLAND SPONSORS



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LINDSAY ALLISON DESIGN

Student of the Month

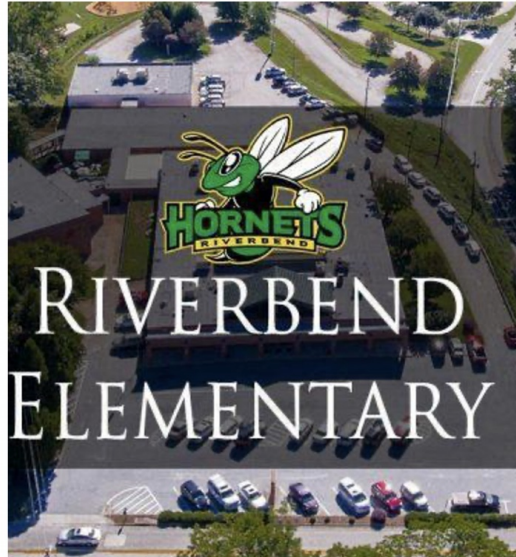


ELEMENTARY



Kyler McKinnon

Jayden Gonzalez



RIVERBEND
ELEMENTARY



SUGAR HILL ACADEMY
OF TALENT & CAREER

Dayana Hernandez Quinteros

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



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:

Thank you for your incredible support of this year's upcoming golf tournament. All the teams have been filled.

Our 50/50 Raffle club goal is \$9,000, and we are currently at \$4,100. Please contact Todd and let him know the number of tickets you would like to purchase. One ticket is **\$20**, or you can purchase 6 tickets for **\$100**. Remember every raffle ticket sale helps, and our proceeds benefit the club's foundation, The Hart Joiner Fund.

If you have emailed Todd, and he has replied, you will be entered into the raffle. You will be billed on your Rotary invoice unless you inform him otherwise.

Todd can be reached at 770-654-5672 or tferguson@jtstratford.com.

The
Rotary
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**MULTIPLE
PAUL HARRIS FELLOW
RECOGNITIONS**



**PRESENTED BY
JON PETERSON
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR**

Welcome New Member Corbin Tessmer



A graphic for the Rotary Club of Gainesville welcoming a new member. The background features a low-angle shot of skyscrapers. The text is centered and reads: "Rotary Club of Gainesville WELCOMES NEW MEMBER". Below this is a circular portrait of Corbin Tessmer, a man with a beard wearing a dark shirt and tie. To the left of the portrait is the Rotary logo and the text "CREATE HOPE in the WORLD". Below the portrait, the name "CORBIN TESSMER" is written in large, bold, orange letters, followed by "Sales Manager" and "IntegriCom, Inc." in white. Decorative elements include diagonal lines and a grid of dots.

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WELCOMES
NEW MEMBER



CORBIN TESSMER
Sales Manager
IntegriCom, Inc.

CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD


World Immunization Week April 24-30, 2024



Vaccines are a cornerstone of public health and our fight to [#EndPolio](#) is proof that vaccines work. Join us in promoting the power of vaccines to protect children and save lives.

Upcoming Schedule

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**UPCOMING EVENTS
SCHEDULE**

**APR
29**


GRSP Student Marthe Kverneland Farewell
and
Panel featuring Hall County Judges

**MAY
6**


Abby Burles - Love Your Story
and
Caroline Filchak - Hope for Hall

**MAY
13**

Lane Walberg, Georgia Mountains YMCA
President and CEO

**MAY
20**

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

**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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Birthdays



[Thomas Hanie Paris III](#)
April 22nd



[Zachary T. Propes](#)
April 23rd



[Doug Carter](#)
April 23rd



[Dwayne Todd Ferguson](#)
April 26th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Chandler G. Brown](#)
April 24th



[Thomas N. Shirey](#)
April 28th