



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

Theresa Beachy--Center for Non-profit Excellence

Speakers

March 13, 2025
[Theresa Beachy](#)
 Center for Non-profit Excellence
 (Community Foundation of NCF)

March 20, 2025
[Harvey Ward](#)
 Mayor of Gainesville

March 27, 2025
[Brian Kramer \(8th Circuit State Attorney\)](#) and [Stacy Scott \(Public Defender\)](#)



The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at the Community Foundation of North Central Florida (formerly the Nonprofit Center of North Central Florida) was launched to enhance the effectiveness of North Central Florida's nonprofit organizations. The Center is designed to provide Executive Directors, and their respective staff and Board members, with information on best practices, tips and tools for organizational operations, and links to resources on a variety of topics.

Events

March 11th
[Spring Social](#)

March 19th
[Board Meeting](#)

March 22nd
[Ichetucknee Springs Paddling Social](#)

April 16th
[Board Meeting](#)

April 26th
[District 6970 Assembly](#)

May 14th
[Board Meeting](#)

June 6th
[District 6970 Conference](#)

June 11th
[Board Meeting](#)

Sunrise Rotary Club March Food Drive for Food4Kids

Last week, Margot DeConna, Executive Director of the Food4Kids Program, gave us a close-up overview of the program. The overall goal is to reduce food insecurity issues for kids in Alachua County. Food4Kids works directly with schools in Alachua County, serving about 9,400 kids each week. Even with this coverage, there are still lots of kids going hungry each day. The Sunrise Rotary Club is collecting nonperishable food items throughout March to support the **Food4Kids Backpack Program**. The most successful food drives focus on food pairings that make it easier for children to prepare meals, such as:

- Cereal & shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Soup & crackers

Thanks to the leadership of Karen Thomas, we're doing a food drive for Food4Kids. Please bring your donations to each Rotary meeting in March. Together, we can help fight food insecurity for kids in our community!

Last Saturday morning, these Sunrisers arrived at the Food4Kids warehouse on 39th Avenue at 8AM to help pack food for distribution this week. We'll have another food-packing session at the end of March to cap off our focus this month on Kids4Food.





Meet New Member Jan Stoorza

Jan Stoorza was born in Wilks-Barre, Pennsylvania. Her family then moved to South Florida. She graduated with a BA in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida, where she met her husband, Jack. They moved to Gainesville for three years while Jack earned his MBA. They then moved to West Palm Beach and lived there for 40 years. They raised two children, Megan and John. Jan's family owns and operates outdoor amusement rides. She served as office manager and handled day-to-day operations. Jan and Jack moved back to Gainesville in 2018 to be close to friends and retire. She likes to quilt, read and garden.



Sunrise Rotary Spring Social Set for TONIGHT, March 11

By Sherry Nungesser Houston



Our Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting our Spring Social TONIGHT, March 11, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Spurrier's Gridiron Grill.

Enjoy delicious appetizers and great company in a relaxed setting—it's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians and introduce a potential new member to the club.

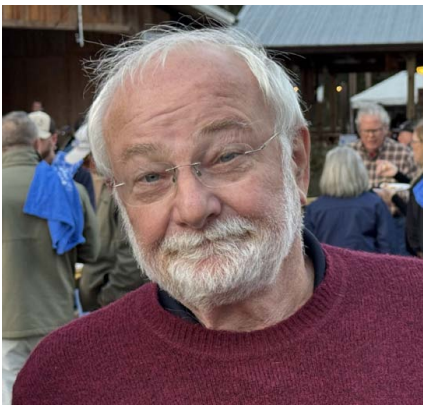
This is our final chance to say good-bye to Ron and Dianne Farb, and a special send-off has been arranged!

Please RSVP to Sherry Houston at snhouston3@gmail.com to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunrisers at the Wild Game Feast

A large group of Sunrisers attended the Wild Game Feast. They made up a part of what seemed like a huge crowd this year. The line of cars waiting to enter stretched several miles down the highway, and the food was excellent. The WGF even ran out of key lime pie for dessert! Enjoy a few photos of those in attendance. If you were there and your photo is not included, the editor just missed you and just wait until next year!







Sunrise Rotary, its members and member companies were also very generous in providing sponsorship of various levels. They were prominently displayed on the back of the tee-shirt given to each attendee:

- Menadier Engineering
- Gray Robinson
- James Moore
- Sherry and Joel Houston
- Sunrise Rotary
- Schneider and Associates
- Quality Plumbing
- CPPI
- Watson Realty
- (Apologies if I missed someone)



How to Make the DACdb 'App' Still Function on Your Phone

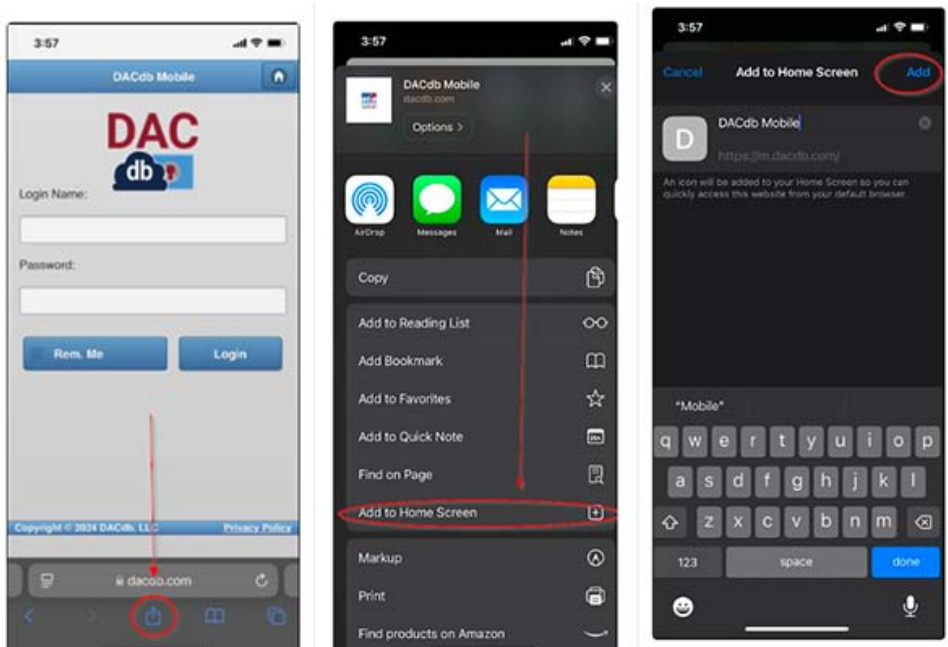
We have recently discovered that the phone app many of us were using to access the telephone numbers of our fellow Rotarians through DACdb is no longer working.

According to DACdb, as of December, 2024 they are no longer performing any updates to the mobile app. It will sunset sometime within the next 12 months.

Our Board of Directors is making a decision as to whether we want to switch to the replacement product for DACdb Mobile, called the IGNITE app. There's a cost to doing so. In the meantime, there's an easy workaround that lets you still access DACdb on your phone.

Here's what to do, for both iPhone and Android users:

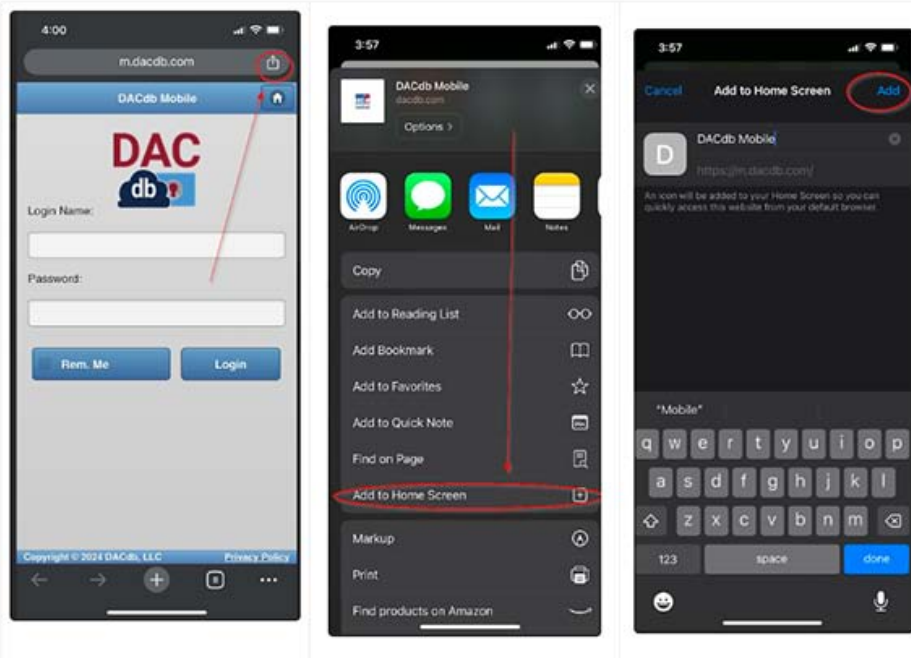
1. First, uninstall the mobile app on your phone by deleting the DACdb icon.
2. For iPhone users, open the Safari browser on your iPhone and navigate to this address: <https://m.dacdb.com/>
3. Follow the three-step process illustrated below.



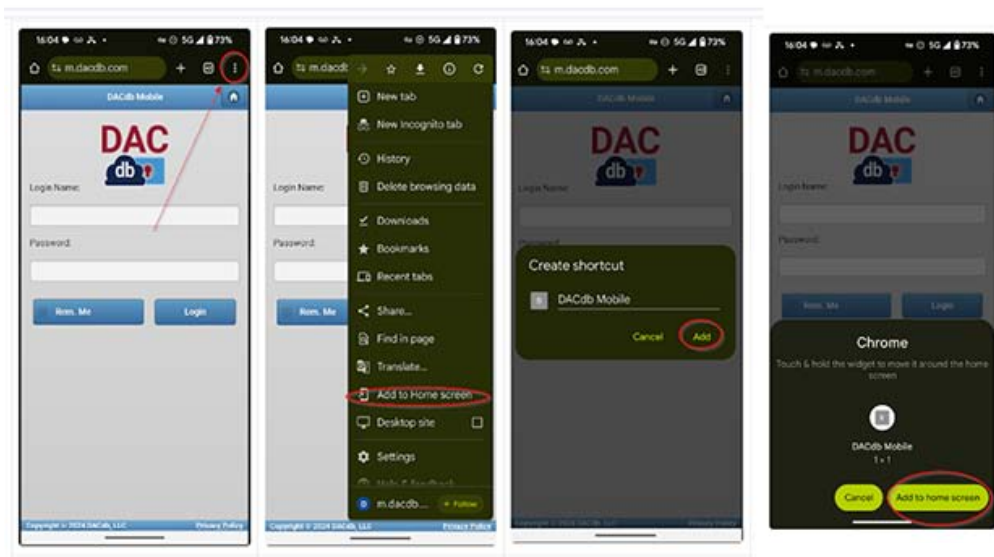
4. You should now see a plain but functional new icon on your phone with a big 'D' in the middle.

If you are using the **Chrome browser on your iPhone**, the process is much the same. Follow Steps 1 and 2 above, then follow the steps in the illustration below:

Chrome (iPhone)



If you are **using an Android phone**, open the Chrome browser. Navigate to <https://m.dacdb.com/>. Then follow the four steps illustrated below:



The steps above only get you so far. If you've not ever logged in to DACdb, you are missing out! Please contact Pam Greter or Dorothy Zimmerman and we can show you how to log in and even help you reset your password. Don't miss out on the full benefits of DACdb! Reach out today and get connected!

Help Us Spark a Grant-Winning Idea—Time is Ticking!

Sunrise Rotarians, we're gearing up to apply for a Rotary District 6970 grant, but we need *your* ideas to make it happen! Whether it's a pressing community need, a potential partner, or a project with impact, we're looking for fresh, meaningful initiatives.

Think big—and think Rotary's areas of focus:

- Promoting Peace
- Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Supporting Education
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Fighting Disease
- Growing Local Economies
- Protecting the Environment

Don't delay—grant applications are due well before April 1, and the clock is ticking. Share your ideas at our next meeting or email them to Bobbie Robinson or Rory Causseaux ASAP. Let's turn inspiration into action!

Join the Sunrise Rotary Paddling Trip – March 22!

By William Menadier

Ichetucknee Springs State Park



2025 Paddling Social

Rotary Club of Gainesville Sunrise

Join us for fun & fellowship paddling the Ichetucknee River, experiencing one of Florida's iconic spring fed waterways. Then bring your appetite as we gather for lunch and tales from the river at Great Outdoors Restaurant.



GREAT OUTDOORS
RESTAURANT
18587 High Springs Main Street
High Springs, FL 32643

Rentals:

Paddle Board: \$60.00
Single Kayak: \$45.00
Double Kayak: \$65.00
Double Canoe: \$65.00

"Bring Your Own":

\$15.00 per "boat"
\$15.00 for first person +
\$13.00 per extra person

Parking: \$4.00 - \$6.00

Saturday, March 22nd
Paddle @ 9:00am | Lunch @ 12:00pm

12087 Southwest, US-27, Fort White, FL 32038

Sunrise Rotarians, grab your paddles and get ready for a day of adventure on the beautiful Ichetucknee River! Our annual Paddling Social is set for Saturday, March 22, starting at 9:00 AM. After a morning on the water, we'll gather for lunch and camaraderie at the Great Outdoors Restaurant in High Springs. Club members not able to kayak or paddle: Join the exhausted group of outdoors folks at the Great Outdoors Restaurant around noon to enjoy the merry-making and lunch.

Rentals are available, or bring your own kayak, canoe, or paddleboard. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon and don't miss this chance to experience one of Florida's iconic spring-fed rivers with fellow Rotarians!

For pricing and details, [download and print out the event flyer](#) or reach out to the trip organizers, Bill Menadier or Dan Rodkin. See you on the water or at the Great Outdoors Restaurant!

Quote of the Week--March 13, 2025

Perhaps most eg(g)regiously, the USDA is encouraging Americans to cope with high egg prices by raising their own flocks.

"How do we solve something like this?" Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said. "People are sort of looking around and thinking, 'Wow, maybe I could get a chicken in my backyard,' and it's awesome."

Source: Washington Post, March 9, 2025.



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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