

# 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](#)



## December 2, 2024 - Jackson EMC Update

## 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



## "JACKSON EMC UPDATE"



**David Lee**

**Gainesville District Manager**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**



Director



Chris Davis  
Service Projects  
Director



Julia Gesch Hayes  
Public Image Director



John C. LaForge  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Corbin Tessmer

David Lee, District Manager for Jackson Electric Membership Corporation's (EMC) Gainesville District, has more than 24 years' experience in the electric utility industry.

David is responsible for management of the Gainesville District covering Hall and Lumpkin counties; residential marketing and member services; commercial/industrial business development; community relations; legislative affairs; and economic development. He reports to the Vice President of Marketing Member Services and Governmental Affairs, David Cleveland.

Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, David began his professional career in 1995 in the petroleum industry. In 1999, he joined Jackson EMC as a Business Development Manager, serving first in the cooperative's Gwinnett District and was promoted to his present position in 2018.

He received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Georgia and a Master of Divinity Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the NRECA Management Internship Program, UGA Management Development Program, Leadership Gwinnett, and Leadership Hall. He was selected to lead the 2018 Jackson EMC Strategic Initiative Team on Employee Communication.

David is a member of the Gainesville/Hall County Development Authority; a member of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, where he is a past Chairman; he is a member of the Investment Assistance Committee; Chairman of the Joint Development Authority; and a member of the Gainesville Rotary Club,



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  
Past President

where he serves as Vice Chair of Membership. He is also a past Chairman of Rehabilitation Industries of North Georgia.

He is a recipient of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce's Silver Shovel Award and W.G. Meador Award.

David and his wife Holli have been married for 30 years and have three children; Herndon, Ella Randall, and Wyatt.

## December Rotary Member Anniversaries

# DECEMBER ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

David Masters - 5 years

Kathleen Owen - 9 years

Kate Cook - 10 years

Larry Jewett - 12 years

Sheenagh King - 12 years

Gene Harper - 13 years

Martha Zoller - 16 years

Jerry Ward - 19 years

Haydee Anderson - 24 years



Rotary Monthly Theme

# DECEMBER IS

## DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

Combat diseases, promote healthcare access, and support medical research initiatives.



Rotary  
Club of Gainesville 

Christmas on Green Street - December 8, 2024



Past President Brent Cochran is looking for singers to perform a few songs at the tree lighting. Please contact Brent at [bcochran@jacksonemc.com](mailto:bcochran@jacksonemc.com) if you can participate. Rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm.

## Register to Ring the Bell!

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The Rotary Club of Gainesville has filled all our slots for volunteer bell ringers to assist the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle Drive. Our club is one of many clubs around the country who participate in this drive each year.

Not only are we giving back to our community, we are ensuring our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness receive food, shelter, and support through the funds we will help raise for this campaign. Every ringer makes a difference.

Bell ringers should report at their designated times at Hobby Lobby located at 1146 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville, GA.

[Click here for bell ringing time slots](#)

Please contact **Jennifer Bero** at [jbero@my-sisters-place.org](mailto:jbero@my-sisters-place.org) or 386-216-9492 if you need assistance.

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## Rotary Christmas Party - December 10, 2024



YOU ARE INVITED TO

*The Rotary Club of Gainesville*

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2024

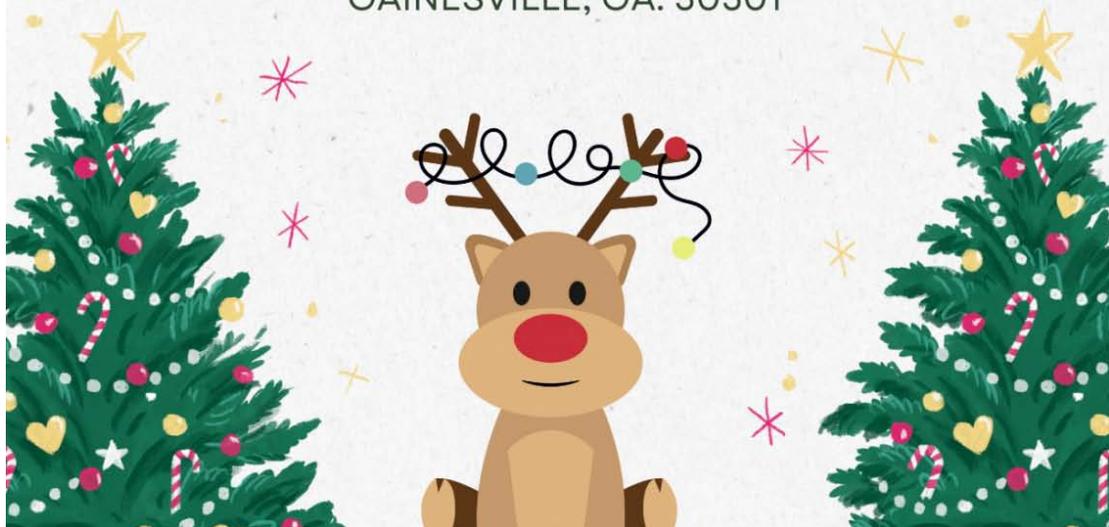
6:00 - 8:30 PM



### DECOY

EAT. DRINK. PLAY.

123 GREEN STREET, NE  
GAINESVILLE, GA. 30501



You and your family are invited to our Rotary Family Christmas Party. This includes children and grandchildren!

The courtesy of your RSVP is appreciated no later than December 5, 2024. Please [click here](#) to submit your number of participants for this event.

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**Oslo Summer 2025 GRSP Scholarship Opens for Georgia College Students**

**GRSP-Oslo Scholarship**  
**June 28 – July 26, 2025**  
**University of Oslo, Norway**

For more information or to apply, visit:  
[www.grsp.org/other-opportunities](http://www.grsp.org/other-opportunities)



**UiO : International Summer School**  
University of Oslo

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2025**  **Questions: [grsp@grsp.org](mailto:grsp@grsp.org)**



Georgia Rotary Student Program partners with Rotarians in Norway to offer scholarships for undergraduate students to attend the International Summer School in beautiful Oslo, Norway. Recipients will be able to immerse themselves in Norway's landscape and culture, while living alongside students from nearly 100 different countries. Visit [osloiss.com/courses](http://osloiss.com/courses) to view options. All courses are taught in English.

**SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES**

- Roundtrip Airfare from Atlanta
- Oslo ISS Course Instruction- 10 ECTS- Undergrad
- Room and Board + Administrative Fees
- ISS Social and Cultural Programming

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Already Completed Equivalent of 1 Year of College
- Ages 20-24 and Single
- Good Health + Academic College Standing
- Georgia Rotarian Endorsement

Apply through GRSP website. Nominees will be reviewed and winners will be selected by a committee of GRSP Trustees in each Rotary District. Two recipients will be selected by January 27, 2025 and will then apply to the summer school via link from college coordinator.

Norwegian Rotarians will partner with the Georgia Rotary Student Program to sponsor two college students from Georgia to attend Oslo International Summer School. Dates will be June 28-July 26, 2025. The application is now open and closes January 15, 2025.

Please direct questions to [grsp@grsp.org](mailto:grsp@grsp.org) for assistance.

**W. Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence Award and Guardian of Ethics Award nominations open**

**Rotary**  
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## **REMINDER**

Don't forget to  
submit your  
Rotary District 6910  
Award Nominations.

Deadline is  
**December 20, 2024.**



**THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY**

Two of our club awards presented at the annual banquet, the **W. Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence Award**, and the **Guardian of Ethics Award**, are judged at the district level. The

nomination period opened on October 18th and the club deadline for submissions is **December 20, 2024**. The Club's winners will be submitted to the district on or before January 31, 2025.



The nomination forms for the W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence and the Guardian of Ethics Award can be found on our [club website](#). Please click on Awards.

## Upcoming Schedule

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# UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

<b>DEC 2</b>	David Lee, Jackson EMC
<b>DEC 8</b>	CHRISTMAS ON GREEN STREET - 2:00-6:00 pm
<b>DEC 9</b>	No Meeting in lieu of Christmas Party on December 10
<b>DEC 10</b>	FAMILY OF ROTARY Christmas Party DECOY - 6:00-8:30 pm

 **THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**

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

## Birthdays

[George J. Romberg](#)  
December 2nd

[William H. Beyer](#)  
December 4th



## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Mailing Address:  
*PO Box 382*  
*Gainesville, GA 30503*