



# EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



November 23, 2022

## Meeting Speaker -- Robin Hassler Thompson

Robin Hassler Thompson, M.A., J.D., is the Executive Director of the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC), an anti-trafficking non-profit she founded in 2015. She is an active member of the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking and its Survivor Support Committee.



In 2001, she traveled to Bangladesh on a U.S. State Department mission, which included a visit to a trafficking rescue shelter in Dhaka. This so inspired her that since, she has directed and collaborated on many anti-trafficking projects, trains extensively, and has authored publications and curricula, including a course for the Florida Medical Association.

## 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

Nov. 29  
Leanders Harvey

Dec. 6  
Dave Fiore

Dec. 13  
John Curry

Dec. 20  
Open

Dec. 27  
Open

## Birthdays

Bob Wilgus  
November 25

Pamella J. Butler  
November 28

Alex F. Falb  
December 13

Robert Knight  
December 19

Elizabeth C Winton  
December 20

## Spirits for Sunrise Tickets and Sponsorships Available Now!

Please purchase today to help with planning and budgeting. This is a primary fundraiser that allows us to do good in our community. Let's go, Sunrise!

**Spirits for Sunrise**  
**Tuesday, December 6 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

If you are only giving to one special event this holiday season please give to Sunrise Rotary. Why? Lives will be reshaped for Good! Your donations go to *Hang Tough Foundation, Ferst Reader, ReFire, Connection First* and other charities.

Drawings will be held from tickets purchased for premium liquors, wines and craft beers.  
*You do not need to be present to win.*

**Drawing Location**  
 Holiday Inn Tallahassee  
 E Capitol-Univ, an IHG Hotel  
 2003 Apalachee Pkwy,  
 Tallahassee, Florida

**Buy tickets at**  
<https://bit.ly/3SS5P1n>  
**\$25 each or 5 for \$100**  
 plus Eventbrite fees

**Sponsorship Level**  
*Frog's Leap Vino Level:* Donate your own vintage bottle(s) of wine  
*Sangria Throwdown Level:* \$100  
*Magnum Level:* \$300, plus a Napa Valley bottle of wine  
*Bacchus Level:* \$550, plus 2 connoisseur bottles of wine  
*Champagne Level:* \$750, plus 3 signature bottles of wine  
 All sponsors will be recognized at the event and in the *Eye Opener*. During raffle you will be named for each donated bottle of wine.

Contact Dan Campbell at 850-339-7466 for sponsorship information.

**Interested in Joining Sunrise Rotary?**  
 Contact Lori Swenson at [swanlori3@yahoo.com](mailto:swanlori3@yahoo.com) or 850-933-6829 for more information.

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## Volunteers Needed NOW for Bed Build January 21



You are invited to volunteer for the Sunrise Rotary Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace:

**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. EST – Possibly later for those delivering constructed beds.

**Location:** Southern Flooring, 1940 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303

Join us to construct 25 bunk beds destined for homes in our community where kids are in need. Each bed needs three volunteers to build. We need volunteers to construct beds and deliver the constructed beds to their forever homes. Trucks needed!

LOTS of volunteers (**75!**) are needed to support this important community service event, so recruit a friend. Volunteers younger than 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up to volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEA82DA6FB6-sunrise>.

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Tallahassee 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.

We'd like to see volunteers from all our area Rotary Clubs, so please share the invitation with your Rotary friends from other clubs.

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## Serve with Sunrise: Weekly Update

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



### **Salvation Army Bell Ringers**

Dec. 5-6: Champion

Christopher Campbell is

organizing Sunrise Rotarians to

volunteer one hour on Dec. 5 or 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., to ring the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle in front of Publix Village Square. To sign up, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AD2CA0FF2-sunrise2>.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**, Jan. 21: Champion Danielle Irwin seeks 75 volunteers to build and deliver beds to area children who don't have beds.

This is Sunrise's District Grant project with Sleep in Heavenly Peace

<https://shpbeds.org/about-sleep-heavenly-peace/>. Our first Bed Build is Jan. 21, 9

a.m.-2 p.m. at Southern Flooring, 1940 Thomasville Road. To sign up now, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aaea82da6fb6-sunrise>.

**Mentoring Initiative for Rotary Scholarship House:** Champion Betty Jensen invites all Sunrise Women to our fun interactive Speed-Mentoring event with the residents on Friday, January 27, at 3 p.m. 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. Volunteer now for 2023 at SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-meals1>

**Florida Department of Corrections Book Drive:** Champions Stephanie

Schwartz and Brad Janowski delivered 150 books to the FDC Nov. 9. Sunrise



plans to collect books/media for FDC again in February 2023.

**Rotary Scholarship House Pack the Pantry:** Champion Dan Nelson delivered lots of supplies to the House Oct. 27 when he attended the Open House to celebrate the two-year renovation of the Rotary Scholarship House by the Southern Scholarship Foundation. Sunrise Rotary (thanks to Palmer Williams) donated \$4,000 to renovate Bedroom No. 4 in the Rotary Scholarship House.

**Boystown Birthday Buddies:** Champion Dee Wellman and Brett Wellman celebrated the birthday of a Boystown resident in October. Thanks to 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.

**CART Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust:** Champion Crystal Curvey. Contribute to the blue buckets on tables each week at Sunrise meeting. Donations fund grants at US research hospitals seeking to cure Alzheimer's Disease.

**Bond Elementary Partnership:** Champion Linda Nelson will soon announce plans to continue our Club's three-year support of the faculty, staff and students.

**Classroom Connection at Hartsfield:** Champion Colleen Castille will soon announce plans to continue our Club's community commitment to Sophia Perkins' kindergarten class.

**Ramp Build** (Spring 2023): Champion Pam Doffek

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## 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.

**11/22/2022: \$2.50**

Sunrise CART total **2022-2023: \$186.01**

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# Sign up for an Inspiration

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9aa2fabfac52-inspirations1>

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## **Sponsor of the Month -- Linda Nelson** *District 6940 Rotary Leadership Institute Director*



### **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Sunshine Division Mission Statement**

The mission of the Rotary Leadership Institute's Sunshine Division is to provide an up-to-date, practical, and user-friendly educational opportunity in convenient locations for Rotarians. Courses foster leadership skills and Rotary knowledge with the intent to motivate the participant to be enthusiastic, creative, and dedicated Rotarians.

### **RLI is offered online and in person throughout the Rotary Year**

- As a member of Tallahassee Sunrise, you are reimbursed for RLI registration costs. You will be presented a certificate upon completion of each Course Level.
- RLI Course descriptions are listed in the following. You can register by logging into DACdb, District Calendar or connecting to the RLI Sunshine Division website.

### **RLI Sunshine Online**

- Live presentations
- Interactive program, discussion-based training
- Convenient online format
- Each part presented in one to two hours sessions
- Session days and times vary for convenience
- Individual sessions are \$15 each

**Part 1** -The Rotarian - 5 sessions (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5)

**Part 2** – The Rotary Club - 6 sessions (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6)

**Part 3** – The Rotary Journey - 5 sessions (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5)

### **RLI Sunshine In-Person**

- Each part is all-day
- Sessions are offered on weekend days
- In-Person events run from about 8 am to 3:30 pm

- You must take the Parts in sequence
- In-person sessions are \$100 and include breakfast, mid-morning snack, and lunch!

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**Contact Linda Nelson for additional details.**

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