



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

**October 24, 2024**

[Darryl Lloyd](#)  
Baxter Place

**October 31, 2024**

[Deputy Anderson](#)  
Safer Schools  
Initiative

**November 07, 2024**

[Phil Kabler](#)  
CDS

**November 14, 2024**

[Brad Gamble](#)  
CEO Cade Museum

**November 21, 2024**

[Paul Broadie](#)  
Santa Fe College  
President

**November 28, 2024**

[No Meeting](#)  
Thanksgiving

**December 26, 2024**

[No Meeting](#)  
Christmas Week

## Events

October 26th

[Ichnetucknee  
River Paddling  
Trip](#)

November 13th

[Board Meeting](#)

November 21st

[Seafood  
Spectacular](#)

December 14th

[Sunrise Holiday  
Party](#)

December 18th

[Board Meeting](#)

January 15th

[Board Meeting](#)

January 23rd

[Dueling Piano's  
Fundraiser](#)

March 6th

[Wild Game Feast](#)

April 26th

[District 6970](#)

[Assembly](#)

June 6th

[District 6970](#)

[Conference](#)

## Officer Darryl Lloyd on the New Baxter's Place



What was once the building for the Reichert House Youth Academy is now home to Baxter's Place.

In May 2023, the City of Gainesville pulled its funding for the Reichert House after-school program.

For the next 14 months, the building at 1704 SE 2nd Ave. largely sat empty. But last month, Baxter's Place held its first open house following a summer school program. About a dozen students took part in the summer program, a preview of what the people behind the charter school hope to offer starting in fall 2025.

Two of those stakeholders — Tony Jones and Darryl Lloyd — saw what Reichert House offered, from start to finish, and now they're ushering in a new beginning with Baxter's.

This week we'll find all about the new Baxter's Place from Darryl Lloyd. He was one of the young men who benefited from after-school involvement. He served as director of the Reichert House for a year in the 2000s and is currently the chief investigating officer for the 8th Circuit State Attorney's office.

## Last Week: Club Update

Last week, President Kevin led the club in a great discussion about the current status of the club.

**Membership:** We currently have 63 members, of which 48 are listed as active. The rest are Honorary, R85, or in some other "official" status. Weekly attendance averages around 30, not including guests. The board is currently reaching out to members who have not attended for a while, to determine why and/or to check on them, in case they are ill, etc. Ultimately, this will lead to a "clean-up" of the membership roles and perhaps get a few members attending again. Members are encouraged to reach out to other members when they notice their absence over a few weeks. It was noted that Bill Menadier is currently in the hospital undergoing some tests.

**Foundation:** The club had about \$24K in its foundation account. Since our purpose is to provide service above self, the board spent this amount down to \$19.5K, but with the contributions in remembrance to Josh Chase, the current total is around \$23K. In concept, our goal is not to build a bank account, but use the money annually for good purposes. Our "Concept of a Plan," is to annually spend the money we raise, while leaving some for the incoming president to spend, until our fundraiser in January. Karen Walker is developing a process document to give a way for members to propose projects. Karen presented this plan, which actually had President Kevin on his knees. The best proposals would provide a hands-on club service project accompanied by a spending plan for the project if needed. We also heard from Treasurer Evan that about 75% of our members participate quarterly in the Polio Plus and Paul Harris Fellow programs.

Because of the lively discussion, we ran out of time to discuss any other subjects. We did learn that President Kevin would consider being President for Life of Sunrise Rotary.





## RYE Applicant Visits Sunrise Rotary



Last week, Sunrise Rotarians enjoyed a visit from another applicant who is applying to participate in Rotary's Youth Exchange Program (RYE). Suzanne Prophet, a sophomore at Buchholz High School, gave a brief talk to the club indicating that she is currently researching which European country, including possibly Austria, that she would list as her desired placement country. She is a candidate for Sunrise Rotary to serve as the host club for RYE from 25-26. She is shown with her mother, Angela Harry and Dan Rodkin, club member working with RYE applicants. Dan is also looking for members to serve on interview panels for upcoming District 6970 RYE student interviews. RYE Outbound interviews are Sat, November 16, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM at Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, Building S (same building as the firefighter picnic).

## Rotary Non-profit Agency Partnership Application Process

By Karen Thomas

Last week, Karen Thomas made remarks to outline the process for partnering with non-profit agencies. Here is the application form.

[https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Downloads/4363/Rotary\\_Nonprofit\\_Agency\\_Partnership\\_Application.docx](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Downloads/4363/Rotary_Nonprofit_Agency_Partnership_Application.docx)

## This Week's Tip on Using DACdb



Thanks to Pam Gretter, we'll start running an occasional tip on how to use DACdb. There is a lot of really useful information on the website, including club documents and lots of statistics on the club and each of you as individual members. This tip is about how to access documents at DACdb. Click this link for the easy-to-follow instructions.  
<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Downloads/4363/HowToAccessDocumentsinDACdb.pdf>



## Two Cedar Key Stories Follow



Two stories about Cedar Key follow this one. The first is a report from Sunrider Cleve Cooper about the current situation in Cedar Key, and poses some questions about what we as a club could do to help. The second is an appeal from local Rotarians to form work groups to help in Cedar Key. The question is (see first story); what can we do to help?

## Cedar Key Will Take Years to Rebuild

Cleve and Donna Cooper made a trip to Cedar Key last Thursday to deliver some church-to-church supplies. They reported the day was beautiful, but the destruction was gripping. They talked to Mendy Allen and suggested she think about a project the club might help her or someone with, and she indicated she would think about it and let Cleve know. The folks in Cedar Key are in a state of exhaustion and all the businesses and workers have lost their incomes. Most rental unit owners have canceled their reservations until the first of the year. The clam growers have lost their bags of growing clams and some shoreside processing facilities. Lots of volunteers have gotten debris moved to the street side. Most people are still without sewer service and electricity.

Immediate needs include skilled construction and reconstruction, which are difficult for our club working a day to provide. Another immediate need is getting income flowing to everyone again. We need to think about what we can provide. Here are some ideas:

1. If fish and shellfish are available from the local producers, could we organize to sell seafood to Gainesville consumers?
2. Could the proceeds from the upcoming Seafood Spectacular be redirected to help the City of Cedar Key rebuild the sewer plant or some other city needs that would then benefit everyone?
3. Could Rotary take some portable cookers to Cedar Key and provide meals, with everyone pitching in?
4. The Cedar Key Food Pantry is reopening soon. What about a major food drive to secure donated food to restock the pantry? Some residents depend on the Food Pantry.
5. The museum had moved its collections upstairs, but the downstairs is a mess. Is there something we could do to help? Could some of our own members benefit from a club day of work?
6. What about getting tee shirts printed for Cedar Key and selling them, with the proceeds going to the city? "Come Hell or High water, Clamalat will return." Sell them at Rotary events, online, etc. maybe easier than cooking. this one is from Becky. See sample shirt in the last photo.

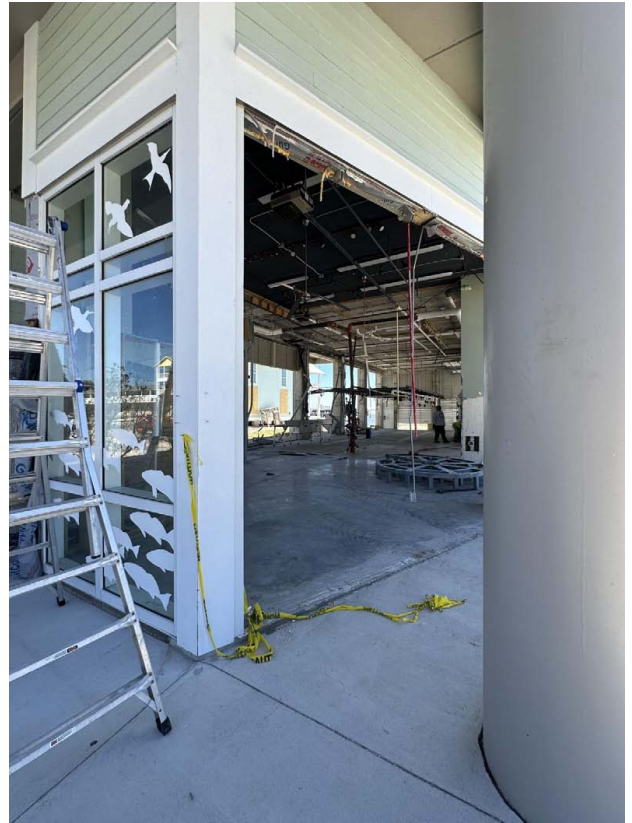


We need to think creatively, folks.

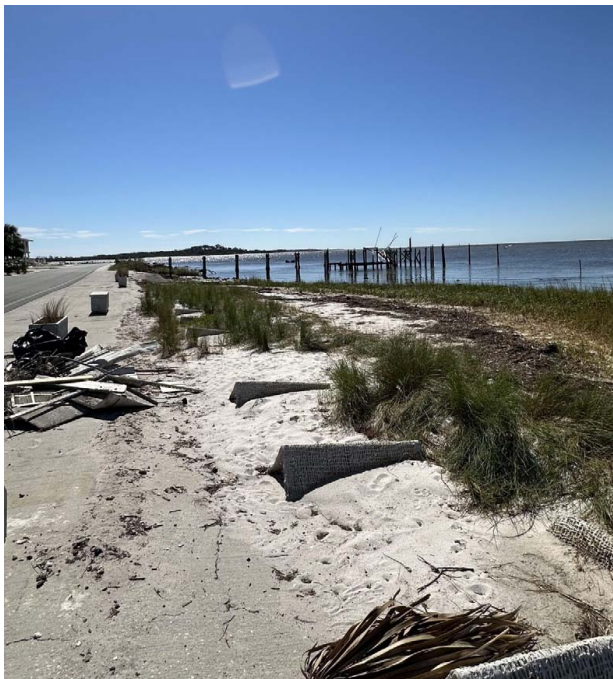
Thanks to Cleve Cooper for the photos.



The aquarium was moved from the back of the room to a blown out section of the front wall.



We used the NCBS for our Cedar Key Weekends. The downstairs is blown out, one stairwell is destroyed, and the elevator is damaged. The faculty and staff are working from home for the rest of this year. Until UF rebuilds the first floor, there is not a lot our club can do during a workday, according to Mike Allen, Director.



We visited this living shoreline project. Some of the vegetation remains, which helped, but the storm surge took its toll.



Motel with first floor blown out.





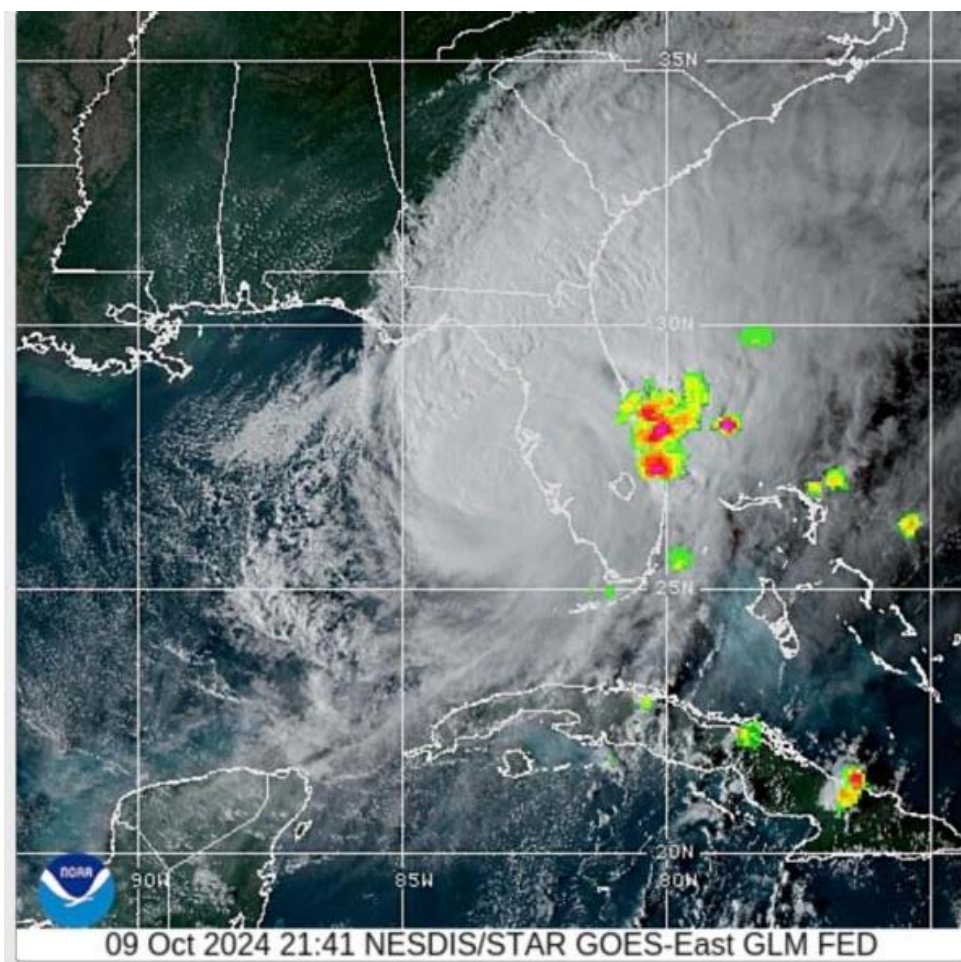


## Rotary Hurricane Relief Cleanup Teams

Fellow Rotarians:  
Your four local Rotary Club Presidents have been looking for more ways we can work together in service. Derek J. Heywood from the Monday Club is coordinating hurricane cleanup efforts starting the weekend of **October 19th**, and he's organizing volunteers into **groups of four**. Derek will determine where teams are needed most, likely in Cedar Key or Yankeetown.

### How You Can Help:

1. **Volunteer:**  
To join a team, please contact Derek at **352-346-6240** or [derbrit@gmail.com](mailto:derbrit@gmail.com). He will coordinate group efforts and guide you on where to go.
2. **Donate:**



If you can't volunteer, financial support is critical. Visit [RotaryFL.org](https://RotaryFL.org), tap "Donate Today," and fill out the form. Your contribution will go directly to helping impacted communities.

3. **Offer Materials or Equipment:** Visit [RotaryFL.org](https://RotaryFL.org) and tap "Give Support" to offer materials or equipment for the relief efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to helping those in need. If interested, we can also coordinate at next week's meeting. Yours in Rotary,

Brett Buell  
[buell.brett@gmail.com](mailto:buell.brett@gmail.com)  
352-872-3232

## Seafood Spectacular Coming in November

Sunriser Darleen Morgan will have Seafood Spectacular tickets available for purchase at this week's meeting.





**ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION**

## *Seafood Spectacular!*

*Join Your Fellow Rotarians for an Evening of Fellowship*

Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM

Rotary Conservation Area – Hatchet Creek

Tickets \$60 each or 5 for \$250 (QR Code for Payment)



Location:  
Newnans Lake Conservation Area  
4841 NE 118 Drive  
Gainesville, FL. 32641

### **Gainesville Opportunity Center Fall Festival**

To my fellow Rotary Club Presidents:

On Friday, November 15, the Gainesville Opportunity Center is having its fourth annual Fall Festival Open House from 11a-5pm. Rotarians have helped us on our journey, and we would like to invite Rotarians from all four clubs to join us in celebration and fellowship. There is no cost to attend, but we suggest a \$10



donation for lunch as we cook out on the grill. We will also have some raffle prizes.

People come and go throughout the day, and we have a lot of great people from all of our community partners flow through during the day.

It is a great time to hang out with a lot of people who are doing a lot of good things in our community.

Along with the 15th, the GOC will have two yard cleanup days with light work needed to make our place look just a little better. I would like to invite Rotarians on Friday Nov 1 from 1-4 or Saturday Nov 2 from 9a-Noon.

The Gainesville Opportunity Center helps adults living with chronic and severe mental illness rejoin the community and lead more meaningful and fulfilling lives.

GOC staff, Board, and members will be present helping with the cleanup. We appreciate any support you might be able to provide either day. I have attached an event flyer and I hope many of you can join us.

Yours in Rotary,

Brett Buell  
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville  
Gainesville Opportunity Center





Gainesville Opportunity Center

*Empowering adults with mental illness since 2006*

## ***FOURTH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL***



***November 15, 2024***

***11am to 5pm***

***1210 NW 14th Avenue, Gainesville***

*Friends, food, and festivities! Join us for tours and meet our Members.*

*Stay and enjoy our cookout. Suggested \$10 donation for meal.*

*Call Brett Buell (352) 224-5523 for sponsorship opportunities!*

*The GOC helps people rejoin the worlds of friendship, family, work and education while providing access to services and supports that help them succeed. We use an award-winning evidence-based approach validated at over 300 centers internationally, which is proven to help individuals with mental illness recover their lives.*

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**Ichetucknee Springs Canoe, Paddle and Kayak**



# Ichetucknee Springs State Park

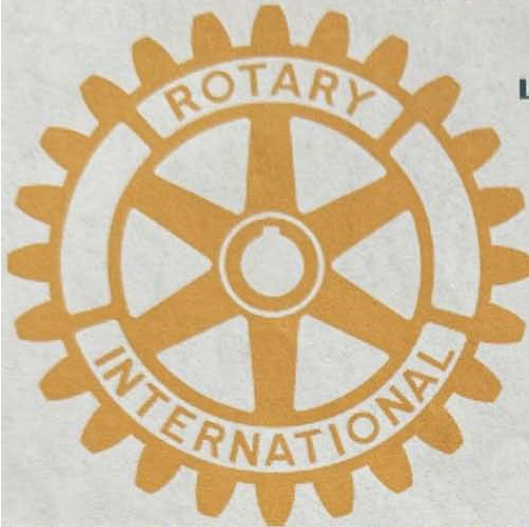
*Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, & Canoeing Trip*

**Date: Sunday, October 27th**

**Location: 12087 Southwest, US-27, Fort White, FL 32038**

**Arrival Time: 9:00AM**

*Lunch to follow*



## Costs:

### Rentals:

**Paddle Board: \$60.00**

**Single Kayak: \$45.00**

**Double Kayak: \$65.00**

**Double Canoe: \$65.00**

**3-Person Canoe: \$85.00**

### "Bring Your Own":

**\$15.00 per "boat"**

**\$15.00 for first person**

**+\$13.00 per extra person**

### Parking:

**\$4.00 for vehicles  
carrying a single  
individual**

**\$6.00 for vehicles  
carrying 2-8  
individuals**



## District Governor Nominations for 2027-28 Now Open



***This is to correct the deadline date in the previous announcement . . .***

Nominations are now being accepted for the District Governor who will serve in the 2027-2028 Rotary year. Please encourage individuals who have served their clubs and communities with distinction to consider expanding their service and sharing their passion and commitment with the District.

The Nominating Committee for District Governor is charged with seeking out and proposing the best available candidate for District Governor-Nominee. Clubs of the district are invited to submit names of candidates using the online nomination form found on the Rotary District 6970 website [Nominating a District Governor](#). **Note that nominations must be submitted by November 5, 2024, for consideration.** The committee, comprised of members representing a cross-section of the district by club size and geographic location, will interview qualified candidates in a timely manner and notify the District Governor of their selection. The selection will be announced to all clubs as prescribed by the District Policies & Procedures.

Qualifications for District Governor are defined in the Rotary Manual of Procedure. In general, the nominee must:



1. Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district.
2. Have served as a club president for a full term or as a charter president for at least six months.
3. Demonstrated willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
5. Submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, and is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.
6. Unless excused by the RI Board, they must attend the 2027 International Assembly for its full duration and have been a Rotarian for at least seven years on July 1, 2027.

Serving as District Governor is a significant honor and privilege as well as a unique opportunity for service. For questions regarding the qualifications, nominating procedure, or personal commitments, please contact any member of the current District Governor Corps or any Past District Governor.

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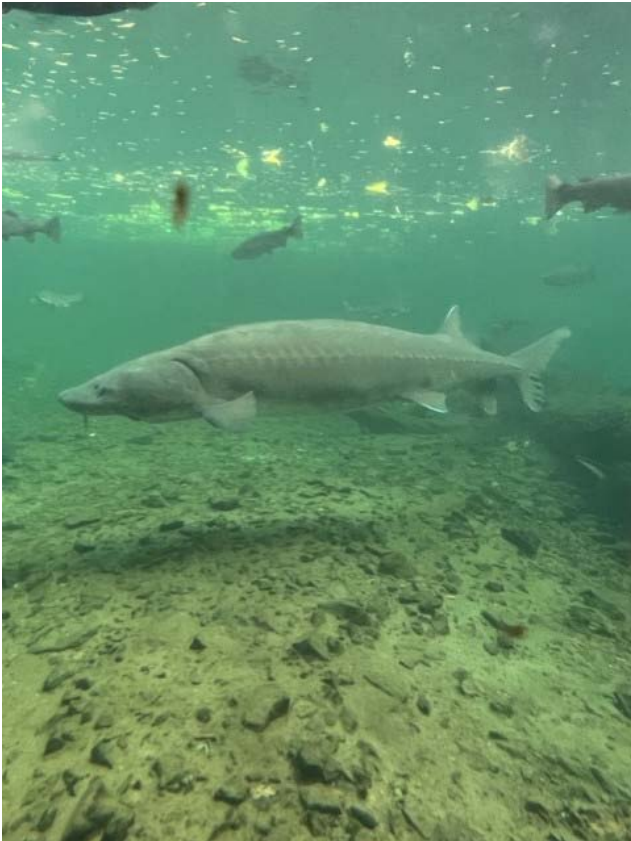
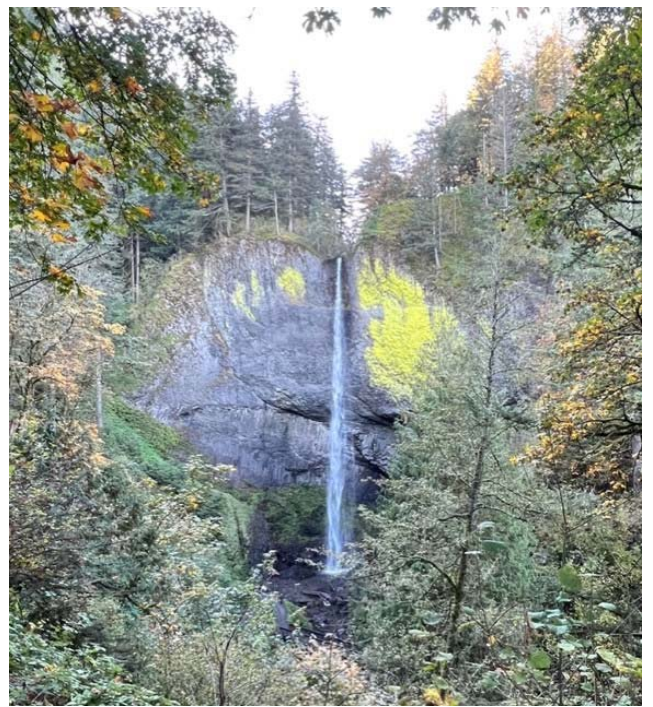
## The Sprangers are in the Pacific Northwest

By Mike Spranger

Enjoying late fall in the Pacific Northwest. A two-week circuit from Portland, Hood River, the high desert country in Bend, then coastal Oregon at Cannon Beach. So far, adventures have included Saturday markets, the famous rose garden, and a trip through the Columbia River Gorge enjoying the vistas, board surfers, and many waterfalls (I did many tours and wrote a book about the region many moons ago). Of course, I sampled the local wines and breweries with many more to follow. We also saw Herman the Sturgeon at a fish hatchery. He's 70 years old, 12 feet long and weighs 550 pounds.







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### Phil Kabler Visits North Carolina

Sunriser Phil Kabler and wife Marjorie Baros, took a trip this past weekend to Highlands, North Carolina. Luckily, Highlands did not have damage like some of the other areas west and north in Western North Carolina. It looks like they were able to see some fall colors.

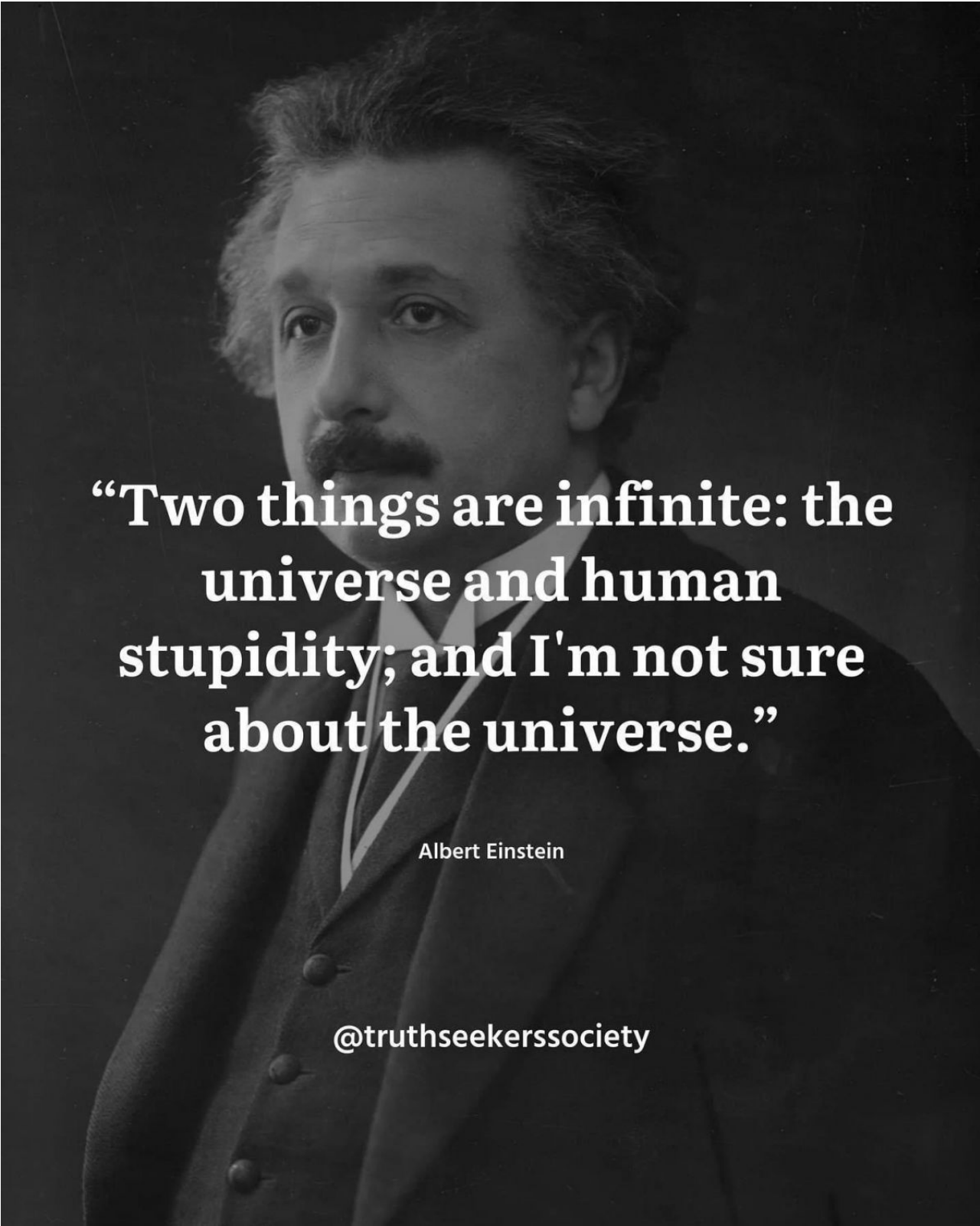




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Quote of the Week October 24, 2024





**“Two things are infinite: the  
universe and human  
stupidity; and I'm not sure  
about the universe.”**

Albert Einstein

@truthseekerssociety

#### 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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