

Rotary Club of Gainesville Newsletter



Meeting Location: Geoff Duncan, Georgia's 12th Lieutenant Governor

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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A former professional baseball player and successful entrepreneur, Geoff Duncan served as Georgia's Lieutenant Governor from 2019-2023. As the state's second-most powerful Republican and president of the State Senate, Duncan used a bipartisan approach to navigate the chamber through a global pandemic, civil unrest, and economic tumult. Duncan has established himself as a bold leader, especially in the areas of health care, public care, public safety, technology, and economic development. His efforts to spearhead Georgia becoming the "Technology Capital of the East Coast" have been nationally recognized.

In the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, Duncan stood up to his party leadership and became an outspoken voice against conspiracy theories and for a peaceful transition of power. After rising to national prominence, he authored a book entitled, "GOP 2.0: How the 2020 Election Can Lead to a Better Way Forward for America's Conservative Party." He became one of the most recognizable critics of the political process that led to the failed Senate campaign of Herschel Walker.

During the 2020 legislative session, Duncan built a historic bipartisan coalition to pass Georgia's Hate Crimes Law in the aftermath of the murder of Ahmaud Arbery. In 2021, he authored the LESS Crime Act to empower private citizens to support law enforcement and led successful efforts to defeat the Buckhead secession movement, with the Atlanta Journal Constitution declaring, "Powerful GOP leader delivers blow to Buckhead cityhood."

Club Leaders



[Mike McGraw](#)
President



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



[Christina D. Jones](#)
Treasurer and President-Nominee



[Joey Tripp](#)
Secretary



[Julia Gesch Clay](#)
Membership Director

[William D Lee](#)

Duncan entered public service in 2012 after winning an upstart campaign to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2012. In the House, he served on the Banking, Science & Technology and Ways & Means Committee. Duncan spearheaded the Rural Hospital Tax Credit that created tax credits for donors to rural hospitals, a win-win program that has yielded tens of millions in additional funding to save rural hospitals from closure.

Prior to public service, Duncan enjoyed a successful career in the private sector. In 2001, he founded a marketing company that sold promotional products to mid-size and large corporate clients nationwide. In 2003, he launched a tech-enabled literature fulfillment division for several large corporate clients. In 2006, he founded a design company with the focus of building large contracts to build single family homes in the Atlanta metro area. In 2016, Duncan was hired as the CEO of a health care company where he successfully raised several rounds of early round growth capital and currently serves on the board of directors. In 2019, he founded a consulting business to help growth stage private companies work directly with their management teams, including a 40-year-old construction material company that has more than doubled revenues. Duncan also serves as a strategic advisor to several venture capital firms around the country.

After a successful career as a scholarship pitcher at Georgia Tech, including three straight berths in the NCAA Regionals and the 1994 College World Series, Duncan was drafted by the Florida Marlins' organization in 1996, where he spent six seasons in their minor league system before a shoulder injury forced his early retirement in 2001.

Duncan is most proud to be husband to his high school sweetheart, Brooke, and a father of three young men: Parker, Baylor, and Ryder. Duncan is an avid sports fan, an aviation enthusiast and is an instrument rated private pilot.

Students of the Month



Membership
Vice Director



Lindsay Allison
Public Image
Vice Director



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 and
Treasurer-Elect



Liz Coates
Youth
Services
Director



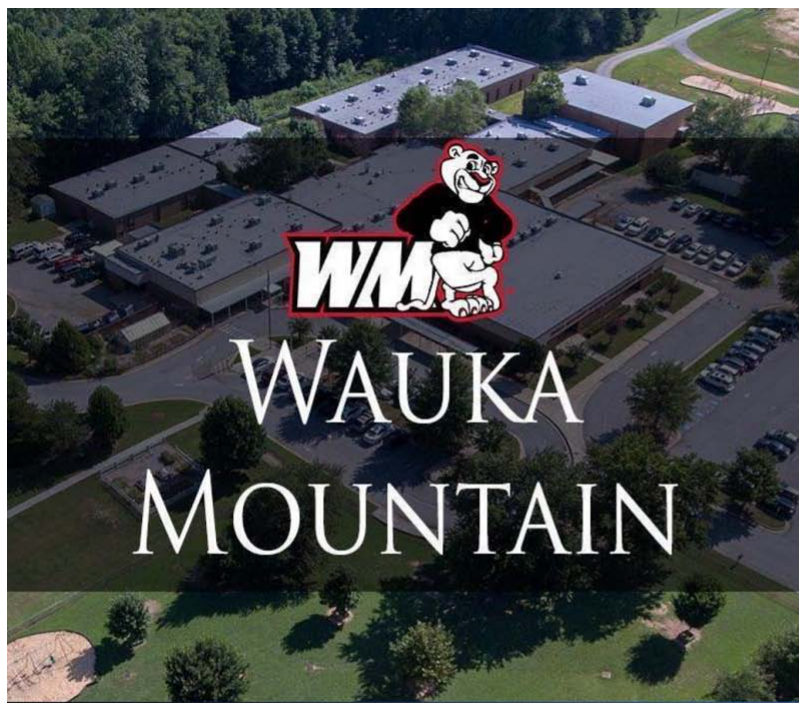
Amanda Willis
iPast
President



Clayton Lonberger



Dennis del Rio, Jr.



Raef Oliver

Ramp #146 Coming Up March 25th



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Location: 5074 Field View Circle

Gainesville, GA 30506



BE A PART OF RAMP BUILD #146

**Please contact Lou Henderson at 912-571-4000
or peterlhenderson@gmail.com if you are able
to participate.**

Announcing this year's Midland Music Fest!

LIVE LOCAL FOOD
MUSIC BREW TRUCKS

Rotary
Club of Gainesville



LOCAL FOOD LIVE
BREW TRUCKS MUSIC

PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL

MAY
27th
2023



ON THE
MIDLAND
GREENWAY

RUMOURS
A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

8:00_{pm}

Rumours

A Fleetwood Mac Tribute

6:00_{pm}

Cardboard Willie



midlandmusicfest.com

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-Jones Endowment Fund for Children & Youth and The Rotary Club of Gainesville Centennial Project that is in collaboration with the City of Gainesville.

Vocational Tour at Gainesville High School




The club had a wonderful time visiting Gainesville High School last week for our vocational tour. Thank you to GHS for hosting us!


World Water Day is March 22nd

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EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH WATER, CLEAN WATER

"Water is the most basic of all resources. Civilizations grew or withered depending on its availability."
Dr. Nathan W. Snyder



Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



More than one-third of the global population needs basic sanitation. We are more aware than ever that so much in our lives depends on access to clean water. We wash our hands with it to keep ourselves and our communities healthy, cook meals with it to nourish our bodies, and rely on it for proper sanitation. Yet some communities around the world still don't have reliable sources of clean water.

Upcoming Schedule

Rotary Club of Gainesville Events Schedule

DATE	MEETING OR EVENT	LOCATION
March 27	Native Intelligence Forecast 2023 Frank Norton, Jr. and Tommy Howard	First Baptist
April 3 and April 10	No Rotary Meetings - Spring and Easter Break	First Baptist
April 17	BOD Meeting - 11:00 am	
April 17	Teryl and Erich Worster	First Baptist
April 24	"The Journey of Gainesville's Non-Profits"	First Baptist



Birthdays



[Jane Hemmer](#)
March 23rd



[Kim English Marks](#)
March 24th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Thomas William Carraway Van Doorn](#)
March 24th

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