

Rotary Club of Gainesville Newsletter



Meeting Location:

First Baptist Church Banquet Hall
751 Green Street
Monday at 12:30 PM
Lunch begins serving at Noon
Founded in 1923

Links:

[Club Website](#)
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Club Leaders



[Christina D. Jones](#)
President



[Marsha Hopkins](#)
President - Elect



[Joey Tripp](#)
Secretary



[Zachary T. Propes](#)
Treasurer



[William D. Lee](#)
Membership Director

[William A. Stewart](#)
Membership Vice Director

March 17, 2025 - Michelle R. Prater, President and CEO of the North Georgia Community Foundation



Michelle R. Prater is the President and CEO of the North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF). Originally hailing from Ohio, Michelle has forged a path of remarkable accomplishments. She earned degrees in marketing and management from the University of North Georgia and an MBA in Leadership Development from Brenau University. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership at the Lilly School of Philanthropy, Indiana University.

Before transitioning to the nonprofit sector, Michelle enjoyed a successful banking career. Since joining NGCF in 2015, Michelle has transformed the foundation by tripling its assets and establishing it as a premier nonprofit resource in North Georgia.

Michelle is an active community leader, serving on various boards, including as a Brenau University Trustee, Philanthropy Southeast Community Foundation Council Member, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Board Member. Her past roles include serving on the UNG Mike Cottrell College of Business Advisory Council, as an Evaluation Panel Reviewer for MacKenzie Scott's \$250M Yield Giving Open Call, and on United Way Worldwide councils and Leadership Forsyth. Her contributions were recognized in 2021 when she received the Brenau University Community Service Award, and in 2024 she

was highlighted in the national publication, Inside Philanthropy, for her exceptional philanthropic work and leadership.

Save the Date - Spring Picnic

Rotary
Club of Gainesville



✦ ✦ SAVE THE DATE

Spring Picnic

4.14.25

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Chris Davis
Service Projects
Director



Julia Gesch Hayes
Public Image Director



John LaForge
Sergeant-at-Arms



Corbin Tessmer
Public Image Vice
Director



Carol M. Colón
Executive Club
Secretary



Kathleen Owen
Club Administration
Director



LeTrell E. Simpson
Board Advisor and
R85 Program Director



Jennifer Tarnowski
Club Administration
Vice Director



Dwayne Todd
Ferguson
Service Projects Vice
Director



Michael E Hill
Rotary Foundation
Vice Director



Jon Peterson
Rotary Foundation
Director

Important Event Dates



2025 Important Dates

APRIL 7 - NO MEETING - SPRING BREAK

APRIL 14 - SPRING PICNIC - HOPEWELL FARMS

MAY 15- GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 24 - MIDLAND MUSIC FEST

MAY 26 - NO MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

JUNE 16 - CHANGE OF WATCH

WE WILL NOT MEET ON JUNE 23, JUNE 30, AND JULY 7



Terrell Cleveland
Youth Services Vice
Director



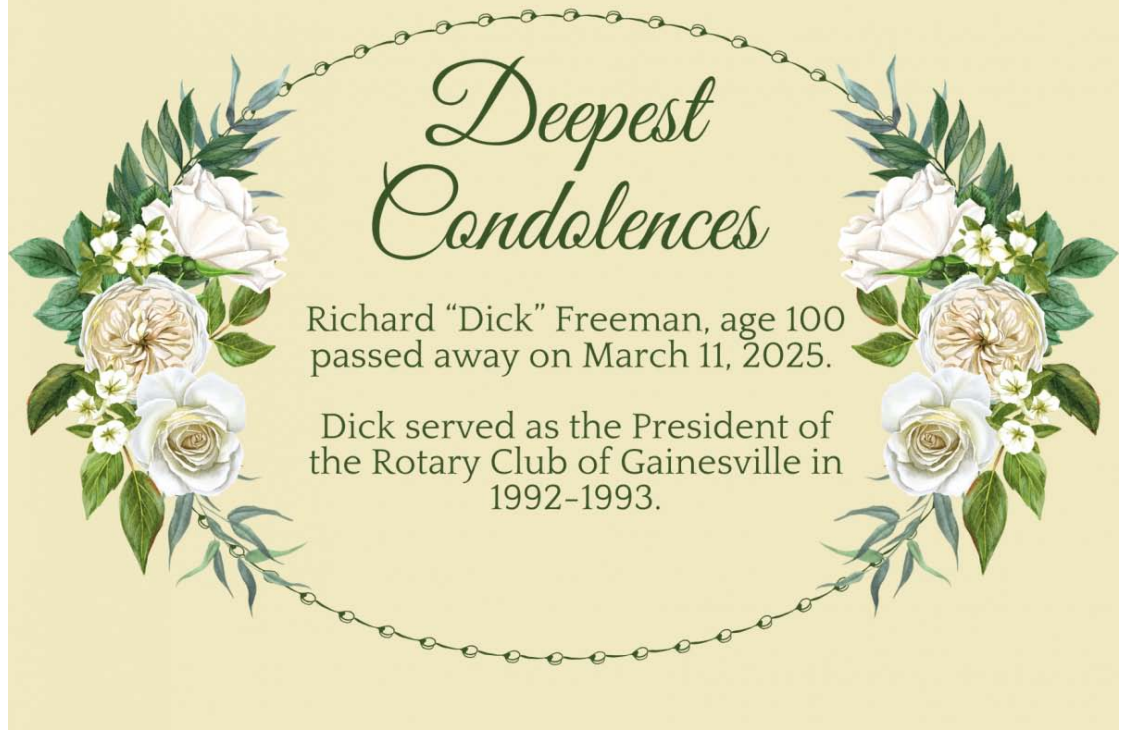
Melissa W Tymchuk
Youth Services
Director



Ron G. Quinn
iPast President



Rotary Club of Gainesville Family of Rotary



Upcoming Schedule



UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

MAR
17

Michelle Prater, President and CEO, North Georgia Community Foundation

MAR
20

Thirsty Thursday - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
North Georgia BBQ, 117 Green Street NE

MAR
24

Board of Directors Meeting - 11:00 am

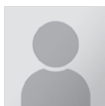
MAR
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Keith Parker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Goodwill of North Georgia



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Birthdays



[Pamela Williams-Lime](#)
March 16th



[Danny Dunagan](#)
March 17th



[Jane Reynolds Hemmer](#)
March 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found