



Please enjoy this edition of the Sunrise Rotary Club newsletter. Sunrise Rotary is an active club of about 50 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](mailto:Dorothy.Zimmerman@sunrise-rotary.com) and we will add their name.

## Mirror Image Leadership Academy Scholars Trip to Ghana



We all know about the Mirror Image Leadership Academy, founded by club member, Greg Bradley. This week, we'll be treated to a presentation by James Miller, MILA's Executive Director. James will be accompanied by several MILA Scholars who will tell us about their recent trip to Ghana. The Scholars are ninth-grade level students, so we're in for a real treat.

James has been the Executive Director of MILA since 2022. He has a BS from Alabama A&M and a MS of Divinity from Howard. In his downtime, James enjoys reading, writing, spending time with family, and exploring adventure and nature. His ultimate passion is leading, mentoring, and cultivating the next generation of leaders. James is an active member of Gainesville Young Adult Professionals and graduated from Leadership Gainesville Class 50 in 2024.

## Speakers

**August 01, 2024**

[James Miller](#)

MILA Scholars on Ghana Trip

**August 08, 2024**

[District Governor Mickey Ulmer](#)

Annual District Governor Visit

**August 22, 2024**

[Howard Berg](#)

World's Fastest Reader

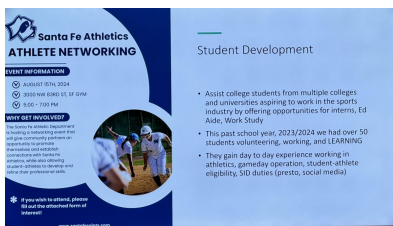
**September 05, 2024**

[Brian Jose](#)

Director of UF Performing Arts

## SF College Athletics is on the Move

Last week, we heard an inspiring talk by Chanda Stebbins, Director of Athletics at Santa Fe College, and colleague of Dan Rodkin, Sunrise member. We learned all about the mission of SF Athletics and the well-rounded approach that Chanda takes to achieve the goals of SF Athletics. Chanda considers herself first an educator, then a promoter of athletics programs, as a way to get the SF athletes well-prepared for life after college in careers both outside and within athletics. Thanks, Dan, for bringing Chanda to speak to the club.



## Events

August 14th

[Board Meeting](#)

September 11th

[Board Meeting](#)

October 16th

[Board Meeting](#)

January 23rd

[Dueling Piano's](#)

[Funraiser](#)

## Helping Others at the Summer (YOU)th Celebration

Chelsea Patrick and Phil Kabler, representing the Rotary Club of Gainesville Sunrise and CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. worked at this past Saturday's One Nation One Project GNV's Summer (YOU)th Celebration. They met with well over 100 community members during the event, and discussed the Rotary Youth Exchange and CDS's services. Thanks, Chelsea and Phil for representing us well.





## Larry and Peggy were on a Baltic Cruise

Last week, Larry and Peggy Christian were on a Baltic Sea cruise with a program including speakers who were a retired US State Department official and a professor of East European Studies. Ponant Cruises and the Smithsonian sponsored the program. The focus was US foreign policy and Eastern European history. They met Lech Walesa in Gdansk, Poland, where President Walesa signed his autobiography, a book Larry has owned since the mid 80s.



## A Trip on "Make It So"

Larine and David Teiss are enjoying a few days on the Intercoastal Waterway with Jib and Teresa Davidson on their lovely "Make it So" Motor Yacht. The Teiss' joined the Davidson's at St Mary's and passed Brunswick on the way to Savannah. The artful Dames Point Bridge, which crosses the St. John's River in Jacksonville is in the background. They are heading home on Tuesday.

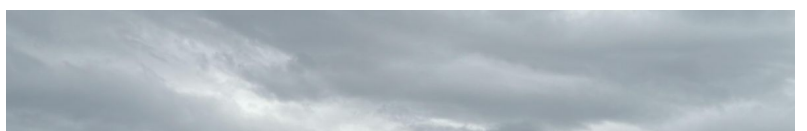






## Staying Cool in North Carolina

Jim and Becky are in North Carolina and escaping the hot temperatures in Gainesville. We are about halfway between Waynesville and Maggie Valley at 3,500 feet on a mountain side in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We are enjoying visiting our son and step-son Chad Cato and family. Everyone is pictured below, while on a hike on the Waterrock Knob Trail. That is, except for Angie who was called away for a couple of days on a work assignment for Truist Bank. We have seen waterfalls, driven the Blue Ridge Parkway in rain, sunshine and in the clouds, walked the Main Street of Sylva, and toured Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, where Ainsley will begin college in three weeks.





We have a great house for the week, called "Lovenest." On the right is a view from the upstairs rear deck. Each morning and evening gives us a different view, depending on the clouds and light. Below is a small waterfall above the house. It is diverted under the road, then passes below our house, which gives us the sound of rushing water 24/7 while on the deck. Below right is Soco Falls just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is actually two falls, which emerge together to form one waterway.



## Together, We END POLIO

### Jacksonville Jaguars Luxury Suite Raffle for Polio August 10th Jaguars vs Chiefs

Together, WE CAN END POLIO! Be a part of history, won't you?

This year, as just one of our End Polio events, District 6970 is highlighting our partnership with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Since this partnership began it has resulted in over **\$1,305,593** going to PolioPlus through The Rotary Foundation including the Gates Match.

This year the Jaguars are donating one Luxury Suite to the **Saturday, August 10th game vs. the Kansas City Chiefs**. The net proceeds from this raffle will go to The Rotary Foundation at the end of the season along with all our net ticket sale proceeds, to get us that much closer to eradicating polio! The winner of the raffle will receive **20 Suite Tickets** and **3 Parking Passes**.





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**The raffle will end at midnight on Thursday, July 31st**

The winner's name will be announced on Friday, August 1st.

Help us End Polio forever! For more information and to get your chance to win the luxury suite to the Jags vs Chiefs game click the link: <https://rotaryshares.org/jagsraffle>.



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### **Dad Photo of the Week**

The last couple of weeks, we have been treated to "Dad Jokes" by our presiding officer. Two weeks ago, President-elect Bobbie Robinson started it off, while presiding for President Kevin Golden. This week, Vice President, Bill Menadier, also presiding for both President-elect Bobbie and President Kevin, kept it up by telling TWO, bad, "Dad Jokes. Well, the editor decided to respond by offering a "Dad Photo," instead of the quote of the week.



**Save the Date! International Car Show Fundraiser is Oct. 26**



Mark your calendars! All of the Rotary Clubs of Gainesville have been selected as this year's beneficiary for the fourth annual International Car Show on Oct. 26 at Butler Town Center.

The show will be held from 9 am to noon in the two adjoining parking lots across the street from The Cheesecake Factory. The show is FREE to attend for spectators and will include music, vendors, awards, and lots of fun.

Stay tuned for how you can get involved in this year's event. If you know of a classic car enthusiast who wants to exhibit their vehicle, all makes and models are encouraged to register. In years past the show has featured over 120 cars and motorcycles from Mercedes to Ford, Ferraris to Lamborghinis. The cost is \$30 to register [at this link](#).

## 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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