



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



June 27, 2022

Meeting Schedule Update

June 28 -- No Morning Meeting

June 28 -- Board Installation Banquet 6 p.m. (Bricks & Brass)

July 5 -- No Meeting

Sunrise is GENEROUS with The Rotary Foundation in 2021-2022

Thank you, Sunrise Rotarians, for your Happy Dollars this year. The Club donated **\$992** Happy Dollars to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Thank you, Sunrise Card Rafflees. A portion of what you pay for tickets is donated to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus fund. This year: **\$263**.

Fifty-two of our 65 individual Club members donated nearly **\$41,000** to The Rotary Foundation. Sixty Sunrise Rotarians are Paul Harris Fellows.

And ... totally unrelated to The Rotary Foundation, but a great cause Sunrise supports, our Club collected **\$516.44** in CART's blue buckets that we donated to Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust to help find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Thank YOU for doing good and having fun with Sunrise Rotary.

Sunrise Donates Supplies for Rotary Youth Camp

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

June 28
Christopher Campbell

Birthdays

William Stuart Chandronnet
June 30

French Brown IV
July 17

William E. Jones
July 18

Maria Hendrickson
July 19

John Kraft
July 23

Lewis Killian Jr.
July 24

James Z. Ross
July 25

Dan D Nelson
July 27



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

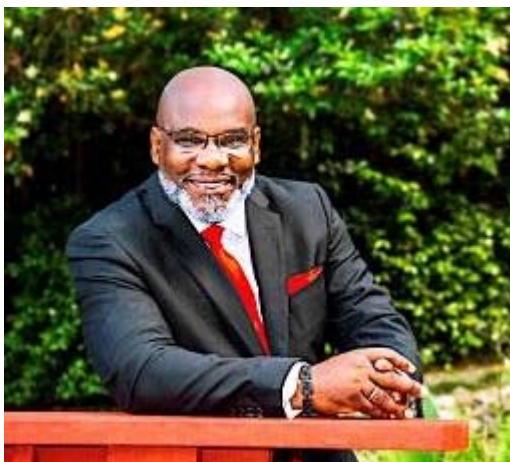
6/21/2022: \$15.50

Sunrise CART total 2021-2022: \$516.44

Sign up for an Inspiration

Sponsor of the Month -- Pastor Rudy Ferguson

Pastor Rudolph L. Ferguson, Sr., was born in Miami, August 2, 1971. After learning the harsh street life of Liberty City, along with his mother and his three siblings relocated to Tallahassee in 1984. As a teen, Ferguson grew up in the Griffin Heights neighborhood where he attended Griffin Middle and Amos P. Godby High.



They joined New Covenant Holy Temple in 1988 where he has been a faithful member under the spiritual leadership of the late Bishop Reginald K. Peyton, Sr. God saved Ferguson in 1990 from the streets and lifestyle of gang involvement through the watchful eyes and spiritual advice of his pastor, Bishop Peyton.

In 1988, he joined the Tallahassee Urban League's youth mentoring program. His leadership skills began when he was 17 years old as a peer counselor. As the years progressed along with his experience, he became and continues to be a strong voice in for the less fortunate. His devotion captured the attention of the late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, who appointed him to the Florida Board of Directors for the newly created Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Institute for Nonviolence. In this capacity, he served as the state's sole youth representative as well as the Vice Chairman.

As a result of this appointment, Ferguson travels the country speaking in various forums on nonviolence, including the United Nations "Season of Nonviolence" Conference. He went on to receive the "Citizens of the Year" award from former Florida Attorney General Robert Butterworth. Answering his highest honor to serve in 2010, Ferguson was installed Pastor of New Birth Tabernacle of Praise.

Elder Ferguson believes that there are no bad communities, just neglected communities. Serving God's people should be reflected in the church as well as in the community. Within that belief, Ferguson serves as a member of the Griffin Heights Neighborhood Association; the Leon County Sheriff's Advisory Council; and Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Council to the Tallahassee Police Department. He is also a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Tallahassee; 100 Black Men Chapter of Tallahassee and the Success Academy. He is the founding President of the Frontline Project, Inc., a community action agency for youth and families.

Elder Ferguson has been married to Elect Lady Katrina Ferguson for 30 years. Together, they have four children; Rachel (32); Rudy Jr. (29); Darrington (27) and Jacobe (23) and 5 grandchildren. The Ferguson family is a bible-based, Christian oriented family that believes in the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ferguson's motto to life: "It courage to climb to tree of success, but it takes faith to go out on the limb to succeed."



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