



# EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



August 26, 2022

## Meeting Speaker -- Bill Smith

Please RSVP by Monday at noon if you plan to attend.

[RSVP HERE](#)

A native of Tallahassee, Bill Smith is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Capital City Bank Group, Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Capital City Bank where he has worked since 1978 in numerous capacities.



Mr. Smith attended Darlington School in Rome, Georgia, and graduated in 1972 with the Faculty Medal for General Excellence. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from The Florida State University in 1976. He was inducted to the FSU College of Business Hall of Fame in 2009.

Mr. Smith is currently a member of the board of directors of: Capital City Bank Group; Capital City Bank; First National Bankers Bank; The Florida State University Athletic Board and Southern Company.

## The Four Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

## Inspiration

- Aug. 30:  
Dave Fiore
- Sept. 6:  
Brad Janowski
- Sept. 13:  
Christopher Campbell
- Sept. 20:  
Rick Owen
- Sept. 27:  
Gary Ware

## Sunrise Partners with KCCI to Help Create Fully Booked at Eastside Branch Library

## Birthdays

- Brett Wellman  
August 27
- Bill Reardon  
August 29
- Michelle Shaw  
September 2
- Bradley J Janowski  
September 10
- Pamala Doffek  
September 15



*Melanie and Gale take a break at one of three new book benches during Thursday's unveiling ceremony at the Eastside Branch Library.*

Thank you, Champion Melanie Quinton and Sunrise Rotary, for helping to create the first installment of the Fully Booked project at Pedrick Pond Park outside the Leon County Eastside Branch Library.

Merging nature, art, and literacy, the Fully Booked project includes a Wander & Wonder Story Trail, three book benches, and a hammock garden. The project was envisioned by the 2022 KCCI Community Catalyst team.

Champion Melanie partnered with KCCI to create an Amazon Wishlist from which Sunrise Rotarians bought and shipped hammocks and gift bag goodies. Any person with a Leon County library card can check out a hammock free at the Eastside Branch Library and enjoy reading in the new hammock garden.

For details about Fully Booked, click [HERE](#) to read the Leon County news release.

**Two additional Wander & Wonder trails will open in September:**

- Thursday, September 8 at 10 a.m. outside the Leon County Fort Braden Branch Library.
- Thursday, September 22 at 10 a.m. outside the Leon County J. Lewis Hall Sr. Woodville Park and Recreation Complex.

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**Everyone Get Rolling!  
Register for Bowling FUNrai\$er**



Register now for Sunrise Rotary's Third Annual Bowling FUNrai\$er. Our family-friendly event is Sunday, September 18, Capital Lanes, 4-6 p.m. All proceeds support local service projects.

For \$200, you may reserve a lane for yourself and up to 5 others; family, friends, and co-workers are all welcome. Individual bowlers may register for \$50/pp and will be assigned to lane with other individual bowlers.

Register now

- by completing the registration form and mailing it with your check to the address at the bottom of the form OR
- hand-delivering your completed form and check to Project Champions Stephen Caldwell or Stuart Chandronnet at a Sunrise meeting OR
- completing and mailing the registration form THEN paying with your debit or credit card at our Sunrise Rotary PayPal link below. When clicking on the link please select the option send to make your payment.  
<https://www.paypal.me/sunrise956>

[Download Registration Form](#)

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## Serve With Sunrise: Weekly Update

Watch this space in the EyeOpener each week to see how you can Serve With Sunrise.

**Bowling FUNrai\$er** Sept. 18:

Champions Stephen Caldwell/Stuart Chandronnet,

Capital Lanes, 4-6 p.m. \$200/lane or \$50 for individual bowler to be assigned to the Fractionals Team. Registration form and PayPal link in this week's Eye



Opener.

**Meals on Wheels** (delivery Tuesdays 10:15 am-noon in November, January, March, May): Champion Melanie Quinton. Thanks, September Volunteers, for filling Sunrise slots! Volunteer now for November and 2023 at SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-meals1>

**Fully Booked, Tallahassee:** Champion Melanie Quinton. Sunrise partnered with KCCI via Amazon Wishlist. Rotarians bought/shipped items on Wishlist to KCCI. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2KN564R7ZC362/guest-view> Melanie and Gale attended the unveiling Aug. 25 at the Eastside Branch Library. See story and photo in today's Eye Opener. Thank YOU, Sunrise, for promoting literacy.

**CART Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust:** Champion Crystal Curvey. Contribute to the blue buckets on tables each week at Sunrise meeting. Donations fund grants at US research hospitals seeking to cure Alzheimer's Disease.

**Walk to End Alzheimer's Nov. 12:** Co-Champions Rick Owen and CJ Aulet. Details and Donations at [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/FL-CentralandNorthFlorida?team\\_id=728650&pg=team&fr\\_id=15473](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/FL-CentralandNorthFlorida?team_id=728650&pg=team&fr_id=15473)

**Rotary Scholarship House:** Champion Dan Nelson. Sunrise hosts a Pizza Party to Pack the Pantry once each semester. This year, Rotarians will have the opportunity to visit the House and residents to deliver the Pack the Pantry items.

**Mentoring Initiative for Rotary Scholarship House:** Champion Betty Jensen to promote and implement mentoring relationships between Sunrise members and Scholarship House residents.

**Boystown Birthday Buddies:** Champion Dee Wellman, liaison with Boystown to recruit a Sunrise Rotarian to celebrate the birthday of a resident as needed. Michelle Shaw volunteered to be a Birthday Buddy to 14-year-old Dallas on Sept. 15.

**Florida Department of Corrections Book Drive:** Champion Stephanie Schwartz. This is a new project for Sunrise, but the second year the FDOC has collected books/media for prison libraries statewide.

**Red Kettle Bell Ringers** Champion Christopher Campbell, Dec. 5 and 6: Publix Village Square

**Classroom Connection** Champion Colleen Castille, partnership with Tallahassee Chamber to support the Hartsfield Elementary kindergarten classroom of Teacher Sophia Perkins.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build** (District Grant) Champion Danielle Irwin. 2023 Sunrise Bed Builds scheduled on Jan. 21 and March 18.

**Ramp Build (Spring 2023):** Champion Pam Doffek.

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**Save the Date - Walk to End Alzheimer's 2022**

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**November 12, 2022**

**Walk to End Alzheimer's® -  
Tallahassee, FL**



## **CART Update**

### **Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust**

Thank you, Sunrise, for funding US-based research seeking a cure for Alzheimer's and other dementia. When you toss your small change into the blue bucket on your table at each Sunrise meeting, you make a big difference.



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

CART started in 1996 with Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings. As of May 2022, CART had awarded \$11.2 million in 64 grants to recognized US research institutions.

100% of donated funds go to Alzheimer's Disease research. All administrative expenses of CART are paid from interest earned from invested contributions.

The CART Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of representatives from the Rotary districts that support the program. It is a 501(C)3 organization, Federal ID #31-1466051. The Fund is chartered as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of South Carolina.

**8/9/2022: \$2.00**

Sunrise CART total **2022-2023: \$61.78**

## **Sign up for an Inspiration**

Have something inspiring to share? Sign up for your day here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9aa2fabfac52-inspirations1>

## Sponsor of the Month -- Tyler Huston

Tyler Huston was born and raised in New York until graduating high school and attending Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. During his collegiate time, Tyler participated in numerous organizations. He played on the FSU Lacrosse team as well as joining and becoming president of his fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta.

Tyler earned an internship at a financial planning firm before graduating where he finished in the top 1% in the country and took the career full time. After spending 8 years at that firm, Tyler Huston opened his own, Pyxis Advisors, in January 2015. Then, in 2019, George Avant and Tyler merged their firms forming Avant Huston Financial Group.



Personally, Tyler is married to his lovely wife Darcie Morningstar. They reside in Tallahassee, FL with their three furry children, pups Margo, and Dingo and cat, Mr. Tux, and gaggle of chickens. Outside of work, Tyler is heavily engaged in the Tallahassee and Florida community.

He is serving or has served on:

- Leadership Florida Connect Class VIII (2017-2018)
- The Tallahassee QB Club Foundation (Biletnikoff Award) Honorary Trustee (2018-current)
- Founding Member of Capital Collaborative Group (2017-present)
- James Madison Institute Tallahassee Board of Advisors Chair (2015-2018)
- JMI Leaders Fellows Program (2014-2015)
- Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary President (2016-2017) Member (2009-Present)
- Network of Young Professionals Former President (2007-Present)
- Southern Hospitality Consultants (2013-Present)
- Knight Creative Communities Institute Project Chair (2012-2013)
- Young Alumni Development Council for FSU Foundation (2010-2013)
- Young Philanthropists Circle for United Way (2010-2013)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award District Director (2010-2011)

Darcie and Tyler love traveling nationally and internationally, with a goal of getting outside the US one time each year, and seeing our country's great National Parks. Tyler also enjoys extreme sports with his friends having skydived, summited Mt. Rainier in Washington, Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, climbed Mt. Whitney in California, skiing, racing go karts, rock and ice climbing, attempted to surf and wakeboard. He's always looking for the next adventure!



