



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



December 20, 2021

Happy Holidays, Sunrise!



Our next meeting is January 4, 2022.

Have a safe and fun holiday break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sponsor of the Month -- Gregg Patterson

Gregg is the CEO of IMS Business a company that provides back office services such as accounting, operations management and crisis management to businesses and non-profits with a local, regional, and international presence.

IMS provides part-time and interim Bookkeepers, Accountants, Controllers and CFOs. His employees include bookkeepers, staff accountants and professionals with CPA and MBA designations. To learn more about IMS go to www.imsbusiness.net.



Gregg is also the Executive Director of Choose Tallahassee. Choose Tallahassee is an Economic Development organization whose mission is to encourage people to relocate to Tallahassee. This is accomplished by communicating a positive window to the world for our quality of life in Tallahassee.

He is also a past President of Sunrise Rotary.

Gregg is a guest columnist for the Tallahassee Democrat – USA Today Network. You may have followed him on their treks across Spain, Scotland, Portugal, and England.

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

Dec. 21:

Open

Dec. 28:

Brett Wellman

Birthdays

Sean Martin

Dec. 30

Linda Nelson

Dec. 31

Manju Kundra

Jan. 1

Stephen Lamarvin McIrvine

Caldwell

Jan. 28

In addition, he leads Move Tallahassee which organizes community walks in our parks and on our greenways.

Gregg has been married to his wife Morgan for 30 years and they are both very proud of their 4 children and 5 grandchildren. They both enjoy the outdoors and have hiked across several countries around the world.

Merry Mistletoe Party Wednesday Night!

The Sunrise Holiday party is right around the corner! ICYMI, here are the details Queen Melanie sent us in an email!

The Merry Mistletoe Sunrise Holiday Party

Who: You and your Favorite Elf

Where: American Legion Hall

Address: 229 Lake Ella Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303

When: Wednesday, December 22nd 6:30pm

RSVP Deadline: 12/10/21 – Hope you didn't miss it!!!!!!

First, pull out your best "fun" holiday attire!! We want you dressed in your MOST festive wear! And yes, there will be prizes!!

Also, pull out your favorite holiday recipes for the first official Merry Sunrise Bake-off!! There will be judges, and also prizes! We are limiting the contest bakers to 10, and please plan to bake enough for 20+!

Merry Sunrise Bake-Off – Sign up

here!! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949A5AB2FA1FD0-sunrise9>

We also wanted to take up a "kindness Donation" for the awesome team of Servers at Four Points that get up bright and early each Tuesday to put up with us, and take great care of us!! There will be a merry donation bucket when you enter, so please consider sharing some holiday happiness their way for all they do for Sunrise!!!

Also, there will be entertainment provided by our very own Merry Sunrise Rockers! There might also possibly be a Merry Sing Along!!! That's right....you read that correctly!

Lastly, delicious eats AND two complimentary drink tickets, but also a cash bar for additional merry spirits, if you need more!!

You don't want to miss ALL the merry fun!!! #Excited!

Bond Floor Build Moved to Wednesday

The weather for our Bond Elementary outdoor classroom floor build looks bad for Tuesday. We are coordinating with Principal Jackson to shift it to Wednesday. So let your Wednesday be filled with Rotary goodness (holiday party in the evening) and join us at 7:30 am for this half-day event. We need about 7 volunteers. RSVP today to dirwin@cumminscederberg.com.

Sunrise Rings Bells for The Salvation Army





Rotary House Donation Drive

IMS Business and Sunrise Rotary, in conjunction with the Rotary House, is calling for donations to provide food and cleaning supplies for their pantry. Donations accepted include non-perishable goods as well as cleaning products to help sanitize the house. A full list of donation items and instructions can be found [here](#).

Donations may be directly shipped to Rotary House (330 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304). If you'd like to drop off your donations, please contact Sheldy Dorsaint at sheldy253@gmail.com or (786) 365-7762.

CART Update

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

Thank you, Sunrise, for funding U.S.-based research seeking a cure for Alzheimer's and other dementia. Please continue to toss your change into the blue bucket on your table at each Tuesday Sunrise meeting. Your small change can 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 2020 CART had awarded \$9.2 million in 55 grants to recognized US research institutions. CART collection

12/14/21: \$10.40

Sunrise CART total **2021-2022: \$256.56**

Sign up for an Inspiration

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AA2FABFAC52-inspiration>



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