



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.



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

## **This week: Mitch Glaeser: A Visionary Leader Making Waves in Florida Business**



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### **Speakers**

**May 16, 2024**

[Mitch Glaeser](#)

All Things City of  
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### **Events**

June 1st

[Firefighter  
Appreciation  
Picnic](#)

June 12th

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Transition  
Meeting](#)

June 20th

[Transition Dinner](#)

We welcome as our guest speaker this week Mitch Glaeser, CEO of The Emory Group of Companies and a seasoned entrepreneur with extensive experience across various industries.

As the head of a longstanding family-owned conglomerate established in 1923, Glaeser's expertise spans information technology, publishing, hospitality, apparel, and real estate. Additionally, his commitment to civic engagement is evident through his involvement in organizations such as Crime Stoppers, Guardian Ad Litem, and Junior Achievement.

During the meeting, Glaeser will discuss topics such as business relationship-building, innovation, and sustainable urban development. His notable project, San Felasco Tech City, exemplifies his forward-thinking approach to community development. Please mark your calendars and join us for our Rotary meeting this week!

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## **Rescheduled: Firefighter's Picnic Moved to June 1**

By David Ferro



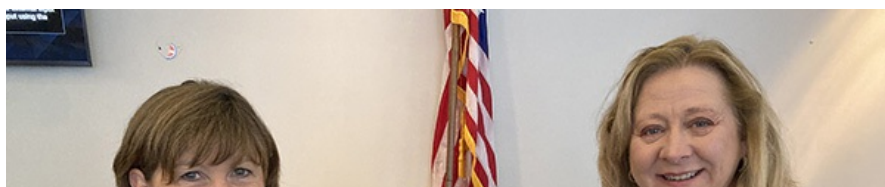


Dave Ferro has informed us that the Firefighter Appreciation Picnic will be Saturday, June 1, beginning at 11 am at Santa Fe College Northwest campus . . . not on May 18 as originally planned.

He will be passing around the volunteer clipboard to fill any holes.

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## **D.A.R. Member Shares Fascinating Insights and Projects at Recent Meeting**





For those who didn't get to attend our meeting last week, you missed a most interesting talk from Julie Tapia-Ruano, a member of the Gainesville chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She touched on a number of civic projects that the D.A.R. has undertaken since its founding in 1890. In Florida alone there are 110 chapters.

This listener was fascinated by the D.A.R. genealogy research center in Washington, DC, which occupies an entire block in a building of architectural significance. Since 1896, the DAR Library has expanded into a rich resource of American genealogical and historical materials, with over 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, and significant collections on African American, Native American, and women's history. It offers free public access and hosts valuable databases on-site.

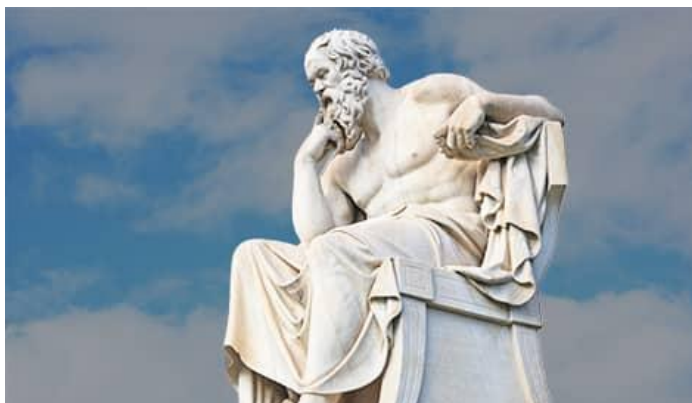
Julie also talked about various ways that the D.A.R. supports first-responders and veterans groups, including a Christmas in July event where members gather to sign hundreds and hundreds of Christmas cards that are later bundled and mailed to troops in time for holiday greetings.

According to their national website, any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence is eligible to join the DAR, which sounds like an interesting project for the ladies in our club. For the guys, there does exist a Sons of the American Revolution organization.

We're very appreciative that Julie could join us and share information about this patriotic civic organization. Thank you!

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## Quote of the Week May 16, 2024



Socrates: You should not honour men more than the truth.



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## Jim and Becky's Greek Odyssey is Finished

By James Cato

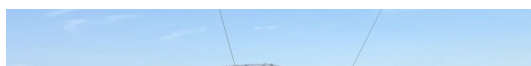
Our two-week trip to Greece finished late on Mother's Day with our arrival back in Gainesville. The second week was spent on a cruise, with stops on both the mainland and some of the Greek Isles, and in Turkey. We started in Athens and made ports of call at Patmos, Mykonos, Kusadasi Cruise Port in Turkey, Santorini, Monemvasia and Nafplio, and ended the cruise back in Athens.



A highlight of the trip was a dinner in front of The Library in Ephesus in Turkey. We visited Ephesus during the day from the Port of Kusadasi, but returned at dusk for dinner, which was excellent and catered by a nearby five-star hotel. We were also treated to classical music by a five-piece group from the local symphony. An evening to remember. Ephesus was even more beautiful in the lights after total darkness.



Our ship was Wind Star, a 148 passenger motor/sailer. Most of our sailing was at night, from port to port, since we spent the daylight hours touring. For the first two days and the last day of the trip, the winds were adequate for us to use 100% sail power with the engines turned off. Most of our stops were in smaller ports, and we had to use tenders to go ashore, thus avoiding the huge cruise ships.







We traveled with Becky's sister, Joyce, and her husband, Jack Frassanito, from Houston, Texas. We purposefully traveled during the shoulder season, to avoid the crowds. Only in Santorini did we encounter crowds with five cruise ships in port (big ones). Having been there before, we had lunch with a great view, and got outa town.



We have never had better seafood than we had in Greece. All the fish and shellfish items were fresh, tasty and well-prepared. My favorite was the squid, which we ordered at about every restaurant stop. The food onboard Wind Star was also excellent, including a feast on the top stern deck one night.

## Thanks for the Butterfly Garden Cleanup Effort

By Jean-François Roulet



Frank, Bobbie, Sherry, Francois, Helen and Jib, very pleased with the result!











A big thank you to the Rotary crew that tended the new butterfly garden at the Ronald McDonald house last Saturday from 9â€"10. The garden is in perfect shape and we worked meticulously almost in a surgical way to keep it that way!

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### Join the Downtown Club at Their Auction

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\$25 FOR 1

\$40 FOR 2

THURSDAY, MAY

23

5:30 PM

ENJOY DINNER & BID ON AUCTION ITEMS FOR A  
GREAT CAUSE. WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ARBOR

## GREENS CLUBHOUSE.

Join the Downtown Rotary club for a night of great food, drinks, and fun with your fellow Rotarians at their annual auction hosted at the Arbor Greens clubhouse on Newberry Road near the Tioga Town Center.

The event starts at 5:30 pm on Thursday, May 23. Limited seats available, so reserve yours now at this link: <https://shorturl.at/eilpC>

We have seen some great auction prizes being announced, including a private wine tasting for 8 and a generous gift certificate from the Paramount Grill.

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## Transition Dinner: Mark Your Calendar

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



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### 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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