



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.

This Week: Sunrisers Tour South America from a Hat

Two Sunrisers, Ron Farb and Greg Schultz, along with their able assistant, Dianne Farb, recently returned from a trip to South America. This week, we'll hear about their unique and very interesting trip. Greg Schultz, sent this brief summary of what we will hear.

"We started in Lima, Peru to prepare for our first adventure in La Paz, Bolivia. In La Paz we viewed Moon Valley, rode cable cars, traveled to Lake Titicaca (the highest navigable lake in the world), the city of Copacabana, and took a catamaran to Sun Island. From there we moved to the Uyuni salt flat and the many colored lakes and saw lots of flamingos. We drove over 400 miles in Bolivia and covered lots of terrain.

We traveled from Bolivia to Chile to visit Atacama. We hiked, biked and swam in the salty lagoon there with 30+% salinity. However, the swim was only for 10 minutes because your skin would dry out like a prune if you swam longer. From Atacama we traveled to Santiago to prepare for our departure to Easter Island to visit the many Moai statues scattered across the island. The history behind the statues and their significance is fascinating.

We returned to Santiago and our last travels included a visit to the city of Valparaíso and a winery tour at Casa del Bosque, which is ranked as the 37th best winery in the world. The wines were truly excellent."

Speakers

March 21, 2024

[Ron and Dianne Farb and Greg Schultz](#)

Sharing stories and pictures from a recent trip to South America and Easter Island

March 28, 2024

[Dueling Pianos Fundraiser](#)

April 04, 2024

[Alison Ungaro](#)
Created Gainesville

April 11, 2024

[Rick Hutton and Kristen Sealey](#)
GRU's Water/Wastewater Sustainability Project

April 18, 2024

[Rick Hutton and Kristen Sealey](#)
GRU's Electric Integrated Resource Plan



Above, the truth is that Dianne Farb had the entire group of travelers in her hat the entire trip, in order to keep them out of trouble. On the right, Sunrisers Ron Farb and Greg Schultz, were let out of the hat just long enough to pose in one of the regions in which they hiked. Then--back in the hat.



Events

March 28th

[Dueling Pianos Club Fundraiser](#)

April 9th

[Gainesville Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 9th

[Club Social](#)

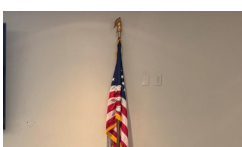
April 27th

[Firefighter Appreciation Picnic](#)

June 12th

[Sunrise Board](#)

Last Week: Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure



Tyler's Hope Foundation was established to advance research for a cure, discover effective treatments and to promote awareness and education about DYT1 Dystonia. Heather Parker, of Tyler's Hope, told us about the various effects on individuals of having Dystonia and how Tyler with Dystonia, son of the Rick Staab family, was the inspiration for the Tyler's Hope Foundation. The Foundation has a number of programs, all aimed at



increasing the attention to a cure for the effects of Dystonia, and increasing the amount of funding and research focused on a Dystonia cure. Heather told us that 96% of the funds generated goes directly to research.

New Member Kiara Hall Inducted Last Week

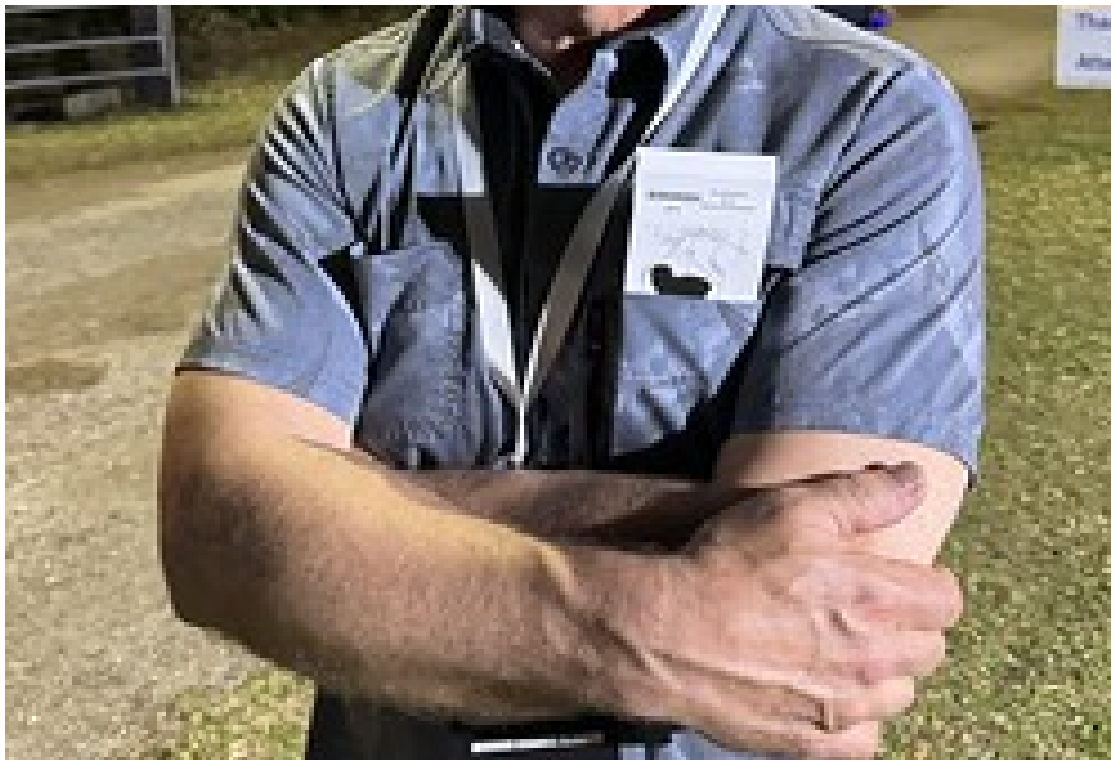
Sunrise Rotary members welcome Kiara Hall, our newest member who was inducted into the club last week by President Sherry Houston. Shown with Kiara are her husband, mother, four beautiful children, Rick Medina, who sponsored Kiara, and President Sherry. Welcome again, Kiara!



Wild Game Feast 2024 and Sunrisers Stepping Up to the Plate

Last week we ran a story about the overall activity and success of the 2024 and 39th Annual Wild Game held by the Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation. This week, we'll focus on those Sunrise members who bought tickets, lottery tickets, and attended the event in support of Feastmaster Rory Causseaux and the organizations that benefit from the event. Some of the Sunrisers who volunteered to help out were included last week and some this week. A few other Sunrisers were in attendance, but it was not possible to get photos, so like the Gators, Wait'll Next Year. The award to the person who was able to get herself in the most photos goes to Sunriser and Area Governor.....Dorothy Zimmerman. That woman does get around. Here we go!





top billing goes to the Fantastic Feastmaster Rory Causseax, who did an outstanding job.

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Dorothy, Micky Ulmer, District Governor Elect for D6970 and Brent Buell, President-elect of Downtown Rotary Gainesville



President-elect Kevin, President Sherry and Brent Buell



Mike guarding the entrance to the



Laude and Greg in the sponsor tent

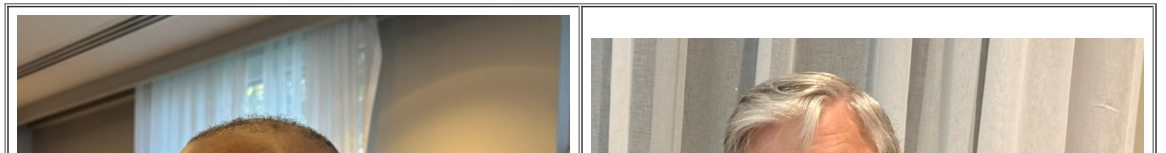


Yvonne chillin' out as a sponsor

<p>sponsor area</p>		
 <p>Laraine and David, also sponsors</p>	 <p>Wayne, Mitzi, Becky and Jim</p>	 <p>John and Chelsea</p>
 <p>Dorothy and son Andrew, from Tampa</p>	 <p>Paul</p>	 <p>Rose Mary and that pesky Michael. The look on that woman's face says she's up to something</p>
 <p>Dave</p>	 <p>President Sherry mixing some mean drinks</p>	 <p>Laraine, Dorothy and Kevin</p>
 <p>Dorothy, Darleen and Madam X</p>	 <p>Mike, District Governor-elect Micky Ulmer and Tim Rogers, charter member</p>	 <p>Ron and Dorothy</p>

Great to See Two Longtime Members

Another reason last week's meeting was special was that we got to see two longtime members. Tony Jones, former Gainesville Police Chief, has been tending to family matters by helping a grandson and family get established in Gainesville. Tony hopes to begin more frequent attendance. Dick Tarbox, now an R85 member, is also a charter member of Gainesville Sunrise Rotary, and continues to make an occasional meeting. It was good to see both these fellas.





Sunriser Dave Ferro Named Watson Realty Corporation Broker of the Year

By Pamela A. Gretter

Watson Realty Corp named our own Dave Ferro as their 2023 Broker of the Year. This prestigious annual award is bestowed based on a culmination of multiple factors, including exceptional leadership in the Broker's offices, market, and within the company, as well as statistical performance.

"Dave is always willing to take time to help his agents be more successful and takes that same time to help his company be more successful. That, along with impressive statistical performance, earned him the award," said Mark Rosener, Regional Vice President and Director of Mergers and Acquisitions. With over 50 offices in Florida and one in SE Georgia, that is no small feat.

Dave joined Watson Realty Corp in the spring of 2017 as Vice President / Managing Broker of the NW Gainesville office. He now manages 3 offices and about 90 agents in NW Gainesville, Town of Tioga, and Ocala. Gainesville is consistently ranked in the top tier for the North Central region in sales and volume.

"Watson Realty Corp has given me a tremendous honor by naming me 2023 Broker of the Year," said Dave. "This achievement is far from individual - it's a reflection of the hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent of our entire team of Realtors. Your support, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to excellence are what make us stand out."

Congratulations, Dave, on this well-deserved achievement!





Pictured (from left to right) are Ed Foreman, President; Dave Ferro, Gainesville/Ocala Vice President and Managing Broker; and Mark Rosener, Regional Vice President and Director of Mergers and Acquisitions.

It's Sunrise Rotary Party Time!



Everyone get in their wild and wooly party spirit for **April 9, 2024**. The address is 772 SW 136th Street, Tioga, Florida, at the home of BarBee and Chuck Geiger. Everyone remembers the great time we had at their home the last time we were there. Well, we're going to have it again. The time is from 6-8pm. Appetizers will be provided, but please bring your beverage of choice to drink.

Best-Selling Author & Historian Douglas Brinkley Speaking at Cade

**BOOK TALK
& SIGNING**




BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

**DOUGLAS
BRINKLEY**

Come out to the Cade Museum Wednesday, March 27 at 6 pm for a free lecture to hear *New York Times* best-selling author **Douglas Brinkley** speaking about his latest book, *Silent Spring Revolution*, a history of the individuals who gave rise to the environmental movement of the Sixties.

Brinkley's narrative is also a presidential history that includes insights and anecdotes about the politics and policies of the environmental activism that played out half a century ago under the administrations of Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Book sales, signing and a reception will follow the event. Get all the details at <https://calendar.ufl.edu/event/35808-presidential-historian-douglas-brinkley-silent-spring->

The talk is sponsored by UF's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Rothman Family Chair in the Humanities; Bob Graham Center for Public Service; and College of Journalism and Communications.

Seven of Brinkley's most recent books have become *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Reagan Diaries*, (2007), *The Great Deluge* (2006), *The Boys of Pointe du Hoc: Ronald Reagan, D-Day and the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion* (2005), *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War* (2004) *Voices of Valor: D-Day: June 6, 1944* with Ronald J. Drez (2004), *The Wilderness Warrior* (2010), *Cronkite* (2012), and *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America* (2016).

One-Man Fishing Team in Action

Last week, Sunrise Rotary's One-Man Fishing Team was in action at Cedar Key, which yielded a very large number of very undersized trout. The cooler came home empty, but Jim enjoyed some coastal photography art with this photo of "Cormorants on Poles, Minus One." Jim also won the award for boating the smallest of the small trout. Fish on!





Join Us

Gainesville Sunrise
Meets at Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville
1714 SW 34th Street
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Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM



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