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## Sunrise Rotary Disbanded After Dueling Pianos



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Rotary District 6970 took the unpleasant task of disbanding Sunrise Rotary of Gainesville after reported activity at the club's annual fundraiser, "DUELING PIANOS," which was held last week in place of the weekly Thursday morning meeting. It was reported that drinking wine, beer and soft drinks led to such debauchery as congo dancing and those girls in charge of the event were kicking up their heels in glee.

### JUST KIDDING--APRIL FOOLS!

We'll be meeting this week back at the UF Hilton for our weekly fun and informative meeting.

## This Week: Alison Ungaro; Created Gainesville

The numbers speak for themselves. 88% of reported cases of sex trafficking happen online, and over half of the women we serve have been exploited in North Central Florida. Florida ranks the 3rd highest for reported sex trafficking cases in the U.S. Complex trauma of sex trafficking requires a comprehensive, sustainable approach to care, which is why Created Gainesville programs are designed to be 18-24 months, with 4 intentional and strategic phases that include: **Stabilization, Rehabilitation, Development and Empowered Living.**

### Services:

- Safe Home
- 24/7 Staff Support
- Individualized Case Management
- Trauma-Centered Counseling
- Sobriety Support
- Medical and Dental Care
- Educational Assistance and Financial Literacy
- Court Advocacy and Legal Support
- Life Skill Development and Wellness Coaching
- Mentorship/Sponsorship
- Spiritual Growth

Every survivor is unique, so the journey towards healing will be equally unique. This is why we offer multiple models of care along with optional aftercare. We also put a high value around collaboration with outside agencies and organizations for the important work of each survivor developing a support network that will long outlive her direct participation in our programs. Our multidisciplinary approach to care is what makes us different from shelters, half-way houses, and drug treatment facilities.



## Dueling Pianos A Pounding the Ivory Keys Success

Sunrise Rotary Club's annual fundraiser, "Dueling Pianos", was a smashing success. The two piano players pounded the ivory keys to produce any kind of tune from blues to jazz to country, while aided by a great drummer. All three were great singers. The trio was booked through Brad Heron Entertainment. Brad (on the left) was the previous owner of Rocky's™ downtown, and now plays at the Keys Restaurant, as does Dot, the drummer (center). Don (on the right in the black hat) works at Universal Studios in Orlando.





President Sherry started the festivities by making remarks about Sunrise Rotary and the projects it supports throughout the year to make the Gainesville community a better place to live and to assist those who need a helping hand. The evening was made possible by a few volunteers from the club who stepped up and took on organizational duties with President Sherry in the lead. Greg coordinated the bar, Bobbi and Darleen aided in the organizational aspects of the evening, including decorations and obtaining the musicians. Karen was in charge of seating and Mike W. was in charge of sponsors and ticket sales. Below, President Sherry presented each of them with a bottle of wine for their efforts, which they all probably immediately drank.







The bar was an important part of the evening. Well stocked with wine, beer and soft drinks, the bar had an effect on the attendees in a way that caused them to dance out of control from mid-point of the evening 'til closing time. Greg and Dan (not sure if he was serving or drinking) on the left and Bill serving a customer on the right. Check out those piano keyboard table covers in the bar. Well done, bartenders!



The table centerpieces were nicely done, with Bobbi and Darleen likely having something to do with that. Table 8 shows the table decorations, with Table 8, the editor's table, one of the rockin' tables for the night. The editor is shown in his lively shirt, since several of the attendees said they wanted to borrow it for a future event. The editor proposed to renting it to Michael Turner, but the price was too high for Turner, an accountant from Uh-lach-u-way.



The way Dueling Pianos works, in part, is that the attendees request songs be played by writing the name of the song on a piece of paper and giving it to the musicians along with a \$5, \$10 or \$20 or whatever. The songs with the largest \$\$\$\$ go to the top of the request pile. However, a GATOR vs DAWG duel ensued. The pianists started playing "We are the Boys from Ol' Florida," and the only DAWG in the house, President-Elect Kevin, tried to pay the musicians to play a DAWG song. A bidding contest resulted in tips of over \$200 supporting "play the GATOR song" with pennies being tipped by the DAWG to play a DAWG song. We all got to sing, We are the Boys from 'Ol Florida."





This was a partying and dancing crowd. All kinds of dancing could be seen, after the wine and soft drinks had a few minutes to get the crowd off their chairs and on their feet. There were probably lots of Sunrise knee and hip joints that needed Aleve and Ibuprofen on Friday morning.

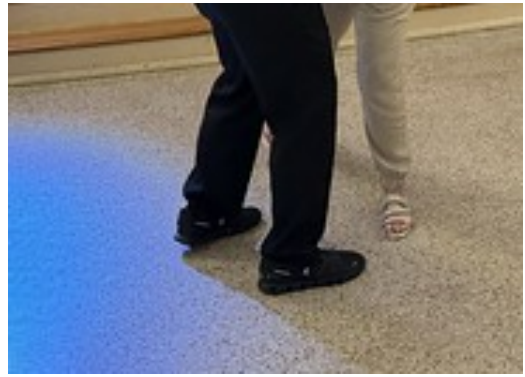


Ladies can find all kinds of ways to dance. Some form a circle and twirl around, while sticking their arms out in front (above). Others form a line, link arms, and do kicks. C'mon girls, let's get those kicks a little higher (on the right)!



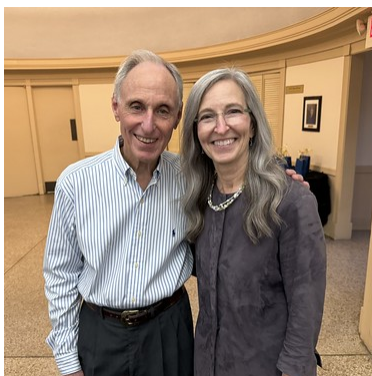


BarBee got the crowd going with their phone lights held high and waving to Tom Petty's "Won't Back Down." She thought it was the end of the third quarter at a Gator football game. Get that girl some more wine. Chuck seemed puzzled by it all. On the right, David and Laraine go all cuddly to a slow dance tune. In west Texas, we call that "belly-rubbin' music."



Everyone knows what to do when "Shout!" is the song. Get in the crowd and throw your hands in the air and say shout!, shout!, at the appropriate time when the Isley Brothers 1959 hit is played. Does that sort of date this crowd? The capstone dance was a congo line whose roots are traditional Cuban music, with its long, syncopated beats. The line weaved among the entire crowd.

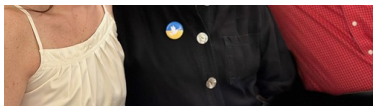
To put the wrap on this fine report of Sunrise Rotary fun and merrymaking, the following is a display of random photos from the evening. If you don't see yourself or your group, sorry, we could not get everyone. It's sorta like two current presidential candidates who can't remember whose photo was taken (or not). But before we close, a big thanks goes to Chef Bert Gill of Mildred's Big City Foods, who catered the food, and to the students from Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-med honor society, who served it. Photos: Jim and Bobbi.











**THE END**

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## **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://fumcgnv.org/ways-to-give>.

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## News from Member Richard Williams and his Spouse Penny Wheat

Penny Wheat, the wife of one of our longtime members, Richard Williams, has reached out to bring us up to date on their household.

For our newcomers, Richard was the longtime editor of our weekly newsletter -- when news could be printed on paper that would actually get delivered! He made the successful transition from print to email, and the bulletin has lived on ever since. Richard's diagnosis with Parkinson's makes it difficult to attend our meetings, but he still receives and enjoys that weekly newsletter he developed all those years ago.

In a couple of weeks, Penny is scheduled for surgery to remove a small nodule from her right lung at the UF Health Heart/Vascular Hospital. The nature of the surgery is such that she will be kept in the ICU until she is released, about 3-5 days post surgery. Whether she needs a course of chemotherapy will depend on the pathology reports, but regardless, she'll be in recovery for about 3 months.

Richard's daughter, Dana, will be coming to stay with him while Penny is in hospital. If you would like to contact them you can do so at email ([gvl@cox.net](mailto:gvl@cox.net)) or by phone, 352-284-8088.

Penny and Richard, we are thinking of you both in this challenging time and sending our best wishes for a successful procedure and swift recovery!

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## It's Sunrise Rotary Party Time!



### IMPORTANT NOTICE: LOCATION CHANGE!

Everyone get in their wild and wooly party spirit for **April 9, 2024**. The new 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.

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## 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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