



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



January 13, 2023

Meeting Speaker -- Darko Butorac

Praised by the Westdeutsche Zeitung for his “exceptional combination of passion, elegance and well-timed pacing”, Darko Butorac has established himself as a conductor in demand with orchestras both in Europe and the Americas.

He currently serves as the Music Director of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra and the Asheville Symphony.

Distinguished collaborations include soprano Renee Fleming, pianist Garrick Ohlsson, cellist Colin Carr, clarinetist Anthony McGill, and Oscar-winning actor J.K. Simmons among others.



Highlights of the 2019-20 include performances with pianists Stephen Hough and Conrad Tao, Gold Medal winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition Zlatomir Fung, and season finale with Mr. Ohlsson. Mr. Butorac will also lead performances of La Traviata with the Northern Lights Festival Opera.

Butorac is also in demand as a public speaker on leadership. His TEDx Montana talk on the “Language of Conducting” has over a 100K views on YouTube. He has appeared as a speaker on behalf of Brighthouse, a division of BCG, and was the headline speaker at the Birla Carbon International Leadership Summit in Bangkok in 2018.

As the Grand Prix Laureate and Gold Medalist of the Fourth International Vakhtang Jordania Conducting Competition, Butorac was invited to conduct orchestras across four continents. He was also selected to participate at the Bruno Walter National Conductor Preview hosted by the League of American Orchestras and the Jacksonville Symphony.

He is an avid traveler, having visited almost seventy countries, and is passionate about discovering the world and bringing people together through the beauty of music.

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

January 17:
Bo Schmitz

January 24:
Bill Reardon

January 31:
Dan Campbell

February 7:
Brittney Aucutt

Birthdays

Stephen Caldwell
January 28

Meg Moneyham
January 28

Marsha Asbury-Turner
February 1

Terri Jackson
February 6

Tyler J. Huston
February 6

Danielle H Irwin
February 7

Kathy Reardon
February 10

Two Ways to Give to Kids: Build Beds and Donate NEW Bedding



Please volunteer for our Sunrise Rotary Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Saturday, January 21

- **Be there by 9 a.m.**, ready to build beds. We will build beds for 2-3 hours, then some volunteers will use their vehicles to deliver beds to the kids.
- Southern Flooring warehouse, **1940 Thomasville Road**, Tallahassee, FL 32303

We will build 15 bunk beds destined for homes in our community where 30 kids are in need. All construction supplies and tools will be provided. LOTS of volunteers (75!) are needed, so recruit a friend **and show up by 9 a.m. January 21**.

Volunteers younger than 17 must be accompanied by an adult. You may sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEA82DA6FB6-sunrise>.

Will you donate NEW bedding for these kids' beds? Each kid needs a twin sheet set, comforter and a pillow. You may shop anywhere; however, to make it easy, two suggested links to Amazon Beds in a Bag are provided below. Each Bed in a Bag contains twin flat & fitted sheets, a comforter & sham. Pillows can be purchased separately.

Deliver your bedding to Sunrise Tuesday or to our Bed Build on January 21, 9 a.m.-noon, at 1940 Thomasville Road. If you need someone to pick-up your bedding donation, contact Gale (850-228-1867, gale_workman@hotmail.com).

If Sunrise Rotary collects more than 30 sets of bedding this month, we will save them for our second Bed Build in March.

[Bed in a Bag \\$36.99](#)

Please shop for a pattern that can be delivered before January 21.

[Bed in a Bag \\$35.98+](#)

Please shop for a pattern that can be delivered before January 21.

The Rotary Club of Tallahassee Sunrise is pleased to sponsor this bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace through a District Grant and Club fundraising. Champion Danielle Irwin is our Club Grants Chair.

Serve with Sunrise: Weekly Update

Watch this space in Eye Opener each week to discover how you can Serve With Sunrise.



Mentoring Initiative for Rotary Scholarship House: Champion Betty Jensen invites all Women of Sunrise to our fun interactive

Speed-Mentoring event with the residents on Friday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. Please bring a bag of cookies or chips to share with the residents during our event. Our Club's Mentoring Initiative will culminate in April with Sunrise awarding two \$500 scholarships to residents with outstanding service to Rotary.

Meals on Wheels (delivery each Tuesday 10:15 am-noon in January, March, May): Champion Melanie Quinton. Sign up NOW for Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 at SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-meals1>

Classroom Connection at Hartsfield Elementary: Champion Colleen Castille will soon seek Sunrise volunteers to read to kindergarten students at Hartsfield. Each volunteer must be certified in advance (once each school year) by Leon County Schools. It takes just a few minutes to complete the online form. Please complete the form now, even if you think you might volunteer at Hartsfield OR Bond Elementary even one time this school year.
<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>

Bond Elementary Partnership: Champion Linda Nelson is seeking classroom volunteers for Bond Elementary. Each volunteer must be certified in advance (once each school year) by Leon County Schools. It takes just a few minutes to complete the online form: <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>. Once a Bond volunteer is certified, s/he will get an email from Mrs. Brenetta Lawrence, Bond's Volunteer Coordinator. Mrs. Lawrence will work with each volunteer to choose days/times and how you will assist a classroom teacher to help students with reading, math and other classroom activities.

Bond Elementary can use 10 six-foot white folding tables. Each table on the Bond's Amazon Gift List costs \$69.13 and can be shipped directly to Bond Elementary School – no shipping cost with Prime membership. When you checkout at Amazon, double-check that the Bond Elementary School/Principal DelShaunda Jackson gift registry address is selected. Your generosity provides

students, teachers, parents and volunteers tables for learning together.
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/SX1T67PELLV/guest-view>

Florida Department of Corrections Book Drive: Champions Stephanie Schwartz and Brad Janowski plan to collect books/media for FDC again in February 2023.

Rotary Scholarship House Pack the Pantry: Champion Dan Nelson says to stay tuned for our next Pack the Pantry donation opportunity – coming February 2023.

Boystown Birthday Buddies: Champion Dee Wellman thanks all the Sunrise members who have provided a Happy Birthday for a Boystown resident this year. Stay tuned for your opportunity to be a Birthday Buddy.

Ramp Build (Spring 2023): Champion Pam Doffek. Stay tuned to learn when Sunrise will partner with FL Cares Inc. to build a ramp to provide a local resident safety, mobility and freedom.

Camp Jam (April 8, 2023): Champion Brett Wellman. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 8, to rock Camp Jam, our Sunrise fundraiser in memory of Fred Addonizio to support Rotary Youth Camp.

Rotary Youth Camp (July 30, 6 p.m. CT) Champion Palmer Williams. Serve dinner and entertain campers and counselors on a Sunday afternoon at the Camp in DeFuniak Springs. Mark your calendar now and plan to spend the day filling your heart with joy.

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.

1/10/2023: \$16.50

Sunrise CART total **2022-2023: \$251.01**

Sign up for an Inspiration

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9aa2fabfac52-inspirations2#/>

Sponsor of the Month -- Brett Wellman

Brett Wellman has been performing music since he was 5 years old, beginning on violin and starting guitar at age 18.

His band, Brett Wellman & the Stone Cold Blues Band, has been together for almost 12 years.

Every Thursday, Brett hosts an open blues jam at Dreamland BBQ, where musicians of any age, skill level, or instrument can participate and learn to play with other musicians.



March will be 6 years of the jam! Join them, as a musician or in the audience, any Thursday from 6-8:30 p.m.



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