

Rotary



Club of
Downtown Gainesville



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Club Information

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville,
Florida #27544
Chartered September 18, 1990
Charter President J. Ben Rowe

In person meetings have resumed on
Wednesdays at Noon at the
Paramount Grill,
12 SW First Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Club Website:
<https://downtowngainesvillerotary.org/>

Club Leaders



Brenda Chamberlain
President



Carl Smart
President-Elect



William S. Combs
Treasurer



Jennifer Watson-Reddish
Secretary



Perry Pursell
Sergeant-at-Arms



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.
Club Director



Clay Martin III
Club Director

Megan Olson
Club Director

Welcome

*Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

ROTARY THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOW ROTARIANS!



Rebecca W. Hunt
Club Director



Albert Anthony Losch Jr.
Bulletin Editor



Diane Marie Robar
IPast President



Stephanie Esposito
Social Media and Public Relations
Chair

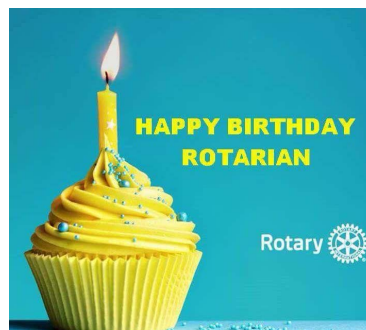


Jennifer Mehrkens Van Hart
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

Albert Anthony Losch Jr.
September 29th
Joseph E. Lowry
October 2nd
Brenda Chamberlain
October 6th
Edward A Emery
October 10th
John A Sanchez
October 19th
Patricia Craddock
October 28th



CHERYL POE
September 23

PERRY PURSELL
September 25

ED BOOK
September 27

AL LOSCH
September 29th

Stephanie Lynge



Looking forward to welcoming our speaker for the September 29th meeting, Stephanie Lynge. Stephanie is the Artistic Director at the Hipp and the title of her presentation is ♡The Hippodrome 49th Season - Back in the Spotlight.♡ See you at noon!

Paramount Lunch Link September 29th

By Jennifer Watson-Reddish



If you plan to have lunch at our meeting on Wednesday,
don't forget to send in your order !

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 AM on WEDNESDAYS

The link for SEPTEMBER 29th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMKBKS7>

CONGRATULATIONS!! OUR CLUB EARNED 2020-21 ROTARY CITATION AWARD

Dear 2020-21 Club President,

Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2020-21. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future

The Rotary Citation, sometimes referred to as the Presidential Citation, is awarded to clubs that meet certain

goals or criteria established each year by the incoming Rotary International President.

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Downtown Gainesville

for helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Holger Knaack".

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

WINE TO WATER / WES SKILES WATER STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III



9th Annual Wine to Water/ Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 AT 6 PM EDT ♦ 8 PM EDT

Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention

On October 20th, 6-8PM outdoors at the Cade Museum, Wes Skiles ♦ memory will be honored at the 9th annual Wine to Water/Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards. The event includes recognition of this year's award winners and a keynote presentation by Terry D Garcia, former Executive VP Mission Programs, National Geographic Society and current Founder & CEO of Exploration Ventures. Terry worked with Wes on several Nat Geo Explorations and will share his favorite photos as he describes the psyche of an explorer.

In-person tickets: \$50 per person which includes outdoor seating, hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine.

- Join virtually: \$25 donation

- Raffle to win prizes, including this year's theme photo of Wakulla Springs Exploration by Wes Skiles, framed by Fracture.

To purchase any of the above, visit www.wesskileswater.eventbrite.com and click on the image!

THANK YOU
to all of our sponsors!

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Florida's 89.1 WUFT-FM

WCJB Channel 20

Fracture



There were 14 outstanding nominations for the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards this year! Each nominee was well qualified and worthy of receiving the Award. As you can imagine, the selection committee had its work cut out for it. The winners will be revealed once they have been notified by Cheryl..

WORLD POLIO DAY

By Ed Book



ROTARY Ride for POLIO CHALLENGE

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021

GAINESVILLE HEALTH AND FITNESS



The Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville challenges our fellow Rotarians to ride for World Polio Day.

Each Team or Individual will contribute their sponsored ride to their club's contribution to END POLIO. Each Team or Individual will be responsible for their sponsorship money and releasing it to the appropriate club officer to be sent to ENDPOLIO.

\$1 dollar per minute is a suggested amount but the challenge can be to up the ante or make other creative challenges to increase your contribution. A Rider can self-sponsor for \$30 .

16 Slots Available for the Two Hour Sponsored Ride / \$1 per minute for:

Relay Teams of Four: each member attempts 1/2 hour (Relay members can substitute at any time)

Relay Teams of Two: each member attempts 1 hour (or subs)

Individuals: Ride for Two Hours

Non-Rotarians Gainesville Health and Fitness members will receive a guest pass or can be a guest of another Member-Rider.

For your ride slot, contact Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville President Rick Fabiani, II Esq. at Richard.fabiani@gmail.com



LAST WEEK TO HELP!

By Brenda Chamberlain

Donations of feminine hygiene products would be gratefully accepted for the PACE center students. We will be collecting them at our September meetings. THANKS!



About Pace Alachua

Pace Center for Girls Alachua, located in Gainesville, Florida, was opened in 1998. Since that time, Pace Alachua has served over 1,500 girls by providing holistic social, academic, and career-building services to girls in need in our community.

Our passion

Pace Alachua is dedicated to serving at-risk girls by helping them find their voice and providing tools to help them reach their full potential. Most girls come to us at a very critical time in their lives. A time when they are faced with challenging decisions and life circumstances that could shape the course of their future. We in turn provide our girls with the support and resources they need to position them for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy.

For more information: <https://www.pacecenter.org/locations/alachua>

DICTIONARY PROJECT

By Diane Marie Robar

COMING SOON!!

It's that time of year ... the annual Dictionary Project! The 4 local Rotary clubs pool resources and funds so that we are able to distribute dictionaries to all area 3rd graders. This year it is Downtown Rotary's turn to coordinate the project and make sure the tradition continues.

Specific details are still being worked out .. however, it's looking like the week of October 11th will be THE week for the labeling party and the delivery of dictionaries.. all 2300 of them!!

The schoolboard has not yet advised us if we will be able to deliver the dictionaries to the students in person or if we will have to just drop the books off at school offices. It doesn't matter. What DOES matter is that we will need a lot of hands to make this event happen smoothly. YOUR HELP will be needed (especially since it is our club that is in charge this year.)



Event Calendar



~~~~~ DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE BULLETIN ~~~~~

MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER

COLLECTION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR PACE

[brendac6970@gmail.com](mailto:brendac6970@gmail.com)



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| <b>OCTOBER 16th</b>                                    | ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)<br>Daytona State College Flagler/Palm Coast Campus Palm Coast, FL 32137    | <a href="https://www.rltraining.org/course-information/course-schedule">https://www.rltraining.org/course-information/course-schedule</a><br><i>Scroll down to August 28th, click on "More Info" and follow the prompts.</i> |
| <b>OCTOBER 20th</b>                                    | WES SKILES WATERSHIP AWARDS<br>WINE TO WATER                                                                 | jimskiles3@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>OCTOBER 24th</b>                                    | RIDE TO END POLIO<br>Gainesville Health & Fitness Center<br>details in bulletin                              | bookgainesville@aol.com                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>NOVEMBER 5-6</b>                                    | VIBRANT CLUB CONFERENCE<br>DISTRICT 6970<br>Renaissance World Golf Village Resort<br>St. Augustine, FL 32092 | <a href="https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947">https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947</a>                                                                                                              |
| <b>ONGOING<br/>First Monday</b>                        | GRACE MARKETPLACE volunteer orientation signup .                                                             | <a href="https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/">https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ONGOING<br/>Tues, Thurs and<br/>Sat. 11 am-4 pm</b> | Donations to Grace Marketplace                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Speaker / Coordinator Schedule

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

### September Speakers, provided by Perry Purcell

September 1: Alex Graham, Grow Thyme

September 8: Pat Craddock

September 15 : David Cobellia, King of the Springs

September 22: Staci Bertrand, VP of Economic Development, Greater Gainesville Chamber

September 29: Stephanie Lynge, Artistic Director, Hippodrome Theatre

**Jim Skiles is the Chief Speaker Coordinator- please have all speaker submissions in to Jim and social media chair Stephanie Esposito as soon as you have confirmation .**

**Jim's email:- jimskiles3@gmail.com**

**Stephanie's email: Stephanie\_Esposito@mbhcl.org**

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Coordinator | Jim Skiles    | 352-538-0293 |  |
| September   | Perry Pursell |              |  |
| October     | Brett Buell   |              |  |
| November    | Becky Hunt    |              |  |
| December    | Al Losch      |              |  |

## SPEAKER SIGNUP

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

**YOUR ROTARY**



**What makes a great Rotary club?**

**YOU do.**

July, August and October are the only months looking for a speaker - finder. Please consider stepping up and helping out. Don't forget you can share a month with a fellow club member, if that works better.

We are fortunate to have two great colleges to draw speakers from, in addition to the variety of contacts you have in your profession and your circle of friends. (And of course, I am always available to help or if this is your first time to volunteer).

And a BIG thanks to all who have already signed up !

Please use the Sign Up Genius link below, so we can continue to have speakers who expand our minds and enlighten our day.

Questions? please contact me at [jimskiles3@gmail.com](mailto:jimskiles3@gmail.com)

In joy,  
Jimbo

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0-speaker1>

## THANKS to the 2020 WINE TO WATER SPONSORS!!

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

As plans get underway for the 9th annual Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Wine to Water event, let us take a moment to thank the 2020 Sponsors whose generous donations helped to make our event such a success.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO



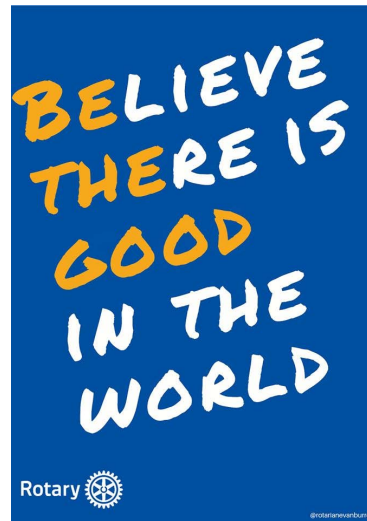


PERRY PURSELL

COLDWELL BANKER COMMERCIAL/M.M. PARRISH REALTORS



## ROTARIANS!



## DISASTER RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ROTARY

### AFGHAN REFUGEES

The Rotaract Club of Gainesville is collecting donations for refugees from Afghanistan who are being resettled in Jacksonville and its surrounding areas. The Jacksonville office of Catholic Charities has a refugee resettlement program and is resettling 200 Afghan refugees through March 2022. (Note: Catholic Charities is committed to serving everyone regardless of faith and 97 percent of its clients are non-Catholic and does not proselytize to its clients.)

Here is the Wish List made up of items that Catholic Charities Jacksonville is collecting:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AH6ZRG3UY852?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AH6ZRG3UY852?ref_=wl_share).

Or, if you prefer, here is a list of **new items** that we are collecting: Rotarian Richard Allen has graciously offered to collect items at his office in the **Firestone Building on West University Avenue (304 W. University Ave.) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

- Bedding (comforter sets and sheets for queen-, full- and twin-size beds)
- Kitchen Supplies (dishware, utensils, pots, pans, over mitts, cutting boards, dish towels, dish clothes)
- General Household Decorations (rugs, pictures, lamps, etc.)
- Queen-, full- and twin-size beds and mattresses and frames
- Household cleaning supplies (multipurpose cleaner, bleach, air freshener, sponges, Pine-Sol, mop, broom and dustpan, etc.)

**The Rotaract Club will be able to take monetary donations through Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation**, which will then be passed along to Catholic Charities' Jacksonville office. If you're interested in giving in this way, please let us know by responding to this message, and we will send you the information on how to facilitate that. Please email Rotarian TJ Pychet: [pychetj@gmail.com](mailto:pychetj@gmail.com)

## HURRICANE IDA RELIEF

HURRICANE IDA  
AFFECTING OUR FAMILY OF ROTARY  
US GULF COAST ROTARY DISTRICTS 6200 (LA) & 6840 (MS)

D6970 YORK FOUNDATION (501c-3) HURRICANE IDA DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

*t this early stage, our D6970 Emergency & Disaster Relief Committee has made preliminary contacts with the respective US Gulf Coast Districts. Our fellow Rotarians throughout these Districts will be performing both their short & long-term recovery assessments during the near future. To assist them financially, our District has set up a donation program;*

### BY CHECK

**Payable to:** The York Foundation, Inc.

**Send to:** ROTARY DISTRICT 6970 YORK FOUNDATION, INC. P.O. BOX 47195, JACKSONVILLE FL 32247

**Note that payee instructions state:** District 6970 HURRICANE IDA 2021 DISASTER RECOVERY FUND;

and, Name of Donor / Rotary-Rotaract Club

Please Indicate to Whom & Where (Address) Receipt is to be Sent / With Name of The Family of Rotary Organization / Along with EMAIL-PHONE Contact Information

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST GENEROUS !SUPPORT!**



## HAITI 2021 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

From ROTARY DISTRICT 7020 (which includes Haiti as well as other countries in the area)

As you read and saw on the news, on August 14, 2021, there was a powerful Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake with damaging aftershocks. It struck South-Western Portions of Haiti, Primarily Near Les Cayes. Heavy Damage to Infrastructure & Housing / Initial Reports of Almost TWO Thousand Dead as Well as Injuring Nearly TEN Thousand. *Housing Leveled, Leaving Thousands*

and Thousands Without Homes. Hospitals Overwhelmed. Churches / Schools / Hotels Damaged. Very Complex Operating Environment

Urgent Need for ASSISTANCE with  
MEDICAL / SHELTER / NUTRITION / WATER supplies

**A DISASTER RECOVERY FUND has been established through Rotary. If you would like to contribute, you may do so either through PayPal or by check. District 6970 is participating and offers these options for you to contribute :**

### PayPal:

We have a PayPal link set up for the D6970 York Foundation (501c-3), for individuals to donate to directly. The District Leadership Team and the District 6970 Emergency & Disaster Relief Committee will be ensuring that these funds are distributed in a manner that will ensure effective aid to those that need it most.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=5M9QVSEF6M5V4&source=url)

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### Check:

Payable to: The York Foundation, Inc.

Send to: Ms. Patti Chapman, ROTARY District 6970 Administrative Assistant, YORK FOUNDATION, INC. P.O. BOX 47195, Jacksonville FL 32247

Note that payee instructions state: District 6970 HAITI 2021 DISASTER RECOVERY FUND; and, Name of Donor / Rotary-Rotaract Club

Please Indicate to Whom & Where (Address) Receipt is to be Sent / With Name of The Family of Rotary Organization / Along with EMAIL-PHONE Contact Information

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

HAITI 2021 D6970 YORK FOUNDATION (501c-3) DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Board members of the Downtown Club consider these RLI courses to be a unique opportunity for all Rotarians to learn about the many facets of Rotary as well as to share the experience with many other Rotarians from around the District. Because this is such a valuable program to all Rotarians, the Board has agreed to subsidize the registration fees for the RLI courses.

((NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!))

## Rotary Leadership Institute

*building a better Rotary through education*



A successful Rotary Club is best maintained by enhancing members' leadership skills and Rotary knowledge taught at RLI

**New Date: Saturday, October 16th**



The date was changed after careful consideration of current COVID-19 activity. Input was received from a number of sources including the county health department. We believe this is the best choice to provide a fun event while assuring health and safety for all our attendees.

**Breakfast & Sign-In 7:00 – 7:45am**  
**Classes 8:00am to 3:00pm**

**Daytona State College**  
**Flagler/Palm Coast Campus**  
**3000 Palm Coast Pkwy., Bldg. #3**  
**Palm Coast, FL 32137**

**\$100.00 Fee per Rotarian**  
**includes class registration,**  
**course material notebook,**  
**breakfast, lunch, facility fees and**  
**course completion certificate**  
*Some clubs subsidize this expense.*  
*Ask your club leadership for details.*

At RLI, you will share discussions with newer members starting their Rotary journey as well as members of many years all looking to expand their Rotary knowledge. You will learn from different perspectives of Rotarians from around our District. And, you will have time for networking with those same Rotarians. Remember, discussion group size is limited and **registration closes on Tuesday, October 5th**. Register today!

Service Projects, Rotary Opportunities, Analyzing Your Rotary Club, Strategic Planning, Foundation Grants, Effective Leadership Strategies, and the History of Rotary are just some of the interesting topics that will be discussed. Plus a special Graduate Class will focus on **Membership**... a lively and timely topic available to all RLI Part 3 Graduates.

Join us for "In-Person" RLI... **October 16th in Palm Coast!** For more information, contact District 6970 RLI Director Mickey Ulmer at [alljustright@aol.com](mailto:alljustright@aol.com) or 904-583-1032.



District 6970 VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR



#### Vibrant Club Seminar / District 6970 All-Flamingo Celebration is now open!

Registration Link: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947>

**WHEN:** Conference Kick-off Party: Friday, Nov. 5 @ 6:00pm  
Vibrant Club Seminar Saturday Nov 6 @ 9:00am  
District Conference Celebration Nov 6 @ 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Renaissance World Golf Village Resort  
500 South Legacy Trail  
St. Augustine, FL 32092  
904.940.8636

World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort for \$149 / night  
[Book your group rate for Rotary District 6970 - 2021 District Conference](#)  
Event Summary: A Flamingo Celebration of Rotary Year 2020-21!  
Start Date: Friday, November 5, 2021  
End Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021  
Last Day to Book: Thursday, October 21, 2021

#### 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE  
2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES?**

**IT IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND  
ONE OF ROTARY'S  
MOST EXTRAORDINARY AND INSPIRING EVENTS**



The proximity of the 2022 Convention will present a great opportunity to be part of what is always an exciting and inspiring event. Our District was well represented in Atlanta and it would be fantastic to again share the experience of a live, in-person event after a long, unintentional hiatus.

2022 Rotary International Convention:  
Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas. Join us next year to explore what's possible in Rotary, in Houston, and in yourself. For more information or to register for this unforgettable experience, go to <https://convention.rotary.org/>

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Also, hotel room blocks are already selling out. To guarantee a prime location, nearest the Convention Center, members should consider making hotel reservations right away. Links can be found at [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org/en/2022convention) by following the Houston 2022 Convention pages or going to: [registration.experiencetevent.com/showROT221/](https://registration.experiencetevent.com/showROT221/).

Many of you have had the experience of attending an International Convention. There really is nothing like it to fully capture the spirit of Rotary and to begin to understand the great scope and impact of our organization.

**END POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24TH**



<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>

**October 24, 2021**

**One Day. One Focus: End Polio NOW**

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



**READING PALS SAYS THANKS FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

By Brenda Chamberlain



**THANKS, Downtown Rotary, for the school supply donations to the READING PAL program. They will be put to good use, THANK YOU!**



Brenda Chamberlain and READING PAL coordinator, Rahkiah Bown

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH



THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to our officer of the month, ACSO Deputy Cal Doeing, nominated by his supervisor, Sgt. Townsend. We deeply appreciate your commitment to the safety of our community!

## OFFICER RECOGNITION

It was our honor to recognize Alachua County Deputy Sheriff Steve Pillar as Officer of the Month . He was nominted by supervisor Lieutenant Levy. Thank you for your dedicated service to the citizens of Alachua County!



## SANTA FE ShareWear workday

By Diane Marie Robar on Sunday, August 1, 2021

It's happening, folks!! First work day and beginning stages of ShareWear refurbishing , thanks to [Rotary District 6970](#) grant monies!

Thanks to Downtown Rotarians Rob Ogelsby, Becky Hunt, Marina Jordan, and Brenda Chamberlain for partnering with [Santa Fe College](#), Career Service Council, and [Santa Fe College](#)



[Rotaract Club](#) to help with the clothes sorting.

This is OUR club's project and WE club members need to do our part to help make it successful. Brenda is coordinating the volunteers for this ongoing service project. Please contact her at [brendac6970@gmail.com](mailto:brendac6970@gmail.com) to let her know you are interested in serving in this project.

There are some pre-requisites that must be completed before you can help. (see below)

Volunteers cannot begin service at SF in any capacity prior to meeting with Human Resources to complete the onboarding process and submitting the discrimination and harassment training certificate of completion.

- An appointment is necessary, however the process normally takes less than 15 minutes once we have **all required documents**:
- - **Government issued photo ID (SF Student ID does not qualify)**
  - **The discrimination and harassment training certificate of completion (training available at: <https://learn.ue.org/QV8DU191622/SFCEmployee>).**
  - You will also be fingerprinted at this time. Please let me know what day/time you are available between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30 pm, and I will see what we have available on our calendar, in order to find a date and time that works for both of us.



## HAVE SOME OLD BIKES LAYING AROUND ??

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III



Old, used, worn out bikes taking up space in your garage? I ♦m pleased to share that it can be repaired or parts recycled and given to a child for free through Lake Area Bike in Melrose. I took 2 that my grandkids had outgrown and Pete promptly offered a ♦grown up ♦ replacement to my granddaughter at no charge. A donation was offered but not accepted. Just bring me more bikes so I have plenty to give away, especially needed prior to Christmas was his response. Here ♦s the couples contact if you ♦d like to make a donation and I will be glad to deliver your bike (from Weds lunch mtg). Just let me know in advance. ((Jimbo))

Anne and Pete  
Lake Area Bike  
1225 SE County Rd 21B  
Melrose  
941-357-6901

## GRACE MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS

By Cheryl Poe

Downtown Gainesville Rotarians have generously given their time to volunteer at the Grace Marketplace Clothes Closet over the past several years. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to help for the past year...but that's about to change and we will once again be able to volunteer with them.

Grace Marketplace now requires **all** volunteers to participate in a volunteer orientation before they help at Grace. These online orientations will be offered on the first Monday of each month, 6 - 7 pm.

Here is the link to sign up for the orientation:

<https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/>

## UPDATING YOUR CLUB INFORMATION

### UPDATING MEMBER PROFILE:

Billy Brame recently shared with the club about his experience when checking his club/personal information on our District membership platform. We used to use ClubRunner for club administration. Now we are with DACDB (District and Club DataBase).

When we moved our records from Clubrunner to DAC, some club member information apparently did not transfer over. Billy found a few areas in his club member file that needed updating and tweaking. He generously drew up a ♦how to ♦ document to help you navigate the site and check your information. It is not not hard to do, especially with his very clear directions.

It is up to each club member to personally take a few minutes and verify/update their information as you are the only ones who can do so. Here is the link to Billy's "how to" information. ((BIG thanks to Billy for taking the time to compose and share with club members!!))

[https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/Instructions%20on%20updating%20your%20Member%20Profile%20\(1\)\(1\).docx](https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/Instructions%20on%20updating%20your%20Member%20Profile%20(1)(1).docx)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!



CONGRATS to our fellow Downtown member , Marina Jordan, as she was named the [Santa Fe College](#) Outstanding College Advisor of the Year. Marina works in the International student division at Santa Fe.

## NEW MEMBER



We are so delighted to welcome Lauri Schiffbauer Black as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville!



Lauri is the Executive Director of St. Francis House. She has worked in the nonprofit world since 1985, here in Gainesville and in Indiana. Lauri, along with her husband, is a former Rotarian, having been a member of the Indiana Midday Rotary Club. During their time in Rotary, they have both worked on coordinating events for the Rotary Student Exchange Program.

## ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

**ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS** [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships)

*Rotary Fellowships* are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to

- ◆ Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- ◆ Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- ◆ Make new friends around the world
- ◆ Explore new opportunities for service
- ◆ Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary

*How Rotary Fellowships Operate*

- ◆ Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- ◆ Membership in fellowships is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- ◆ Fellowships must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries
- ◆ Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group's administration.
- ◆ Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI.

*Some Benefits of Rotary Fellowships*

- ◆ Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of their own club, district, or country.
- ◆ Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace
- ◆ Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing members

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

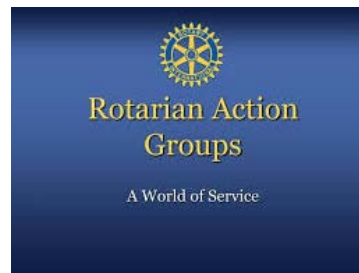
A FEW of the different fellowships include (and this list is by no means complete!)

- Rowing
- Scouting
- Scuba
- Shooting Sport
- Singles
- Skiing
- Social Networks
- Strategic Planning
- Surfing



- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Travel and Hosting
- Triathlon
- Wellness and Fitness
- Whisk(e)y
- Wildlife Conservation
- Wine
- Yachting
- Yoga
- [Cruising](#)
- [Cultural Heritage](#)
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- [Environment](#)
- [Esperanto](#)

## Rotarian Action Group



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M\\_IIIY6bIg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M_IIIY6bIg)

### What are Rotarian Action Groups?

**Rotary Action Groups support causes around the globe**

Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise. The groups are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient, and have a passion for service, in a particular field.

Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs

By joining a Rotarian Action Group, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside our own club, district, or country.

For more information, see <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>

Here is a list of the categories of current Rotarian Action Groups:

**AIDS and Family Health** [www.rfha.org](http://www.rfha.org) **Alzheimer's and Dementia** <http://adrag.org/>  
**Blindness Prevention** <http://www.rag4bp.org>  
**Blood Donation** <http://ourblooddrive.org/>  
**Clubfoot** [www.rag4clubfoot.org](http://www.rag4clubfoot.org)  
**Dentistry** <http://www.ragdvt.com>  
**Diabetes** <http://www.ragdiabetes.org>  
**Disaster Assistance** [www.dna-rag.com](http://www.dna-rag.com)  
**Endangered Species** <http://www.endangeredrag.org>  
**Environmental Sustainability** <http://www.esrag.org>  
**Food Plant Solutions** <http://foodplantsolutions.org>  
**Health Education and Wellness** [www.hewrag.org](http://www.hewrag.org)  
**Hearing** <http://www.ifrahl.org>  
**Hunger and Malnutrition** <http://www.alleviatehunger.org>  
**Literacy** <http://www.litrag.org>  
**Malaria** <http://www.remarag.org>  
**Mental Health** <http://ragonmentalhealth.org>  
**Microfinance and Community Development** <http://ragm.org>  
**Multiple sclerosis** <http://rotary-ragmsa.org>  
**Peace** <http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org>  
**Polio Survivors and Associates** <http://www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com>  
**Population and Development** <http://www.rifpd.org>  
**Preconception Care** <http://www.raghphc.org>  
**Slavery** <http://ragas.online>  
**Water and Sanitation** [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)

## WE ARE



Our District

**We are 63 clubs, two satellite clubs, 15 Rotaract clubs and 44 Interact clubs strong, serving 31 Northeast Florida communities in 12 counties with over 3,300 men and women. Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.**

**ESTABLISHED 1915**

## Club Information

**Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, Florida #27544**  
**Chartered September 18, 1990**  
**Charter President J. Ben Rowe**

**In person meetings have resumed on Wednesdays at Noon at the  
 Paramount Grill,  
 12 SW First Avenue  
 Gainesville, Florida**

**Club Website:** <https://downtowngainesvillerotary.org/>

## Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

| MEMBER                    | JOINED    | CLUB SERVICE         | TRF            | POI                |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| John Anderson             | 4/1/2017  |                      | * PHF          | Brett Buell        |
| Walt Barry                | 1/1/2003  | PP 09-10             | * PHF4         | Pradeep Kumar      |
| Ed Book                   | 2/1/2009  | PP 13-14 Area Gov    | * BR PHF2      | Ed Oehmig          |
| Matt Bowman               | 12/1/2016 |                      | * PHF          | Walt Barry         |
| Billy Brame               | 7/1/1976  | PP (RCGG)            | * PHF+6        | Neal Cohen         |
| David Bridges             | 2/1/2019  |                      | *PHF           | Matt Bowman        |
| Brett Buell               | 9/1/2015  |                      | * PHF+1        | John Anderson      |
| <i>Brenda Chamberlain</i> | 1/1/2019  | President 2021-22    | *PHF           | Megan Olson        |
| Neal Cohen                | 7/1/1989  |                      | * PHF3         | Billy Brame        |
| <i>Billy Combs</i>        | 4/1/1992  | PP 97-98             | * MD / BR PHF8 | Greg Fleming       |
| Pat Craddock              | 9/1/2006  | PP 10-11             | * MD @ PHF8    | Al Losch           |
| Ed Emery                  | 9/1/2015  |                      | * PHF          | Ray Snook          |
| <i>Stephanie Esposito</i> | 6/12/2020 | Director             | *PHF           | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Chessie Flanders          | 4/1/2017  | PP 19-20, AG 1, AG2  | * PHF          | Jennifer Reddish   |
| Greg Fleming              | 3/1/1994  | PP 05-06             | * PHF3         | Billy Combs        |
| Megan Forbes              | 1/1/2001  | PP 04-05             | * BR @ PHF6    | Joe Lowry Jr.      |
| Don Frowick               |           | PP 94-95             | MD / HM        | n/a                |
| Marta Hartmann            | 05/2021   |                      |                | Marina Jordan      |
| <i>Becky Hunt</i>         | 1/1/1996  | Director             | * PHF7         | Diane Robar        |
| Jim Islam                 | 9/1/1990  | PP 95-96             | * MD PHF8      | Joe Lowry Sr.      |
| Marina Jordan             | 2/1/2019  |                      | *PHF           | Diane Robar        |
| Pradeep Kumar             | 5/1/2018  |                      | *PHF           | David Bridges      |
| Judy Locascio             | 3/1/2002  |                      | * PHF+6        | Robert Taylor      |
| Al Losch Jr.              | 4/1/1992  | PP 00-01 LEOM        | * MD @ BR PHF8 | Pat Craddock       |
| <i>Joe Lowry Jr.</i>      | 12/1/2004 | PP (08-09) (17-18)   | * BR @ PHF5    | Megan Forbes       |
| Joe Lowry Sr.             | 7/1/2013  |                      | * MD PHF8      | Jim Islam          |
| <i>Clay Martin</i>        | 11/1/2016 | Director             | * PHF          | John Sanchez       |
| Rob Oglesby               | 5/1/2010  | PP 14-15             | * MD / BR PHF8 | Bob Robar          |
| <i>Megan Olson</i>        | 2/1/2019  | Director             | *PHF           | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Cheryl T. Poe             | 1/1/2007  | PP 15-16             | * BR PHF6      | Becky Hunt         |
| <i>Perry Pursell</i>      | 6/1/2008  | PP 12-13, Sgt a Arms | * PHF3         |                    |
| <i>Jennifer Reddish</i>   | 5/1/2018  | Secretary            | *PHF           | Chessie Flanders   |
| Bob Robar                 | 11/1/1991 | PP 01-02             | * MD @ PHF8    | Perry Pursell      |
| <i>Diane Robar</i>        | 10/1/2014 | PP 2020-21; AG 1     | * PHF+1        | Marina Jordan      |
| Ben Rowe (d.)             | n/a       | Charter President    | * MD           | n/a                |
| John Sanchez              | 10/1/2016 |                      | * PHF          | Clay Martin        |
| Lauri Schiffbauer         | 8 11 2021 |                      |                | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Jim Skiles                | 12/1/1998 | PP 03-04; Speakers   | * MD @ BR PHF8 | Tom Sumrall        |
| <i>Carl Smart</i>         | 3/1/2019  | PE 2022-23, Director | *PHF           | Zachary West       |
| Ray Snook                 | 4/1/2012  | PP16-17 AAG          | * PHF3         | Cheryl Poe         |
| Robert Taylor             | 11/1/2011 |                      | * PHF          | Judy Locascio      |
| Zachary West              | 11/1/2013 |                      | * PHF          | Carl Smart         |

\* Paul Harris Sustaining Member (\$25 per quarter)

**PHF** Paul Harris Fellow

(for every \$1,000 gift to The Rotary Foundation♦s Annual Fund, PolioPlus or an approved Foundation grant)

@ **Foundation Benefactor** (provides for TRF at least \$1,000 in estate plan)

! Paul Harris Society (Members who agree to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to TRF)

**MD** Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation (combined giving reaching \$10,000)

**Italic Name** Board of Directors

**BR** Ben Rowe Rotarian of the Year

**POI** The person of interest is the Rotarian each member is charged to keep track of, representing the club to that person.

**Bold Name** Charter  
 Member 9/18/1990