



Please enjoy this edition of the Sunrise Rotary Club newsletter. Sunrise Rotary is an active club of about 70 members who take pride in our community. Through our service projects and fellowship, we are changing lives and making a positive difference. If you would like to subscribe a friend to our newsletter, please send their [email to Dorothy Zimmerman](#) and we will add their name.



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## Speakers

**April 11, 2024**

[Rick Hutton and](#)

[Kristen Sealey](#)

GRU's

Water/Wastewater  
Sustainability  
Project

**April 18, 2024**

[Rick Hutton and Eric](#)

[Neihaus](#)

GRU's Electric

Integrated Resource  
Plan

**April 25, 2024**

[Don Metz](#)

CEO of Orange

Insurance Exchange

## It's Sunrise Rotary Party Time! TONIGHT!



Everyone get in their wild and wooly party spirit for **tonight, April 9, 2024**. The location is Ford's Garage, which is adjacent to Bonefish Grill and REI Cooperative. Look for the orange and blue Model T out front. The time is from 5:30-7:30pm. Appetizers will be provided by the club with a cash bar. This event is for Sunrise Rotarians and spouse/partner only.

## Events

April 9th

[Gainesville](#)

[Sunrise Weekly  
Club Meeting](#)

April 9th

[Club Social](#)

April 27th

[Firefighter  
Appreciation  
Picnic](#)

June 12th

[Sunrise Board  
Transition  
Meeting](#)

## This Week: GRU's Water/Wastewater Sustainability Project

Rick Hutton and Kristen Sealey, Gainesville Regional Utilities, will be presenting this week's program. Rick is a professional engineer in the Office of Sustainability at GRU. Kristen is a GRU engineer and project manager of a planned wetlands park in southwest Gainesville that is expected to replenish the aquifer and offer walking paths for residents to watch wildlife. It is expected to open in 2026. The project is a mini version of



to watch wildlife. It is expected to open in 2020. The project is a mini version of Sweetwater Wetlands Park, through which many Sunrise members have hiked and bird watched.

 More than Energy



Photo: Sweetwater Wertlands Park, Gainesville Regional Utilities.

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## Last Week: Created Gainesville

Last week, we heard from Alison Ungaro of Created Gainesville, a program designed to help people recover after becoming entrapped in human sex trafficking. We heard some staggering statistics, including that 1 in 6 girls were under age 12 when they entered the sex industry; that 1 in 4 American girls will experience sexual violence by age 18; that human sex trafficking is a \$150 billion per year industry in the U.S., and that the average life expectancy of a victim of sex trafficking is 7 years. Created Gainesville, soon to be known as ANEW, offers Created Residential, a residential recovery program, Created Care, which is a non-residential holistic program and a Created Community program for those not quite ready to commit to the longer-term programs. Thanks, Alison, for doing this important work. A short video about sex trafficking and the work of Created Gainesville is here:

<https://youtu.be/sNjv7RD71yA?si=HdEnXay6aY1BvEFg>

An article of interest is here:

<https://352today.com/news/257752-organization-that-helps-victims-of-sex-trafficking-needs-critical-community-support/>





## District 6970 Conference is Coming Up

### *Attention!*

Have you registered for the District Conference yet? If not, what are you waiting for?

Click the link below to register today!

District 6970 Rotarians and Rotaractors of all types – new members, incoming club officers and directors, long-standing members, any member ready to be inspired by compelling speakers, and those who want to celebrate another great Rotary year with friends new and old. The date is May 3-4, 2024 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Click here to reserve your spot today! <https://www.rotarydistrict6970.org/district-conference-2024/>



## Wild Game Feast 2024 Appreciation Dinner

By Mike Spranger

Last Thursday, the Rotary Foundation of Gainesville gave thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the successful 2024 Wild Game Feast. All Gainesville Rotary clubs participated in this annual fund-raiser. Sunrise members were in attendance to give tribute and support to our very own Rory, who served as this year's Feast Master. Rory reported over 1,600 people attended this year's event.

After acknowledging and thanking all the sponsors, Rory presented a check for \$100,000 to Project Youth Build, which was selected to be the 2024 community project winner. Rory also received the 2024 Wild Game Feast windbreaker in appreciation for all the hard work he did in coordinating the event.







[Read More](#)

## Leonard Furlow Memorial Service is April 12 at 1 pm

All members of Sunrise Rotary are encouraged to attend the memorial service for Dr. Leonard Furlow, one of our charter members, on Friday, April 12 at 1 pm at First United Methodist Church in downtown Gainesville.

There will be a reception at the church immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, Leonard's family request that individuals make donations to the church's funds at this link: <https://fumcgvn.org/ways-to-give>.

## Update From P4H Global in Haiti

By Mike Spranger

Below is information I received from Priscilla Zelaya, COO of Project 4 Haiti Global. She and Bertrhude Albert, CEO, are safe in Cap-Haïtien. They are away from most of the physical violence in Port-au-Prince. Cap-Haïtien is an arduous seven-hour ride from Port-au-Prince through mountainous country. The main concern is for the families of their staff, many who live in Port-au-Prince. P4H is providing support for their staff.

In addition to their award-winning teacher training program, they are involved in a massive community development project, with local initiative to construct a canal that was on the back burner after the President of Haiti was assassinated in 2021. P4H Global is serving as the banker for this project and helping with food and logistics. Tests are underway, and they are now involved in a second extension of the canal.

If people want to contribute to this latest venture or their teacher development program, or want more background about P4H Global, here is their website. [p4hglobal.org](https://p4hglobal.org) . Sunrise Rotary provided funds for their annual teacher training conference and funds to help with their training center.







## Quote of the Week!

A remark overheard last week deserves recognition as "The Quote of the Week." Rory Causseaux: "President Sherry, did you know that you talk faster than most of us can listen?"





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## Celebrating the Fourth with a Fifth



This past week, Laraine Teiss hosted a birthday luncheon for BJ Hodge, Sunrise Honorary Member. BJ's birthday was April 4, or depending on who you talk to, April 5. BJ was born around the stroke of midnight between the fourth and the fifth, so she can either celebrate on the fourth, or she can celebrate on the fifth, or she can celebrate on both the fourth and the fifth, or she can celebrate the fourth with a fifth (of bourbon), or she can go to the Firth of Forth in Scotland to celebrate. We're not sure what actually happened although BJ and the cake look really nice. So, we'll let BJ celebrate whenever she wants and however she wants. Happy Birthday, BJ. Photo by Bobbi Robinson.

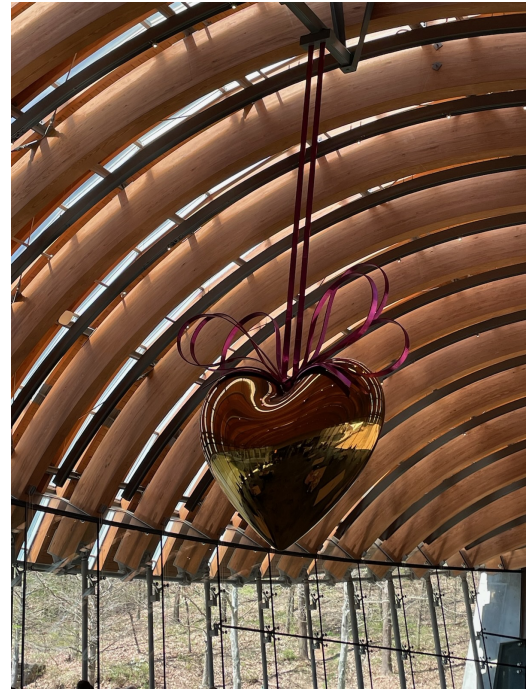
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## Rick and Teina Do Bentonville

Rick and Teina went to Bentonville, Arkansas. They report back on some crystal mining and a visit to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Below are photos of Rick, leaning on his mining stick, a giant spider (Arkansasus gigantus) they encountered and some crystal art. We don't know if they visited the Walmart Museum in Bentonville, where it all started.









## Did You See the Eclipse?

I hope everyone was able to see the eclipse on Monday. In Gainesville, we got about 63% coverage of the sun at 3:03PM. If you missed it, here is a total eclipse provided by someone in the zone of total coverage.



Photo: Vince the Sign Guy.

### Join Us

Gainesville Sunrise  
Meets at Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville  
1714 SW 34th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM



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