

# 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



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

**No Meeting - January 9, 2024**

**NO MEETING ON  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**JOIN US THE  
FOLLOWING DAY  
AT DECOY**



**FAMILY ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 10, 2024**



**TIME  
AT 6:00-8:30 PM**



**DECOY**

**EAT. DRINK. PLAY.**

**43rd Annual Lighting of the Native Holly Christmas Tree**

# CHRISTMAS ON GREEN STREET

## PARADE AND LIGHTING OF THE ROTARY NATIVE HOLLY TREE



Director



Chris Davis  
Service Projects  
Director



Julia Gesch Hayes  
Public Image Director



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



Special thank you to Brent Cochran and the Rotary Singers for a fine performance at the 43rd lighting of the Rotary Christmas tree!

**Rotary Christmas Party - December 10, 2024**



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

The courtesy of your RSVP is appreciated. 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**  
Club of Gainesville



## **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.

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## Meeting Recap



# What happened at last week's meeting?



December 2, 2024  
David Lee, Jackson EMC

Upcoming Schedule



Rotary  
Club of Gainesville



## UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

DEC  
**10**

FAMILY OF ROTARY Christmas Party  
DECOY - 6:00-8:30 pm

DEC  
**16**

BOD Meeting 11:00 am  
Andy Robinson - The Story of Coach Jeremy Williams

DEC  
**23**

NO MEETING - Christmas Holidays

DEC  
**30**

NO MEETING - New Year's Holiday



THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY

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

### Birthdays



[Richard Steele](#)  
December 14th



[Lee D. Highsmith](#)  
December 16th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Brian Heck](#)  
December 14th



[James Oscar Grier](#)  
December 16th

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