



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.



Adam Gurske on Real Estate in Our Area



A Florida native, Adam moved to Gainesville in 2006. After graduating from Buchholz High School, he attended the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida and graduated with a major in Business Management and a minor in Real Estate. While in college, Adam worked in property management and built a foundation in the Real Estate Industry. Since graduating in 2013, Adam has worked as a full-time REALTOR®.

Adam is a proud Gator Alumni who enjoys all things UF, traveling, cooking and photography. Adam served on the board of directors for Family Promise of Gainesville for 9 years, where he paired his business experience with a passion for helping homeless children in Gainesville. He served as President in 2015 and Treasurer from 2019-2023. In 2024, he will serve as President of the Gainesville-Alachua County Association of REALTORS® and serves on the board of directors for the Florida Association of REALTORS®. In 2020, Adam received REALTOR® of the year from the Gainesville-Alachua County Association of REALTORS®. In 2021, Adam was honored to receive the 30 under 30 award from the National Association of REALTORS®. In 2023, Adam received Florida REALTORS® highest honor, becoming board certified, one of the first 20 REALTORS® to become board certified in the entire state.

Speakers

June 13, 2024

[Adam Gurske](#)
Real Estate in
General and GACAR

June 20, 2024

[No Morning Meeting](#)
Transition Dinner
Tonight

July 04, 2024

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July 11, 2024

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

July 18, 2024

[Ana Cris Barrientos](#)
UF Equal Access
Clinic Network

July 25, 2024

[Chanda Stebbins](#)
Santa Fe College
Athletics

August 01, 2024

[James Miller](#)
MILA Scholars on
Ghana Trip

Events

June 12th

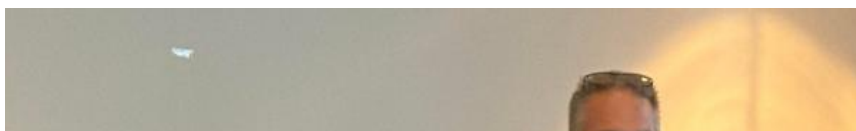
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Meeting](#)

June 20th

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Finding the Market in UF Student Housing

Last week we heard an excellent presentation from John Fleming, managing partner of Trimark Properties. Trimark



properties. Trimark specializes in upscale boutique student housing in the area between NW 13th Street and NW6th Street. Trimark started in 2002 with their first property and now owns most of the area. They figured out that a market existed for upscale, small number of unit rental units (20 to 50), but with few amenities (such as pools), with the main draw of being close to campus. Here are some interesting things we learned about Trimark and the area:

- They own one-half of the UF Innovation District
- They are self-contained and construct their own buildings to rent
- The average Tier I university has a 1.3 students per bed ratio; UF's is .67
- Their renters are 70-80% female
- Occupancy rate is 99%
- Rental rates are 30% higher than average because they are upscale and close to campus
- More affluent parents + Bright Futures student support has helped their business model
- The market is changing again; large outlying apartments built for students are now shifting to working renters
- Construction costs have doubled in three years, making it harder to achieve scale on smaller units
- They now own First Baptist Church and Seagle Building and are converting them to rental apartments
- They are also now doing some buildings for UFHealth in Springhill area



Transition Dinner is June 20, 2024



Out with the Old; In With the New! Mark your calendars for June 20, 2024, for the Sunrise Rotary Club Transition dinner. The location is Embers Wood Grill.

Bobbie Robinson is circulating a sign up sheet during each meeting. Be sure your name is on the list.

This year drinks are available at a cash bar. You cannot bring your own as in previous years.

Attend the next Rotary Leadership Institute--in Gainesville!

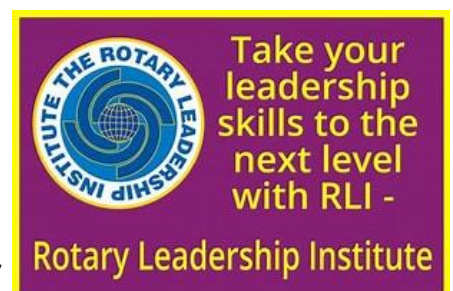
The next on-site, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) session, is on the calendar for August 10th at the Blount Center, Santa Fe College.

Here is an easy way for you to register:

Through the Calendar on **the DACdb website using this link:**
REGISTER NOW! for **RLI - Gainesville, D6970!**

Please note: You must be logged onto DACdb in order for the link to you to the registration page! If you are not, then after logging in, please do the following:

- Select the **"District"** tab at the top of the page



- Select the **"Calendar"** icon, and after it opens, check the **"RLI Training Events"** box
 - Scroll down to the desired date - **"August 10th"**
 - Select the **"Register Now"** button
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Quote of the Week

The reason people don't often recognize opportunity--it comes with a lot of hard work.

John Fleming, last week's speaker from Trimark Properties

Wayne and Mitzi are on a Medical Staycation

By James Cato

Wayne and Mitzi came home about two weeks ago from an American Cruise Lines cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers out west. They were a bit under the weather upon arrival. After some home rest, Wayne was admitted to North Florida Regional Hospital about a week ago and Mitzi got in on the Staycation a few days later. They are recovering from influenza and various other infections they brought home from the trip. Becky and I visited them on Sunday, and resupplied them with Snicker Bars. It is possible they may come home from the Staycation on Tuesday or Wednesday. Let's hope they recover quickly!

Rory is Coming Home from Switzerland and France---Early

By Rory Causseaux

We will be coming home early from France/Switzerland. In a fluke accident, Terri injured her foot. The diagnosis is two torqued bones and one stretched or torn ligament in her left foot. They fitted her with a boot that she must wear 24 hours a day. She cannot hike.

We canceled our hiking trip but finished the bike portion, ending up in Lyon, France to return home June 11 instead of doing our Alps hiking trip and going home June 19. There were 20 in the VBT biking group. Twelve are traveling together and most of them from Orlando.

This was a good trip. Beautiful scenery, great hotels, a variety of bike rides, and great weather. We started in Chamonix. We were in Switzerland for two nights. Then into France for the last four nights.

We are in Lyon, France now. We did a walking tour of the city today with a guide. It was fun and interesting.

Editor's note: Rory found a planter with a tree in it, sponsored by the Lyon, France Rotary Club. Give the man a meeting makeup.





The Robinsons Had a Great Day of Fishing

Bobbie Robinson and her family had a great day of fishing at the start of the red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico. The red snapper and hogfish make for really fine eating.





The Golden's Loved it in Lovango

By Kevin L. Golden

Lovango is an island north of, and in between, St. Thomas and St. Johns in the U. S. Virgin Islands, and is where we spent the past week. It is a private island that was commercially developed in 2019. On the left is a photo of a Rotary sign welcoming you to the USVI. This was in St. Thomas airport upon our arrival. On the right is a photo of our family (myself, Kingsley, Blakely, and Andra) outside our cottage near the top of the island. This is just before we boarded a ferry to St. Thomas to eat at a local restaurant, Morgan's Mango, on their weekly Lobster Night.



Teresa and Jib are in the Florida Keys

By Jib A. Davidson

Teresa and I arrived in Marathon for a six-week stay on our boat *Make It So*. While in Marathon, we hope to spend time dining on fresh conch, spending time snorkeling, and visiting the Mote Marine facilities along with the sea turtle people. The Marathon Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesday, and I will be there representing our club every week that we are here. It is always good to meet new people and fellow Rotarians.

We left Jacksonville on May 20th, and slowly made our way down the East coast of Florida. We spent four days in Coconut Grove, one of our favorite places along the route, before heading to the Keys. Right before we left, Cooper Bates, a student in the College of Journalism, interviewed us about the Great Loop. His interview can be found at wuft.org on the front page. Cooper sent us his entire interview, and it is clear that Cooper needs some schooling as he gets a few incorrect details—like the dates. The video he shot is correct, but his article has a few errors. But what the heck, students have to start somewhere. Go to www.wuft.org for his interview “Floridians find thrill in the Great Loop Boating Expedition”. It was fun to be interviewed by Cooper.

We were hoping to meet up with Rick Medina in the Keys. Unfortunately, we just missed him as he left the Keys for home a few days before we arrived. Better luck next time.

I look forward to returning home in mid-October.

A Graduation in North Carolina

Jim and Becky went to their second high school graduation of the season, this time in North Carolina. Granddaughter Ainsley Cato graduated from Fike High School in Wilson, North Carolina. About 220 graduates walked the stage to receive their diplomas. A group of five parents hosted a graduation celebration lunch at Eagle Farms Clubhouse immediately after the graduation and the Cato family and guests enjoyed dinner at Pup's Steakhouse that evening. Ainsley was also named to the Eastern North Carolina 3A All Region Soccer Team as a goalie. She will attend Western Carolina University in the fall.





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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