



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



May 12, 2023

Meeting Speaker – Joyce Dove

Joyce Dove was born in Massachusetts and is married with two adult children who are lawyers, an adult stepson and three grandchildren. At Smith College she served as head of the college-wide service committee, staging her first fundraiser, a circus. Her undergraduate degree is in early childhood education.



Joyce came to Florida to attend law school at Florida State University. In law school she was a founding member of an indigent client civil clinic. She worked for the Legislature and then the Governor Chiles' office, coordinating visits by the administration to Jamaica, Mexico and escorted the first Ukrainian ambassador to the United States and his team to Spaceport Florida.

From that meeting and for the next 30 years, she initiated a medical program for Ukrainian orphans, powered by Rotarians and Florida hospitals. In Crimea over \$15 million in supplies were delivered from Tallahassee and teams of Florida doctors did repairs on infants' congenital issues while teaching Ukrainian surgeons at the medical school. The Rotary program was forced out of Crimea by Putin's first Ukrainian invasion in 2014.

Members of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee were drawn back to Ukraine by an invitation from the Rotary Club of Lviv International. Accomplishments there have included multinational fundraising for an infant cardiology machine, supplies for surgery, a surgical team visit and great connections which have allowed us to raise and donate over \$35,000+ for war relief. Currently, we are assisting them in renovating a bomb shelter for children with disabilities at a school.

Joyce has been in Rotary for 26 years serving her club as president twice, as a district officer and now as Executive Director of Rotary Youth Camp (RYC) of North Florida, a free overnight summer camp for children with disabilities.

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

- May 16:
Open
- May 23:
Scott McLuckie
- May 30:
Linda Nelson
- June 6:
Gary Ware

Birthdays

- Scott McLuckie
May 16
- Brittney Aucutt
May 19
- Gregg B. Patterson
May 22
- Rachel Hill Borntreger
June 1
- Bob Gosselin
June 4
- John Welden
June 6

A Great Reminder About Rotary



On her most recent adventure in Mo'orea, French Polynesia, Gale Workman came across this bumper sticker that serves as a powerful reminder.

As Rotarians, the fun we have may be local, but the good we do is absolutely global!

Thank you, Sunrise, for making a difference!

Serve with Sunrise: Weekly Update

How can you Serve With Sunrise? Read below for dates and links to our Club projects.

Classroom Connection at Hartsfield Elementary:

Champion Colleen Castille thanks all Rotarians who have volunteered with kindergarten

student this year! We met Friday at Hartsfield to help 55 kindergarteners pot a flower in a cup each student decorated. Each student will take this potted flower home for Mother's Day. Also, Colleen supplied the three kindergarten teachers with some tasty goodies to reward students during this last month of school.



4th Annual Bowling FUNrai\$er (Sunday, June 11, 4-6 p.m., Capital Lanes)

Co-Champions Stuart Chandronnet and Scott McLuckie will – new this year -- seek sponsors to buy lanes and refreshments for kids in youth organizations to bowl at our event. 50/50 raffle tickets are available at Sunrise meetings and at the Bowling FUNrai\$er; \$10 donation suggested. A Registration Form is printed in this newsletter. You may pay by check or PayPal. Instructions are at the bottom of the [Registration Form](#).

Meals on Wheels (delivery Tuesday 10:15 am-noon Tuesdays in May and July):

Champion Melanie Quinton asks you to sign up NOW at SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-meals1>

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

Ramp Build (October 28, 2023): Champion Pam Doffek. Sunrise will partner with FL Cares Inc. to build a ramp to provide a local resident safety, mobility and freedom.

Bond Elementary Partnership: Champion Linda Nelson thanks Rotarians for their generous support of students, faculty and staff at Bond this school year.

Mentoring Initiative at the Rotary Scholarship House: Champion Betty Jensen thanks the Women of Sunrise for giving generously of their time to mentor students this year. Sunrise awarded three \$500 scholarships to student residents of the Rotary House at our April 25 meeting. Sunrise will resume the Mentoring Initiative in the fall semester.

Rotary Scholarship House Pack the Pantry: Champion Dan Nelson thanks Rotarians for donating generously this year to Pack the Pantry. Sunrise will collect supplies again in the fall to Pack the Pantry for Back to School.

Florida Department of Corrections April Book Drive: Champion Stephanie Schwartz thanks everyone who donated media to our prison book drives this year. Sunrise donated nearly 250 books, CDs and DVDs to state prison libraries.

Boystown Birthday Buddies: Champion Dee Wellman thanks Rotarians who volunteered to be Birthday Buddies this year. A Birthday Buddy buys a card, a cake, basic decorations, and one or more gifts from the child's list. The cost, including everything, is about \$125. The Birthday Buddy communicates with the group home leaders and delivers the goodies to the party.

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.



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.

A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

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.

5/9/2023: \$5.00

Sunrise CART total **2022-2023: \$399.51**

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

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

Sponsor of the Month: Dan Nelson



Dan Nelson is pleased to sponsor the May Eye Opener on behalf of PayOut USA. Dan has been an agent for PayOut since 2016.

PayOut serves clients from Texas to Tennessee to Key West and everywhere in between! No client is too big or too small, we can service them all. We provide the same level of personal, quality service whether you have 1 employee or hundreds! PayOut is a Tallahassee-based company and has been serving customers since 2001.

Dan, originally from Frewsburg, NY, retired from teaching in Florida Public Schools after 38 years. He soon joined the Middle School faculty at Trinity

Catholic School where he remains as a Math Teacher.

He joined Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary in 2018, but served the Rotary Youth Exchange program from 2016 until 2021 as a coordinator and District Chair. Dan continues to serve Sunrise as the Rotary New Generation Program.



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