



EYE OPENER

TALLAHASSEE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



October 21, 2022

Meeting Speakers -- Vanessa Rowse and Leon Kung

Vanessa Rowse began producing The Village Square's podcast three years ago, giving her the opportunity to listen intently to over 65 programs. This crash course in Village Square material provided incredible personal growth for Vanessa and laid the groundwork for her current role as Executive Director.



Vanessa brings 20 years of professional experience in project management, event management, information technology, and marketing. Vanessa has lived most of her life in Tallahassee, where she lives with her husband and two children.

Leon Kung was born and raised in Tallahassee. He received his degree from the University of Florida and worked in software development for 15 years while living in St. Louis, Atlanta, and Washington, DC.

After being away for 22 years, Leon moved back to Tallahassee where he now lives with his wife and two children. He most recently served on the Board of Directors for The School of Arts and Sciences and is currently the Director of Operations for The Village Square.

The Village Square takes on the topics you're not supposed to discuss in polite company—politics, religion and race—in conversations between people who don't look or think alike – with respect, friendship, even laughter.

Over 16 years, The Village Square has hosted hundreds of gatherings with tens of thousands of people—in bars, in churches, and even across 100 continuous tables in the middle of a downtown street. We invite you to join our neryv bunch of liberals and conservatives on a mission to heal this fractured country and save our democracy.

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

- Oct. 25
Rick Owen
- Nov. 1
Dan Campbell
- Nov. 8
Stephen Caldwell

Birthdays

- Doug Fisher
October 25
- Elise P. Smith
November 5
- Rick Owen
November 18
- Kathryn Arrant
November 20

This Monday: Help Rotary Eradicate Polio

TALLAHASSEE
SUNSET

Rotary



ERADICATE POLIO

Fundraiser



COOLER
OF BOOZE DRAWING
TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH
OR 3 FOR \$25

*ATTENDANCE NOT
REQUIRED TO WIN

MORE DRAWING ITEMS &
PURPLE DRINK SPECIALS

LIVE MUSIC

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 24**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB

4:30 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

**OVER UNDER BAR - TOP LEVEL
1240 THOMASVILLE ROAD**

MORE INFORMATION

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE ERADICATION OF POLIO

**Bring Paper Goods and Cleaning Supplies This
Tuesday**

Rotary Scholarship House Open House



October 27th, 2022 | 4pm-6pm, with a brief program at 5pm

Join us at 330 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, to tour the newly renovated house and connect with current residents!



Tuesday at Sunrise is your last chance this semester to bring **donations of paper goods and cleaning supplies for the Rotary Scholarship House.** Champion Dan Nelson is collecting items to Pack the Pantry. Residents request toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, Lysol/disinfectant wipes, all-purpose cleaner, glass cleaner, floor cleaner, and hand soap.

Also, you may bring donated items to the Rotary Scholarship House on Oct. 27, 4-6 p.m., when you attend the Open House to reveal renovations made during the past two years. Rotarian Palmer Williams made it possible for Sunrise to contribute \$4,000 to renovate a bedroom. Please come see how Sunrise is serving the residents of the Southern Scholarship Foundation.

**Look for a Book Now. Donate it Tuesday to our
Florida Prison Library Book Drive.**



Last chance **Tuesday** to donate a book to our Sunrise Prison Book Drive. Champions Stephanie Schwartz and Brad Janowski report Sunrise has donated more than 100 books SO far. Sunrise is generous!

Look around your home or office now. Find a book you have read or likely will never read and bring the book to Sunrise in October. If you want to bring more than one book, that's OK!

Florida Prison Book Drive Champions Stephanie Schwartz and Brad Janowski will collect and deliver the books to the Florida Department of Corrections in November.

The FDC offers general library and law library services at all major institutions. General Library Services include many of the same services found in public libraries. Law Library Services facilitate legally mandated inmate access to courts in accordance with important state and federal case law, as well as Florida statutes.

Here are suggestions for books we could donate:

- Popular fiction
- Science fiction
- Western novels
- Young adult novels
- Fantasy fiction
- Historical fiction
- Spanish language titles
- Large print books
- Audio books
- Introduction to Spanish
- Continuing education (GED, GRE, vocational texts)
- Cover letter writing
- Chess sets and boards
- Travel guides
- Drawing techniques
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzle books
- Interviewing techniques
- G to PG-13 rated movies and documentaries
- Animals
- Children's literature (3/4 grade reading level)

Can You Read for the Record on October 27?



If you can volunteer to read with children ages 0-5 on Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at one of four Leon County locations, please sign up now by [clicking here](#).

The four different locations are listed on the SignUpGenius (link above). The date/time is the same for all locations.

Oct. 27 is Read for the Record Day, an international initiative where volunteers and children come together to read the same story on the same day all over the world.

The story [Ferst Readers](#) will read and provide to classrooms this year is "[Nigel and the Moon](#)."

Sunrise granted Ferst Readers Leon County \$3,000 this year in support of the non-profit's mission to mail a new book every month to registered children until their fifth birthday.

Questions about Ferst Reader or Read for the Record Day? Contact Margaret Wright, Community Action Team Leader, Ferst Readers Leon County, ferstreadersleoncounty@gmail.com.

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:

Lead by Champion Betty Jensen, the women of Sunrise met with residents at the Rotary Scholarship House Oct. 21. Sunrise bankers Melanie Quinton and Chattie Winton led a discussion about money management for college students. There were cupcakes and a door prize! The meeting launched our Club's Mentoring Initiative, which will culminate in April with Sunrise awarding two \$500 scholarships to residents with outstanding service to Rotary this academic year. Mark your calendar for our next mentoring activity on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Bond Elementary Partnership: Champion Linda Nelson will soon announce the school's wishlist and volunteer opportunities as Sunrise continues our Club's three-year support of the faculty, staff and students.

Meals on Wheels (delivery Tuesdays 10:15 am-noon January, March, May): Champion Melanie Quinton. Volunteer now at SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-meals1>

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.

Boystown Birthday Buddies: Champion Dee Wellman, our liaison with Boystown, to recruit a Sunrise Rotarian to celebrate the birthday of a resident as needed.

Red Kettle Bell Ringers Dec. 5-6: Champion Christopher Campbell, Publix Village Square

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build (District Grant) Champion Danielle Irwin. 2023 Sunrise Bed Builds scheduled on Jan. 21 and March 18.

Ramp Build (Spring 2023): Champion Pam Doffek.

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.

10/18/2022: \$4.85

Sunrise CART total **2022-2023: \$144.87**

**Donate NOW to the Walk to End Alzheimer's.
Walk with Sunrise on Nov. 12.**



Join our Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Rotary District 6940

Saturday, Nov. 12 at Cascades Park



To join or
donate,
scan here.



Tallahassee Rotary Clubs Team

We are inside one month until the Walk to End Alzheimer's -- **Nov. 12, 10 a.m.** -- in Cascades Park. This less-than-2-mile walk is a great opportunity to catch up with other Rotarians, while supporting an incredibly important cause.

Also, this is a great opportunity for students to gain service hours. If you are walking, or even if you cannot attend, please donate now.

Sunrise will match donations up to **\$500**. Donate now:
https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/FL-CentralandNorthFlorida?team_id=728650&pg=team&fr_id=15473

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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