

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 OCTOBER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOW ROTARIANS!



Rebecca W. Hunt
Club Director



Albert Anthony Losch Jr.
Bulletin Editor



Diane Marie Robar
Past President



Stephanie Esposito
Social Media and Public Relations
Chair

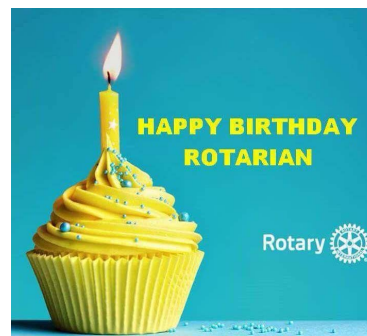


Jennifer Mehrkens Van Hart
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

Patricia Craddock
October 28th
Gregory N. Fleming
November 2nd
Marta M. Hartmann
November 10th



JOE LOWRY, JR
October 2nd

BRENDA CHAMBERLAIN
October 6th

ED EMERY
October 10th

JOHN SANCHEZ
October 19th

PAT CRADDOCK
October 28th

LUNCH LINK OCTOBER 27th

By Jennifer Watson-Reddish



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

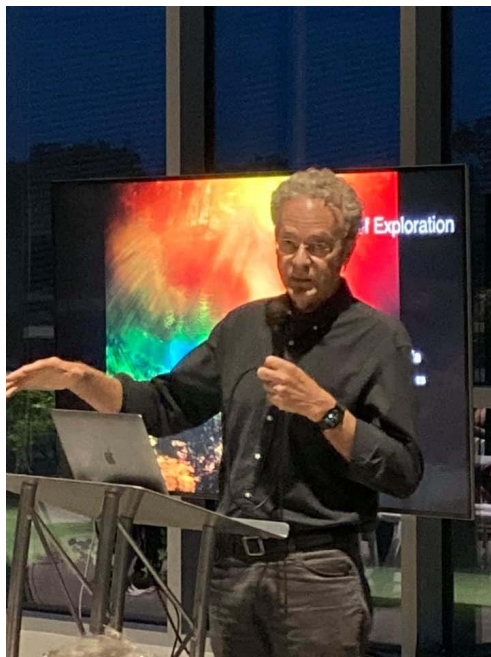
ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 AM on WEDNESDAYS

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6J7M6R>

WES SKILES WATERSTEWARDSHIP Award Recipients

Congrats to this years winners: Karen Chadwick, Conservation FL and St John's Oaks farm. Many thanks to our speaker Terry Garcia who spoke on the psyche of an explorer and future explorations gathered from his years of work at National Geographic.

Guest Speaker: Terry Garcia



Karen Chadwick The Doran family/ St. John's Oaks farm



Conservation Florida



THANK YOU, W2W SPONSORS!

THANK YOU to all of our sponsors for their generous support of the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards!



Tic Hutton, GRU



Kip Harrison, Capital City Bank



Taylor Skiles/ Ginnie Springs



Catlin North and Korbin McCoy/ WRUF



Perry Pursell



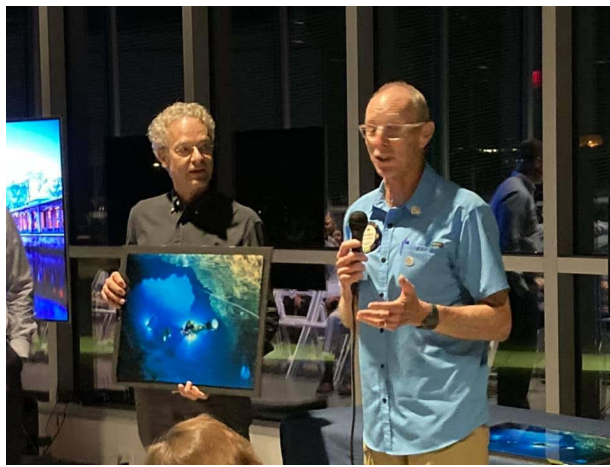
Coldwell Properties, Shasta Schoellhorn



Christine Denny. First Magnitude

Volunteers W2W

THANKS to you, club members Joe Lowry Jr, Marina Jordan, Marta Hartmann, Pat Craddock, Ed Emery, Ed Book, Billy Brame, Brenda Chamberlain, John Sanchez, Megan Olson, Ray Snook, Jennifer Reddish, Walt Barry, Judy Locasio, Chessie Flanders, Matt Bowman, and the Robars for helping to make this evening another wonderful, memorable event.





SF FOOD DRIVE

By Ed Book

Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo & Police Department Present:

GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND GROCERIES

FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 1-31, 2021

\$1 OFF ZOO ADMISSION PER ITEM DONATED!*

SCAN ME!

Donations Benefit:

- Saints Food Share
- Catholic Charities

*Discount only applicable to daily admission, and cannot be applied to memberships, merchandise, experiences or other purchases. Discount only available the same day donations are made, and only for donations made at the zoo. Discounts will not exceed the total cost of admission.

For more information on the SF Teaching Zoo, including directions, visit sfcollege.edu/zoo

Commitment to Equal Access and Equal Opportunity
Santa Fe College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination. For more information, visit sfcollege.edu/eeao or contact equity.officer@sfcollege.edu.

The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo and Santa Fe College Police Department are working together again this year to help food-insecure families in the community with a canned food drive. **All throughout the month of October**, they will be hosting ♦Ghosts, Goblins and Groceries♦ collecting canned and non-perishable food items to benefit Saints Food Share and Catholic Charities.

Before the pandemic, the SF Teaching Zoo hosted the annual Boo at the Zoo event each Halloween, while the SFPD held Run With The Cops in early November. Considering the large

numbers usually in attendance, many of whom are not eligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19, both groups made the decision to take steps to best protect the community and hold the canned food drive again this year.

While more events are going on this fall as opposed to last, the impact from the pandemic is still being felt among many food-insecure families in the community. Even before the pandemic, as many as one out of every five people, and one of every four children in North Central Florida did not have reliable access to food. The economic strain brought on by the pandemic has not only continued to impact the most vulnerable in the region, but also those who had never needed to rely on food donations have now found themselves in need.

During ♦ Ghosts, Goblins and Groceries, ♦ anyone who brings a canned good to the SF Teaching Zoo during regular hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (last entry into the zoo is 2:30 p.m.) will receive \$1 off admission for each item donated. There will be donation boxes set up across SF ♦ Northwest Campus, as well as SF ♦ Andrews Center in Starke, Blount Center in Gainesville, Davis Center in Archer, Watson Center in Keystone Heights, and Perry Center in Alachua. There will also be collection locations around the Gainesville Community. For a complete list of locations and additional details, visit the SF Teaching Zoo ♦ Ghosts, Goblins and Groceries web page at sfcollege.edu/zoo.

Now is a great time to come together and support those in need here in our community.

DOWNTOWN ROTARIANS, bring your canned goods to the weekly meetings during October and Ed will make sure they get delivered to Santa Fe!!

GOC FALL FESTIVAL

By Brett Buell



COME JOIN US!!

Fall Festival

Food Trucks ! Games!

Friday November 12

11AM to 6PM

1210 NW 14th Avenue

The Gainesville Opportunity Center is a non-profit that helps adults living with chronic mental illness rejoin the community and find jobs. We follow a recovery through work model where Members come and participate in our work day. They work side by side with our staff and other Members in order to build confidence. They see others with mental illness succeeding while they prove to themselves they can, to



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RIDE TO END POLIO

By Ed Book

Thanks to [Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville](#) & [SkyCycle at GHF](#) for the 2021 Indoor Ride to End Polio. (We were also joined by the [Gainesville Rotary Club](#).)

Fun & fundraising in 1 event in [Rotary District 6970](#) to end a terrible disease.

GREAT JOB Downtowners Billy Brame, Ed Book, Ed Emery, Jimbo Skiles, Megan Forbes and Marina Jordan,



WORLD POLIO DAY MESSAGE

As you know, October 24th was World Polio Day. It's important that we remember our number one initiative as Rotarians and together, we will soon reach the end and will be able to announce that the world is finally Polio free. Please continue to support Polio Plus through your donations and education of others.

A World Polio Day Message from WHO Director-General and Honorary Rotarian, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Polio is at its lowest level in history! We are THIS CLOSE!

<https://youtu.be/SQ4kb6j3qyE>



WORTHY OF MENTION...

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS !!

CARL SMART for his promotion to Deputy County Manager for Alachua County



BECKY HUNT, elected President of the Gainesville Kiwanis Club

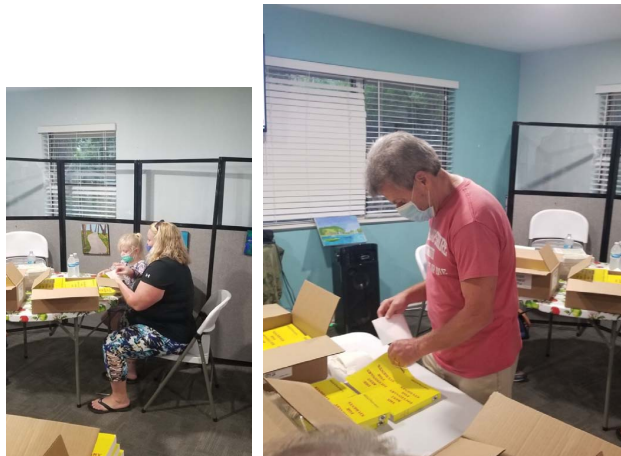


ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DICTIONARY PROJECT



A BIG thank you to club members who came out to the Dictionary Labeling Party on Monday, October 11th: Brett Buell, Ed Emery, Billy Brame, Marina Jordan, Marta Hartmann, Carl Smart, Ed Book, Jim Skiles, Megan Olson and the Robars. We also welcomed the added help from GOC members Joevan, Akeem and Susan, Megan's daughter Cassie and the Robar's grandson, Matthew. We, along with Rotarians from the Gainesville and Sunrise Rotary clubs, affixed labels to 2,290 dictionaries. These books will now be delivered to all area 3rd graders. In addition to the club members listed above, another big THANK YOU to Rob Ogelsby, Jennifer Watson-Reddish and Cheryl Poe who will also be delivering dictionaries to area schools.

Brett generously offered the Gainesville Opportunity Center as the site for the labeling party. It was a great location and we very much appreciate being able to use this facility. THANKS, BRETT!!!





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



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Downtown Gainesville

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

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

ETHICS AWARD

2022 Ethics in Business Award

Each year, the Rotary Club of Gainesville works in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce to honor and recognize individuals of businesses in the community that exemplify the ideals of Rotary and consistently demonstrate strong commitment to the highest ethical practices in all facets of their work.

To that end, we solicit nominations from Rotarians and from anyone in the wider community of business leaders who are of such caliber. We invite you to participate by nominating someone you feel would deserve such recognition. We are accepting nominations for this award until November 5th and encourage you or someone from your network to make a nomination. Completed nominations can be emailed to Scott Winzeler: swinzeler@alachuahabitat.org.

Criteria and the nomination form can be found at :

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&view=bt&ver=ops2cvpehp6#attid%253Datt_17c3b9bc29bf17d6_0_1_f_ku6z3rrz1

Event Calendar



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

|                             |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONTH OF OCTOBER</b>     | DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR the annual SF Police and Zoo canned food collection                                   | <a href="mailto:bookgainesville@aol.com">bookgainesville@aol.com</a>                                            |
| <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>NOVEMBER 12</b>          | GOC FALL FESTIVAL<br>11 AM - 6 PM                                                                            | <a href="mailto:buell.brett@gmail.com">buell.brett@gmail.com</a>                                                |
| <b>ONGOING First Monday</b> | GRACE MARKETPLACE volunteer orientation signup .                                                             | <a href="https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/">https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/</a>                                   |



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| ONGOING<br>Tues, Thurs and<br>Sat. 11 am-4 pm | Donations to Grace Marketplace |  |
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### Speaker / Coordinator Schedule

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

#### October Speakers, provided by Brett Buell

October 6 : Lauri Schiffbauer: St. Francis House

October 13: Kathleen Ryan, MD/Shands: COVID update

October 20: NO MEETING WINE TO WATER EVENT THIS EVENING

October 27: Rich Cooper, District Governor

**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



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 !

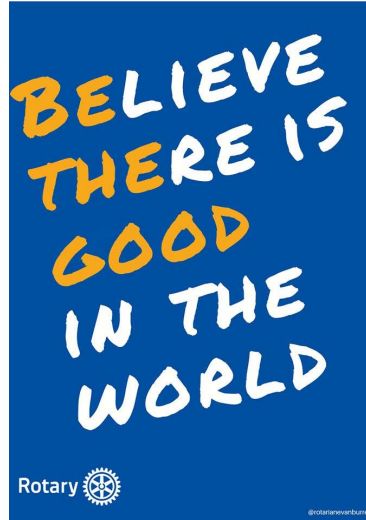
Please use the Sign Up Genius link below, so we can continue to have speakers who expand our minds and enlighten our day.

Questions? please contact me at jimskiles3@gmail.com

In joy,  
Jimbo

link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0-speaker1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0-speaker1)

### 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 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 RELIEF EFFORT THROUGH ROTARY

#### 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 Thous*

*ands Without Homes. Hospitals Overwhelmed. Churches / Schools / 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?>

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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

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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



**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 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.

**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



# DOGOODERY!

## 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

## 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 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)

## 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*

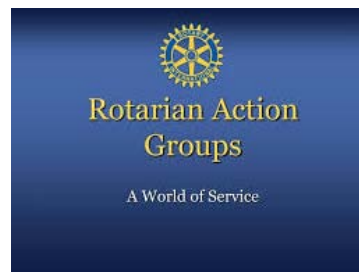
- ◆ Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of their own club, district, or country.
- ◆ Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace
- ◆ Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing 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](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Travel and Hosting](#)
- [Triathlon](#)
- [Wellness and Fitness](#)
- [Educators](#)
- [Empowering Women](#)
- [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.ragdv.com>  
**Diabetes** <http://www.ragdiabetes.org>  
**Disaster Assistance** [www.dna-rag.com](http://www.dna-rag.com)  
**Endangered Species** <http://www.endangereddrag.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.ragphpc.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)





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! 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