



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](#) and we will add their name.

Speakers

December 12, 2024

[Brent Ferns](#)
Academic Affairs at Santa Fe College
Note: Meeting at Santa Fe College

December 26, 2024

[No Meeting](#)
Christmas Week

January 16, 2025

[Kevin Golden](#)
The Magic of Rotary
State of the Club

January 23, 2025

[No Meeting](#)
Dueling Pianos
Tonight

This Week: It's a Mystery!



It's a Mystery! The editor has not been provided information on the speaker this week.

Maybe we'll have a speaker, or maybe we'll have some craft talks, or.....

Come one, come all, to find out what happens.

Santa Fe College Making a Significant Impact

Dr. Paul Broadie, President, Santa Fe College, gave us an inspiring presentation on the impact that the college is making in Alachua and Bradford counties. In fact, the impacts spread nationwide. While too many to list completely, here are just a few bullet points that Dr. Broadie told us about:

- ...A new strategic plan is now in place
- ...# 1 statewide in student impact.
- ...# 1 in educating veterans (#6 in Southeast and #18 nationally)
- ...Opening an academy (students receive an AS, an HS diploma and two industry certifications)
- ...Embedding specialists in area high schools to assist high school counselors (college applications up 10-15%)
- ...Creating a "Domestic" Abroad program
- ...The Blount Center is expanding its downtown footprint (auto technology training center, etc.)
- ...Since 2020, Blount Center enrollment has increased from 800 to 3,000 students; heading toward 5-7,000
- ...The zoo is expanding; it receives 60,000 visitors each year

Congratulations to Dr. Broadie and the SFC faculty, staff and students.



Events

December 6th
[Sunrise Holiday Party](#)

December 18th
[Board Meeting](#)

January 15th
[Board Meeting](#)

January 23rd
[Dueling Pianos Fundraiser](#)

March 6th
[Wild Game Feast](#)

April 26th
[District 6970 Assembly](#)

June 6th
[District 6970 Conference](#)

Sunrise Rotary Holiday Party December 6, 2024

The Sunrise Rotary Holiday party is this Friday evening, December 6, 2024, from 6-8PM, at the home of President Kevin and Andra Golden.

The address is 3722 SW 92nd Drive, Gainesville.

Bring a beverage of your choice and any dish you signed up for on the sign-up sheet.

Festive holiday attire!

Carpooling is encouraged as there is limited parking. Feel free to park all along the green island in the middle of the neighborhood.



December 12, 2024, Meeting at Santa Fe College

The December 12, 2024, Sunrise Rotary Thursday morning meeting will NOT BE AT THE HILTON! The one-time only location change will find us at Santa Fe College. More details on the exact building location will be provided when it is provided.



Sunrise Welcomes Chuck Parker as a New Member

Sunrise welcomes Chuck Parker as a new member! Chuck received his Rotary pin from Karen Thomas, his sponsor, during our last meeting. Chuck works at the University of Florida in the Human Resources Department and is involved in Talent Acquisition and Onboarding. We'll learn more about Chuck in the coming weeks. Thanks, Karen, for sponsoring Chuck as a member of Sunrise Rotary!



Sunrisers Recocognized as Paul Harris Fellows

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gift into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since its founding more than 100 years ago, the foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. Rotary is making lives better in the community and around the world.

A Paul Harris Fellow is a recognition provided by the Rotary Foundation to express appreciation for contributions to humanitarian and educational programs. To become a Paul Harris Fellow, one must contribute or have a gift made in their name of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund.

Last week three Sunrisers were recognized (again) as Paul Harris Fellows. Laude Arnaldi received a pin from President Kevin as a PHF +1. Mitzi Austin and Wayne Smith received a pin denoting their status as a Major Donor, the equivalent of a PHF +9.





Some Seafood Spectacular Shots

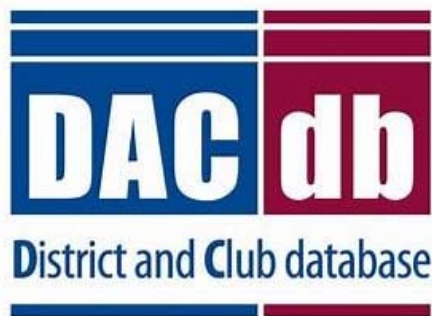
A number of Sunrise Rotarians were seen at the Seafood Spectacular. Just enjoy some photos.







How to Look Up Your Billing Information and Pay Via Credit Card in DACdb



Pam Gretter has created a tutorial for those that would like to pay their Rotary dues and other bills using a credit card. Just click on this link to read all the details. Thanks, Pam!

[https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Downloads/4363/How to Look Up Your Billing Information and Pay Via Credit Card in DACdb.pdf](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Downloads/4363/How%20to%20Look%20Up%20Your%20Billing%20Information%20and%20Pay%20Via%20Credit%20Card%20in%20DACdb.pdf)

CDS Fundraiser



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CDS FAMILY & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

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KENDRA SCOTT

Join us for an afternoon of style and giving back as CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. partners with Kendra Scott to support the children, youth, families, and communities across 11 North Florida counties.

What: Kendra Scott will donate a portion of its in-store sales to CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services

When: Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Kendra Scott at Butler Town Center, 2851 SW 35th Drive, Suite 30, Gainesville, Florida

How: Simply show up! No entry fee or ticket is required

Please invite your family and friends!

A New Governor for District 6970

District 6970 Club Presidents and Secretaries:

Edward "Ed" Lombard from the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville has been chosen to be the District Governor for Rotary International District 6970 for the years 2027-28.

Ed has an outstanding record of service in Rotary. As a member of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville since 2011, he has been in a number of leadership roles, including club president. Ed has also served as District Sergeant-at-Arms, District Treasurer, and Assistant Governor. District clubs were invited to submit nominations and the District Nominating Committee, composed of members of clubs from throughout the district, met to review qualifications and interview candidates. Chaired by Past District Governor Rich Cooper, the committee executed its duties with professionalism and dedication, and their selection has been presented to the District Governor.



As prescribed in our district procedures and in keeping with the by-laws of Rotary International, any club that nominates a candidate for consideration has the right to challenge the decision of the nominating committee within 15 days of the announcement. That challenge shall be in writing to the District Governor. If no challenge is received by December 5, 2024, at midnight, Ed Lombard will be the official District Governor Nominee Designate for 2027-28 and written certification to the General Secretary of Rotary International will be sent to that effect. Ed will serve his term as District Governor in the year beginning July 1, 2027, and ending on June 30, 2028.

On behalf of District 6970, I want to commend the members of the nominating committee for their service, and to congratulate Ed on his selection. Thanks

District 6970 Needs a New Executive Secretary



Rotary District 6970 is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to support our District Leadership and member clubs. The Executive Secretary plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth running of the District operations.

This is a part-time, remote position that averages about 26 hours per week. Hours can vary depending on District events and other scheduling priorities. In person attendance is

required at District sponsored events. This position requires a surety bond and is not eligible for benefits.

Key Skills and Qualifications. The ideal candidate should have a strong understanding of accounting principles and attention to detail. Candidates must be self-starters and have the ability to initiate and complete projects with minimal supervision. Other key skills include:

- The ability to work independently and demonstrate efficient time management skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and adaptability to work with a variety of management styles
- Knowledge of bookkeeping, basic accounting and tax filing requirements
- Understanding of balance sheets and profit and loss statements
- Ability to quickly adapt to changing workload and timeline requirements
- Strong oral and written communication skills

Education and Experience. The candidate must possess a high school diploma or the equivalent experience plus five (5) years of accounting, bookkeeping and administrative support experience. Additional education is a plus. Proficiency with office technology software such as Microsoft Office, QuickBooks and/or similar products is necessary.

Representative Job Duties and Responsibilities.

- Perform administrative and club support duties for the District and District Governor such as answering electronic and postal-delivered mail, phone calls, prepare meeting agendas and minutes. Communicate routinely to clubs and Rotary International.
- Perform routine accounting duties including bank deposits, payment of invoices, billing, and data input. Distribute invoices to clubs and track receivables.
- Produce District and Foundation Financial Statements/Reports as required for Board.

To Apply. Please submit your resume and cover letter to chipglissonhr@gmail.com. In your cover letter, please highlight your relevant experience and skills, and explain why you are interested in this position.

Please express interest prior to December 20, 2024.

The Lloyd's Spent Thanksgiving in Vienna

Rupa and Will Lloyd had a lovely time in Vienna, Austria. The Christmas Market in Vienna is spectacular to see.



Sunrise Two-man Fishing Team Strikes Again

On November 19, 2024, the Sunrise Rotary two-man fishing team of Rory and Jim was on the water just ahead of the cold (cooler) front that came through Gainesville. They demonstrated their fishing prowess by each getting a limit of spotted sea trout (5) and red drum (1). They went to the end of the road in Ozello, Florida, and fished the back country from there in a mud boat. In addition, they saw lots of white pelicans that have migrated back south for the winter, some wood storks that are also returning and lots of manatees that continually came up to the boat for a look see.





Rick and Teina Send Sunsets from Barbados

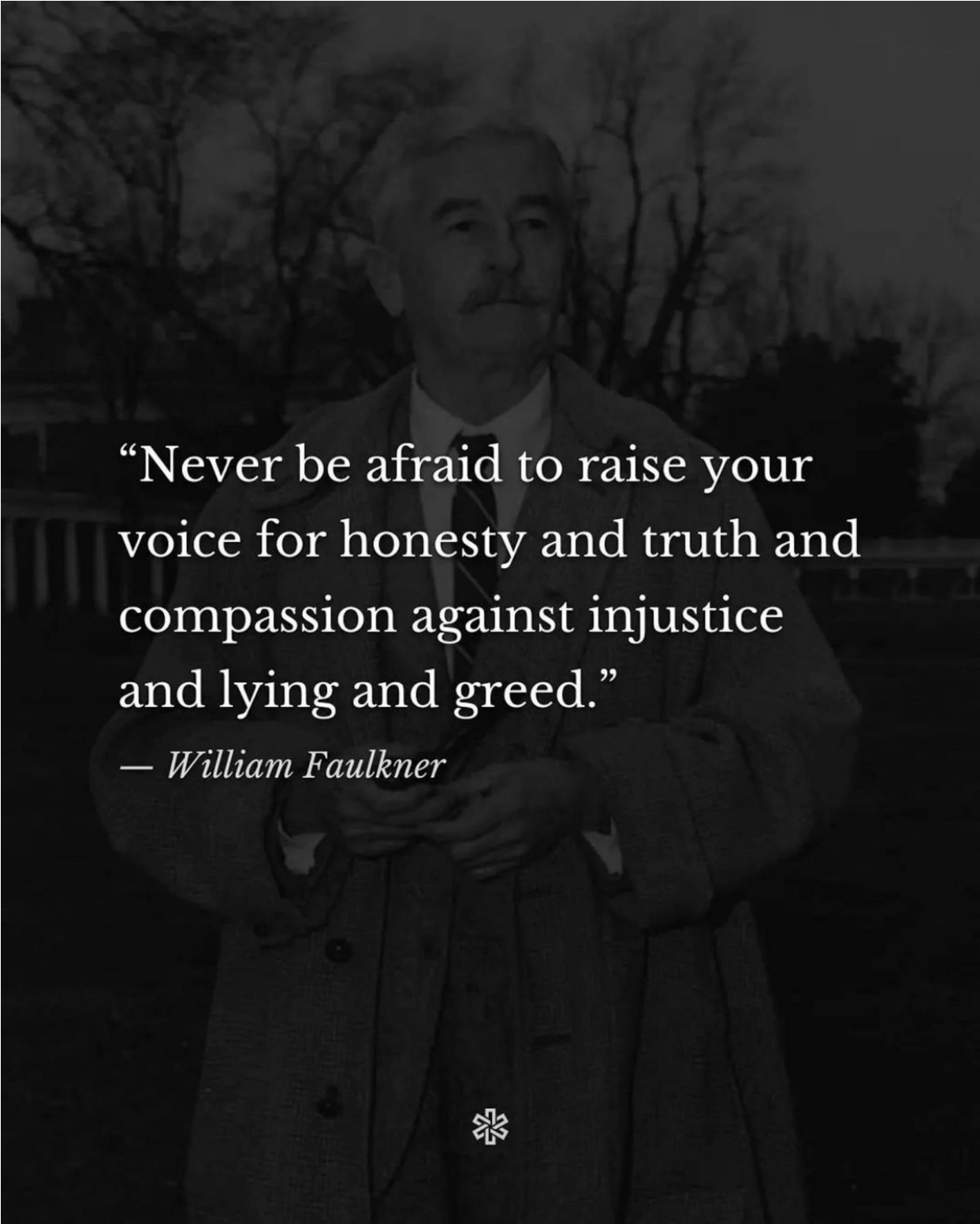


Jim and Becky at Lake Travis and Austin

Jim and Becky spent Thanksgiving on Lake Travis near Austin, Texas. Becky's sisters, some of their kids, grandkids, some nephews and nieces and great nephews, about 20 people in all the holiday together. The Lake is extremely large and one of a chain of lakes on the Colorado River. The lake is currently down 43 feet from its fill-to-here line, a four-year low and only at 44% of capacity, due to a prolonged drought. We ate BBQ, had a family Celebration of Life for Becky's nephew and spent a week together. Deer are abundant around this developed shoreline, with no hunting occurring in the area, and food abundant by the residents.



Quote of the Week December 5, 2024



“Never be afraid to raise your
voice for honesty and truth and
compassion against injustice
and lying and greed.”

— *William Faulkner*



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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