



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.

Student Housing in Midtown



Did you ever wonder about all that building in the area between 13th Street and 6th Street, east of the UF Campus? Well, get your answers this week at Sunrise Rotary. John Fleming is the managing partner at Trimark Properties. Founded in 1992, Trimark Properties now owns and manages more than 25 boutique apartment complexes, houses near UF, commercial properties, and luxury dorms. Trimark has won over 20 City Beautification Awards for their Gainesville apartments, all strategically located within walking distance from the University of Florida.

Speakers

June 06, 2024

[John Fleming](#)
(Trimark)

Student Housing in Midtown

June 13, 2024

[Adam Gurske](#)

Real Estate in General and GACAR

June 20, 2024

[No Morning Meeting](#)

Transition Dinner Tonight

July 04, 2024

[Independence Day](#)

No Meeting for July 4

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

Ocala Economic Activity Trending Upward--Fast!

Last Week, Kevin Sheilley, President and CEO of the Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership, gave us an excellent overview of economic activity in Marion County. Did you know that:

- Marion County is its own Metro Area
- 269 people a week move into the Ocala area
- U-Haul and PODS activity rank the area #1 or #2 lately as the top growth city in the nation
- 30-39 year olds moving to Ocala is double the national average, resulting in a highly employable work force
- The Metro Area is the most affordable (to buy a starter home) in Florida
- 70% of the truck traffic in Florida passes through Ocala on I-75---ARRGGGGGGGGH!
- Dollar Tree is completing a 1.5 million square foot distribution center (among others, from .5 to 1 million sq. ft.)
- Lockheed is opening a manufacturing facility
- The largest Buc-ees in the universe is coming at a new I-75 interchange soon to be started
- The five economic drivers are logistics (big box distribution centers) , manufacturing, health care (patients from The Villages), office space and horses (75,000 of them)
- The Metro Area still has a large amount of farmland preservation area



Events

June 12th

[Sunrise Board Transition Meeting](#)

June 20th

[Transition Dinner](#)

Lois and Jim Hensel Firefighter Appreciation Picnic a Huge Success

The Lois and Jim Hensel Firefighter Appreciation Picnic was held last Saturday in the breezeway of the student buildings at Santa Fe College. Picnic Chairperson Dave Ferro did a great job of getting the picnic organized. We had a great turnout of firefighters and paramedics from Alachua County Fire Rescue and the Gainesville Fire Rescue Department. We fed about 80 firefighters, some with families, and sent about 15 boxed lunches to firefighters just coming off duty at a fire. They were dealing with two fires on Saturday morning.

A big thank-you goes to all Sunrise Rotarians who helped and to Dan Rodkin who helped secure the use of Santa Fe College for the event. Hills BBQ and Catering did a great job of providing the food.



The Firefighter of the Year for 2024 from the Alachua County Fire Rescue was Matthew Weber. He was accompanied by Assistant Chief K. Scott-Kotb, who indicated Matthew had taken on extra duty this past yet to help train newer firefighters in the proper techniques. Picnic Chairperson Dave Ferro presented the award.



The Firefighter of the Year for 2024 from the Gainesville Fire Rescue Department was Alexis Delisle. Her colleague pointed out that Alexis was courageous in removing burglar bars from a house, allowing those inside to escape before the fire flashed. Picnic Chairperson Dave Ferro presented the award.



The servers did a great job, including the multi-talented Trivia Master, who impressed everyone with his banana pudding serving skills. The setup





padding serving skills. The setup crew arrived early to organize the tables and put out signage on the road and to direct firefighters to the event.



The line was steady at times, since the firefighters seemed to arrive in shifts.



The firefighters can fight fires and also stack their plates high with barbeque. Good for them!



Kelsey Morey Receives Interact Scholarship



Sunrise Club Presidentâ€Elect Kevin Golden presented the Interact scholarship to Kelsey Morey. Kelsey has served as the founding president of the Interact Club at Buchholz High School and has led their members to participate in numerous service projects over the past school year, benefiting both the school and the greater community. Besides her role in leadership and service, Kelsey is an academic superstar â€winning numerous awards with the Buchholz HS math and science teams. She will be



attending MIT in the fall. Kelsey and her mother, Jessica, attended the Sunrise Club meeting last week to receive her scholarship.

Memorial Service for Eric Van Vorst

A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 10:00AM at Queen of Peace Catholic Church 10900 SW 24th Ave. Gainesville, FL with Fr. Alberto Esposito as celebrant. A reception will follow. The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 4:30-6:30PM at Williams-Thomas Westarea, 823 NW 143rd St. Newberry, FL.

The full obituary and details can be found here:
[https://www.williamstomasfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Eric-Van-Vorst/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR0cZzHW5h3Ow32a-](https://www.williamstomasfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Eric-Van-Vorst/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR0cZzHW5h3Ow32a-cWlqXFNhSWNj3HsdpTYKXyCpX7GGMu2nUUANlaMXUw_aem_AWrmav9CFNRVzZQeHeFMs6xb8RdtffCqLReVK-_wDQ2eoQZJG44YcQEDWKKtki3EZ-QqF3O1ScsUOiBIvIn_LfK#!Obituary)



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Transition Dinner is June 20, 2024

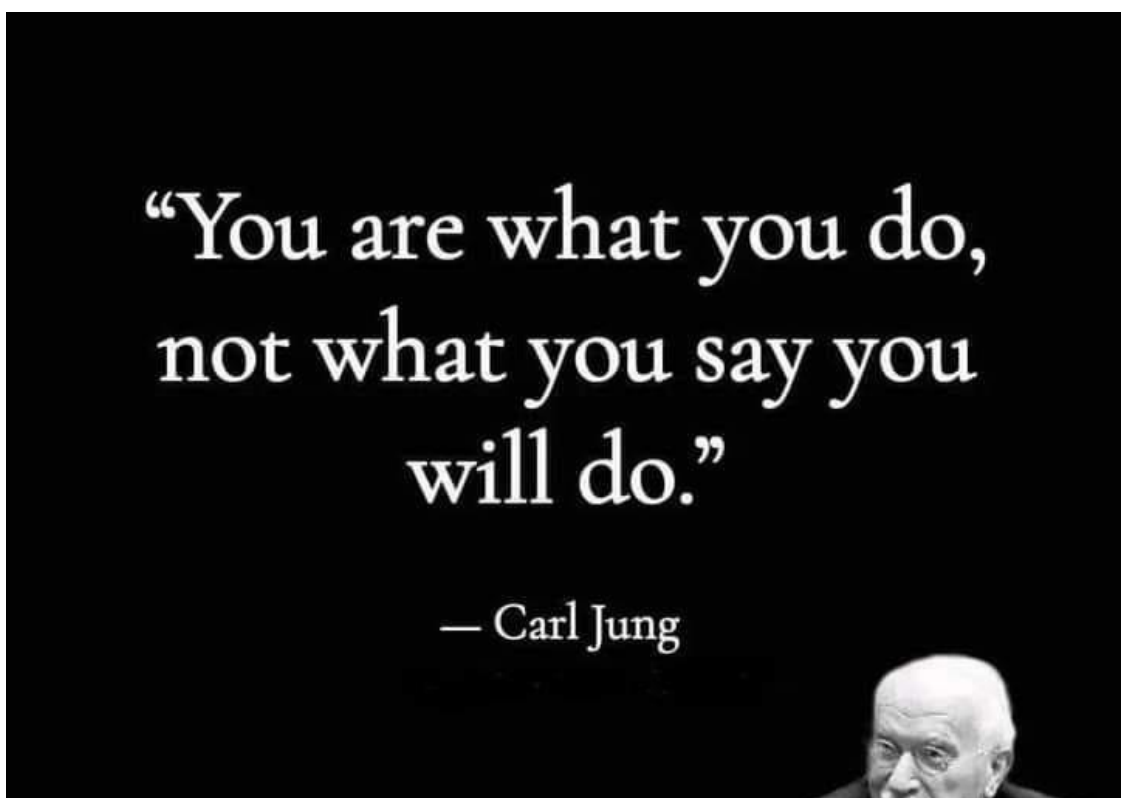


Out with the Old; In With the New! Mark your calendars for June 20, 2024, for the Sunrise Rotary Club Transition dinner. The location is Embers Wood Grill.

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.

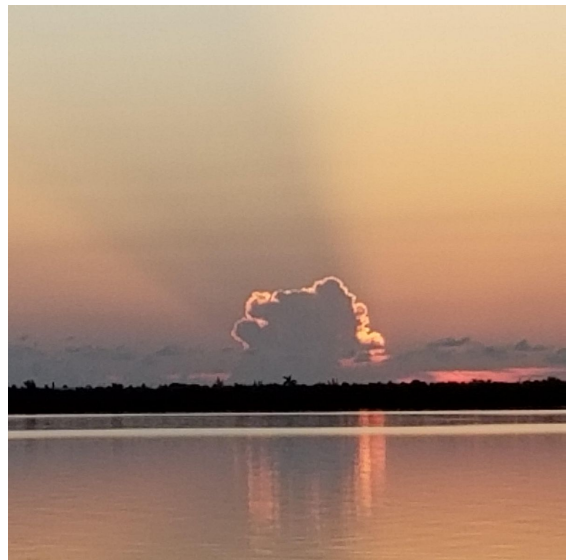
Quote of the Week





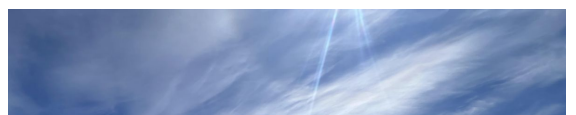
Rick Medina is in the Florida Keys

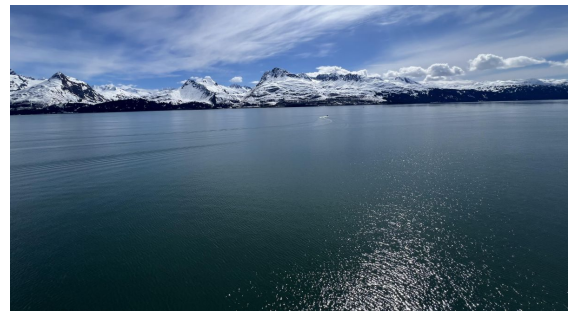
Rick sent these photos from the Florida Keys. From the looks of things, he and Teina are just chillin' out.



The Christians are in Alaska

Larry, Peggy and Erick Christian are reporting while on a cruise in Alaska. The flatlanders are very impressed. The 2005 on the sign indicates the glacier's advancement in the year 2005. It had almost retreated out of sight. Alaska has not outlawed climate change, it seems. On the right, they saw a brown bear, but from about a mile away. They have also seen whales and other sea life.





Rory and Terri Causseaux are Biking across Switzerland and France

By Rory Causseaux

Hello from St Maurice, Switzerland. Today we rode 44 miles with a stop in Sion, Switzerland. There are 20 folks in the VBT bike tour group, of which 12 besides Terri and I from Florida (Orlando area). We rode in the valley, but the headwinds prevailed!! While in Sion, we visited Tourbillion Castle. The valley consists of the Rhone River, which is primarily glacier runoff. Seventy percent of the area's population is in agriculture. The crops we are seeing include: strawberries, apricots, pears, cherries, asparagus, tomatoes, potatoes and grapes (lots of grapes). Yesterday we left Chamonix, home of Mt Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps.





Editors note: I wonder which one of these signs they followed? Did they head toward Kilimanjaro or Mount Fuji?



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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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