

# Rotary



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### Speaker for Monday January 23 - Zina Grau



A dancer since the age of three who speaks Russian, Ukrainian and English, Zina Grau '03 AA, first thought she wanted to be a librarian.

While a childhood spent in dance school, practicing six hours daily, taught her the rigorous art form, it also prepared her for careers that require problem solving, self-discipline and keen time-management skills. Perfect preparation to run a library, she thought.

That first career plan came naturally from growing up in a family that revered education. Where everyone gave books as gifts suitable for all occasions. "Education was a huge part of my upbringing in Ukraine," says Zina, a personal insurance advisor at Brown & Brown Insurance. "My parents are engineers; my sister is a pediatric cardiologist. We all knew college was a given."

However, Zina found another career after studying business during her AA degree path at then Daytona Beach Community College, followed by her bachelor's in International Business at Stetson University.

"I've always been quite good with numbers and I enjoy working with people to solve problems," she

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notes. "That led me to advising individuals and business clients to help manage their assets," Zina explains.

Her first job in the United States as a receptionist at a Halifax hospital doctor's office increased her organizational skills, she believes. "I was handling inquiries, problems and schedules. And it was perfect for me to just walk across the street and go to class." At age 20, Zina had left Ukraine with some college behind her, but had to start fresh at DSC.

Brown & Brown colleague Katie Palmer '06 AA, who worked with Zina in her first post at SunTrust Bank in Palm Coast, describes her friend as an "incredible teammate. I've had the privilege of working with her for 12 years . . . She's always someone you can count on, always coming up with fresh ideas; ready to help others better themselves."



**Zina Grau '13 AA and Brown & Brown colleague Katie Palmer '06 AA have worked together for 12 years.**

Noting Zina's can-do attitude, Katie says she studied dictionaries before she came to the U.S. to enhance her language skills. "Zina's definitely a scholar and very active in the community," she adds. "We hope to utilize her talents as a trainer when B&B's new building on Beach Street is finished and training opportunities expand."

Brown & Brown, the sixth largest insurance brokerage in the world, with more than 8,500 employees in 300 offices, operates as a "meritocracy," explains Zina. The company culture encourages individual initiative, persistence and teamwork.

"It's a great fit for me. I'm very proud to be part of the Brown & Brown family," she says.

Zina embraces life as a problem solver who vows that, "Being bored is not an option." That zest for involvement, meeting challenges and contributing to community is evident in her personal life, as well.

A Leadership Daytona and Leadership Stetson graduate, she volunteers with the Boy Scouts and Flagler Youth Orchestra, supporting her son's interests, and serves on Daytona State's Foundation Board and the Homecoming Committee.

A strong advocate for college education, Zina encourages students to "always read," to start their network early by seeking out mentors and to "build your personal brand from the get-go."

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### Birthdays

Amy Workowski  
January 20th

Harold  
Goodemote II  
February 1st

Bill Hinebaugh  
February 15th

Joyce Shanahan  
February 17th

Jonathan Gildon  
February 17th

# Rotary Zoom Login



Meeting ID: 665 859 4040  
Passcode: 349127

## Rotary International News - January 23, 2023



What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?

Alessio Nahmad of Rotary Club of Prinat Raanana, Israel and Co-founder of Tabby Therapeutics helped lead a team at Tel Aviv University whose research holds promise for a one-time vaccine for people with HIV/AIDS. "People need to know that science is fun," he says. "We need to encourage the next generation of scientists. The world needs bright minds to resolve the issues we are and will be facing." <https://on.rotary.org/3ZNnStZ>

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## Hurricane Relief



This week Governor DeSantis was in Daytona Beach Shores, delivering much-needed support to our community. Volusia County is one of sixteen counties in Florida damaged by hurricanes Ian and Nicole that will receive part of \$100 million for beach erosion projects, with 37.6 million dedicated to Volusia County.

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**Minutarian Week 29 - January 19, 2023**

# THE Minutarian

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This past week District Governor-Elect John Tabor and his wife Ann had a chance to spend time with Rotary International President-Elect Gordon McNally and his wife Heather at the International Assembly in Orlando. DGE John had a chance to meet Rotary International leadership as well as the other 529 District Governor-Elects.



While there, President-Elect Gordon revealed the logo for the 2022-23 Rotary Year. CREATE HOPE in the WORLD.



Last call to sign up for the Membership Summit at Daytona State College in Palm Coast on Saturday January 28 9am-12:30pm (Continental Breakfast and fellowship begins at 8am) [sign up until Friday January 20, 2023](#).

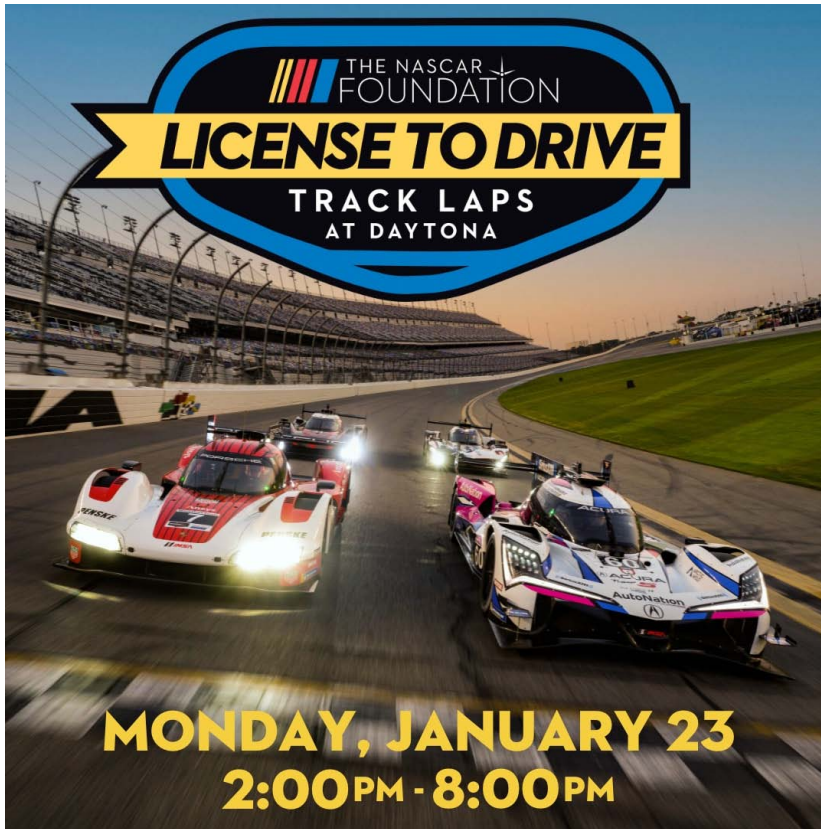
It is not too late to still make your club's commitment for RYLA 2023. We are hoping that every club will sponsor 2 students. **Has your club completed the [pledge form](#)?** Club commitment forms need to be turned in electronically **by Monday January 23, 2023**.

Beaches Rotaract is pleased to invite you to this year's ["A Night at the Alhambra"](#) on **February 2, 2023** at 5:30 pm. Tickets include cocktail reception, three-course meal, a show (*A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline*), silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a supply drive. All event proceeds will support a local non-profit, [Operation New Hope](#). For corporate sponsorship opportunities and ticket registration, please click [here](#).

The Rotary Club of Deland will be hosting Florida in February Barbeque Contest on Saturday **February 11, 2023**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at <https://floridainfebruary.com/>

**DUUUVAL!**

## Volunteers Needed for Licensed to Drive at Daytona International Speedway



We are gearing up for the first event of 2023 and need YOUR help:

License to Drive  
Monday, January 23, 2023  
Two Shifts: 1:30pm – 5:30pm and 5:00pm to 8:30pm

License to Drive is an outdoor event where you will be standing and walking for most of the shift. You will be engaging with guests in their cars, helping with registration and payment processing.

We'd love to have your help. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

If you have any other contacts that would be willing to help, feel free to forward my message along

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### Club Meeting

Daytona Beach  
Meets at Palmetto Club  
1000 S Beach St  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-6202  
Time: Monday at 12:15 PM