



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](mailto:email to Dorothy Zimmerman) and we will add their name.



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## This Week's Speaker--Bryan Thomas

Saturday, June 3, 2023



Bryan Thomas oversees the Planning, Building, Economic Development and Codes Enforcement Departments for the city of Newberry. No longer a sleepy little town on the east side of Alachua County, Newberry is a major economic driver in the area. Newberry includes the Town of Tioga, the Easton-Newberry Archery Center and the 16 ballfield Nationals Park, which hosts youth baseball tournaments for teams in the Southeast U.S. Bryan will update us on everything happening with the City of Newberry.

### Speakers

**June 08, 2023**

[Bryan Thomas](#)  
Newberry Planning and Economic Development

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[Rotary Youth Exchange](#)  
Three Outgoing Students to Speak

**June 15, 2023**

[Will Frazer](#)  
America's Greatest Math Team

**June 21, 2023**

[Pam Gretter and Sherry Houston](#)  
Gainesville Sunrise Transition Dinner 2023

**June 22, 2023**

[No Breakfast Meeting](#)

**June 29, 2023**

[Gia Arvin](#)  
Real Estate in Gainesville and Statewide

**July 13, 2023**

[Bryan Pope](#)  
Lubee Bat Conservancy

**July 20, 2023**

[Field Trip](#)  
Sports Complex at Celebration Pointe

**August 17, 2023**

[Coach Todd Golden](#)  
Gator Men's Basketball

## Monthly Speaker Chairs Needed

Monday, May 29, 2023

We've had great speakers this past year at Sunrise Rotary. You can be a part of keeping that tradition going while 2023-24 President Sherry leads us for the next year. Diverse, interesting topics are created when 12 Sunrisers step up to the plate and sign up to secure speakers for a month. We need speakers for about 48 weeks each year. That's 3-5 per month, depending on the month. Sign up this week to be a speaker chair for one month next year. In fact, this is such an exciting job that we already have chairs for July, September and December. Chuck Geiger is recruiting monthly chairs and Bobbie Robinson will be circulating the sign-up sheet this Thursday. Grab one of the remaining months before they are gone!



## Important Meeting and Volunteering Reminders

Tuesday, June 6, 2023



The **Transition Dinner** is June 21, 2023. If you go to the Calendar at the Sunrise Rotary website and click on Private Events, you'll see the entry for the Transition Dinner. Click on the name for all the info, and a link to RSVP.

The **Joint Board of Directors Meeting** for both the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 boards is next Wednesday 6/14/2023 at 6 pm at the home of Bobbie Robinson, 8857 SW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32607. Members only, spouses not included.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare dinner for the **Ronald McDonald House Visiting Chef** program, this Saturday, June 10th from 3 - 5 pm. Our club is preparing dinner and 3 - 4 more people are needed.

### Events

Please let Pam Gretter or Leslie Wooten know if you can help.  
Pam - 352-339-8152

## Butterfly Garden Rotary Wheel on the Move

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Darleen Morgan reports that the Butterfly Garden Rotary Wheel is on the move. Bryan Nazworth and his brother-in-law, Frank, have uprooted the wheel and are keeping it in a top-secret location. It will be relocated to the new Ronald McDonald House Butterfly Garden location when the pavers are available for installation.



## District Governor Jeff Back From International Rotary Convention

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

The 2023 Rotary International Convention was held in Melbourne, Australia. Every Rotarian should make an attempt to attend an International Convention. I (Jim Cato) attended one in Lisbon, Portugal some years ago. District 6970 had a great contingent at this year's convention. Below is District Governor Jeff's report. It is long, but will give you an overview of the fun everyone had.

All I can say is that it was again a great Rotary International Convention which was characterized by learning about how much good we do in the world. Whether we were hearing about President Jennifer Jones *Imagine Tour* around the world which focused on Polio and Empowerment of Women or President-Elect Gordon McNally's focus on Mental Health as a result of the personal tragedy in his family resulting from his brother's suicide, we all learned how important our role as Rotarians in our community and around the world is. Fellowship opportunities abounded and Maureen and I were pleased to meet so many of our members either by chance or at planned events.

A clear highlight for us was a [Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship](#) event that featured Penfold's Grange and a chance to share the evening with Rotary International President-Elect Gordon McNally and his delightful wife Heather.

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## Sunrise Bulletin Goes International.....Again



Monday, June 5, 2023

The Sunrise Bulletin came to you from Rome during March and will be issued for the next five weeks from Spanish Cay in the Abaco Islands of the Bahamas. You don't have to go far to get there on Spanish Cay. The Cay is about one-half mile wide and three miles long. Our condo is in the center building, lower right, and overlooks the marina. We did a shakedown cruise and got six yelloweye snappers, two strawberry groupers and two very small bright red coney groupers. Photo magic makes the coney look large in the photo.



## 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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