



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



June 6, 2022

Meeting Speaker -- Cristina Paredes

(In person only)

Cristina Paredes, CEcD, is the Director of the Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality. Dedicated to building critical alliances and collaborative connections within the community, Cristina works to support a strong business climate and promote Tallahassee-Leon County's diverse and vibrant economy.



She is committed to advancing the regional economy through strategic business expansion and attraction along with talent development efforts. Cristina is also focused on building a resilient and sustainable economy for local businesses. With nearly 15 years of local government experience across several disciplines, Cristina has devoted the past six years to growing economic diversity in Tallahassee-Leon County.

Cristina earned both a Bachelor and Master of Public Administration from Florida State University and earned a Certificate in Economic Development from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute. In February 2020, Cristina earned the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD), a national recognition that denotes a mastery of skills in economic development from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

She and her husband, Marco, have been married for ten years and have two boys. Cristina and her family love a good baseball game, exploring the regional greenways and camping.

Camp Jam 2022

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 7:
Scott McLuckie

June 14:
Leanders Harvey

June 21:
Dennis Fiorini

June 28:
Christopher Campbell

Birthdays

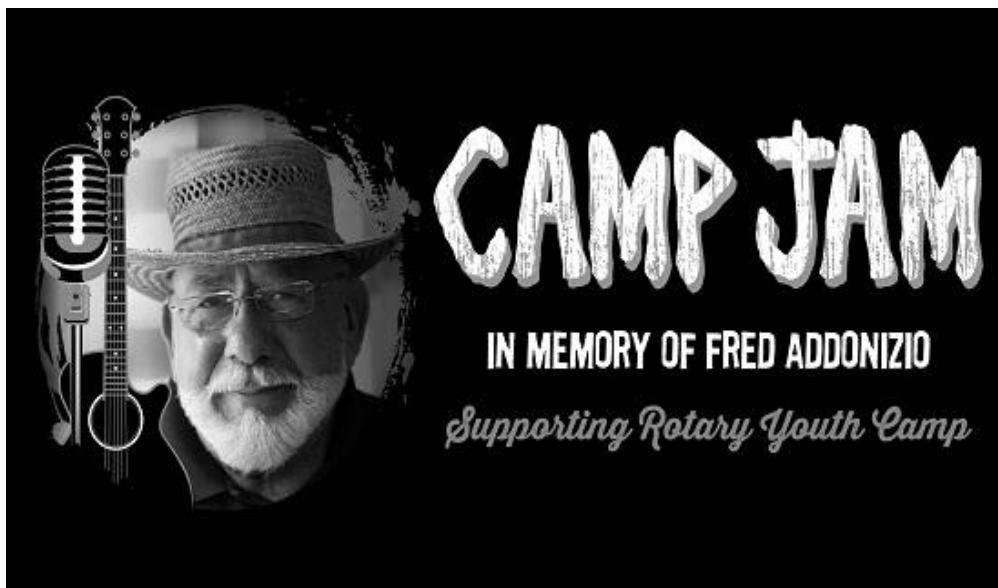
John Welden
June 6

Todd Hallowell
June 14

Deborah Ann Keck
June 16

Crystal Curvey
June 20

William Stuart Chandronnet
June 30



Join us this Saturday for Camp Jam, our annual concert in honor of Rotarian Fred Addonizio, to benefit the Rotary Youth Camp.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of music and memories of Fred. Special commemorative T-shirts will be for sale, as well as various fund-raising opportunities including a 50/50 raffle and a "no auction-auction", all in the name of helping the Rotary Youth Camp.

The Rotary Youth Camp gives children with disabilities a unique opportunity to enjoy a week of activities, fun, and friendship with other children. For many, it's the first time in their lives they've been away from their parents and participating in such activities.

Fred was a huge proponent of this camp, volunteering countless hours over the years, putting together different activities and transporting the kids.

Our goal is to raise enough money to ensure that there is new equipment that is badly needed currently, as well as creating a scholarship fund to ensure that any child that would like to go to the camp has the means to make it happen.

Musical entertainment will be going on all afternoon from various local bands, including "Five Points" and "The Scott Brothers Band".

No admission fee. Donations accepted here: <https://www.paypal.me/sunrise956>

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

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 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

5/31/2022: \$7.50

Sunrise CART total 2021-2022: \$471.94

Sign up for an Inspiration

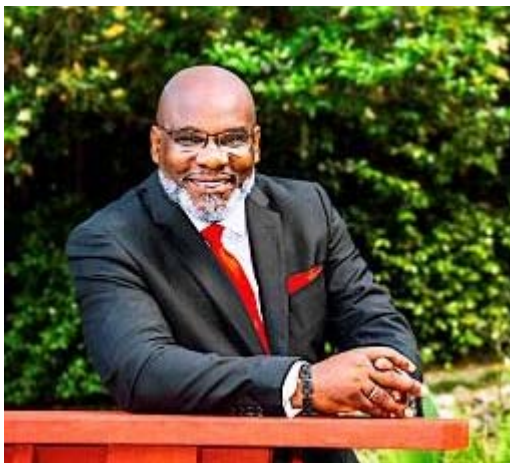
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Sponsor of the Month -- Pastor Rudy Ferguson

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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