

# Rotary



Club of  
Downtown Gainesville



## Club Information

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville,  
Florida #27544 chartered September  
18, 1990

Charter President J. Ben Rowe  
Our in person meetings are temporarily  
(we hope!) suspended..

Please join us Virtually on Wednesday's  
at Noon - See ZOOM link information in  
bulletin

Club Website:

<https://downtowngainesvillerotary.org/>

## Club Meetings

Temporary Virtual Zoom Meetings

Every Wenesday at Noon

Please find link in our Club News

## Club Leaders



Diane Marie Robar  
President  
RYLA



Brenda Chamberlain  
Membership Chair  
Club Director  
President-Elect



Jennifer Watson-Reddish  
Secretary



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Treasurer



Stephanie Esposito  
Social Media and Public Relations  
Chair



Albert Anthony Losch Jr.  
Bulletin Editor



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.  
Club Director



Clay Martin III  
Club Director

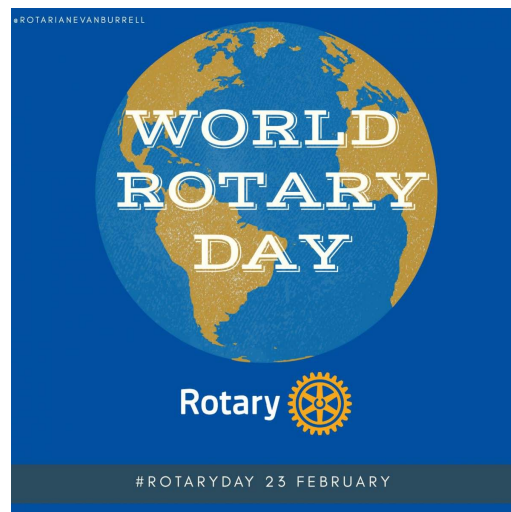
Megan Olson  
Club Director

## Welcome

*Welcome to the  
Virtual Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

**ROTARY DAY FEBRUARY 23RD**

**116 YEARS OF PROVIDING SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



**ROTARY THEME FOR FEBRUARY**



Carl Smart  
Club Director



Perry Pursell  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jim E. Skiles III  
Speaker Chair



Chessie Flanders  
iPast President



Mary Kate Walker  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Clay Martin III  
March 3rd  
Neal Peter Cohen  
March 9th  
Stephanie Esposito  
March 19th  
William S. Combs  
March 20th

# FEBRUARY

*"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict – alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence."*

*Dorothy Thompson*

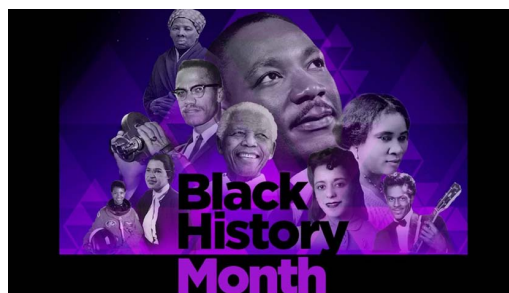


## PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary



## Black History Month



## STATEMENT FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism.  
Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.  
We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people. We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice. Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.

## Zoom Meeting Link

**Welcome to the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville**  
**Join us for our Virtual Zoom meeting (temporarily) at noon Wednesday**

Topic: Downtown Gainesville Virtual Rotary Meeting  
Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
**Now online Wednesday's at Noon**

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.  
Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFduOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZz09>  
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Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFduOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZz09>

Meeting ID: 482 134 526  
Password: 621885  
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+16465588656,,482134526#,,1#,621885# US (New York)

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## NOTABLE ROTARIANS

Sir Edmund Hillary Rotary Club of Auckland New Zealand mountaineer, explorer and philanthropist and the first person to reach the top of Mt. Everest in 1953.



## Rotary Video from February 17th



The inspiring Rotary video from February 17th, featuring Ade Adepitan, the Paralympian who did not let polio stop him from achieving his dream .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPPc0rJivQg&list=RDCMUC-0erRNbG4J7gCSg0XVHSSQ&index=1>

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## Rotary is Everywhere!

The 1st pictures coming out of Mars and thankfully there's a local club!  
They don't meet until next week though



## Speaker Coordinator Schedule

### FEBRUARY SPEAKERS:

- February 3 : Dave Melosh - VP of Heartwood Stage and coordinator of Farmers' Market at Heartwood (Downtown)
- February 10 Joe Lowry, Jr
- February 17 Lillie Biesinger, "Turning Healthy Recipes into a Successful Online Business"
- **February 24 Nick Banks, The State of Real Estate in Gainesville**

### MARCH SPEAKERS:

- March 3 Akito Kawahara "The Insect Effect"
- March 10 Dr. Fari Moni The Impact of Rotary (she is the Rotarian featured in the video we saw about the building of schools in Afghanistan )
- March 17 Rachel Slocumb, Ocala Wetland Recharge Park
- March 24 Dr. Nam-Kyu Parks , The Effects of Light on Sleeping"
- March 31 Jean and Keith Best, Promoting Peace

Please be sure to let Jim Skiles know of your speakers as soon as you schedule them.

\*\*\*If you are the speaker coordinator, please send your speaker the Zoom link for our meeting.  
It is recurring weekly to make it easy.

Coordinator	Jim Skiles	352-538-0293	
February	Lowrys		
MARCH	Jim Skiles		
April	Carl Smart		
May	Bob Taylor		

June	Stepanie Esposito		
<b>JULY</b>			
August	Matt Bowman		
September	Perry Pursell		
October	Brett Buell		
November	Becky Hunt		
December	Al Losch		

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@mbhci.org

## Event Calendar



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

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| FEBRUARY 26<br>1 pm                           | <b>Rotary - Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion seminar</b><br><b>Embracing Our Differences</b>                                                                                                                                                | <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/</a> |
| MARCH 6<br>10 - 12 pm                         | Rotary Generations Recreation<br>Bocce Ball Challenge<br>Northside Park                                                                                                                                                                      | Ed Book<br>bookgainesville@aol.com                                                                                      |
| MARCH 6<br>2:00 PM                            | Eastside Vaccination Information Walk                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Register and information:<br><a href="https://forms.gle/sVEKibyp74wsZyPA">https://forms.gle/sVEKibyp74wsZyPA</a>        |
| March 26<br>1 pm                              | <b>Rotary - Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion seminar</b><br><b>Investing in Equity</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/</a> |
| March 27<br>8:30 - 11:30 AM                   | SANTA FE RIVER CLEANUP with CURRENT PROBLEMS AND KINGS OF THE SPRINGS.<br>Rescheduled from February 20th<br>To reserve a KAYAK OR CANOE call/text 352-467-9865 or emailing TJ Pyche <a href="mailto:pychetj@gmail.com">pychetj@gmail.com</a> | High Springs Canoe Outpost,<br>21410 US-441, High Springs, FL<br>32643                                                  |
| April 30<br>1 PM                              | <b>Rotary - Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion seminar</b><br><b>Celebrate Diversity</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/</a> |
| ONGOING<br>Tues, Thurs and<br>Sat. 11 am-4 pm | Donations to Grace Marketplace                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                         |

## EASTSIDE VACCINE WALK

Let's join our fellow Rotarians and help with this effort !





## East Gainesville Vaccine Information Walk

*Organized by the  
Rotary Club of Gainesville*

**March 6  
2 p.m.**

Contact TJ Pyche  
(pychetj@gmail.com or 352-467-9865)  
for more information and to  
sign up to assist



FROM TJ: thanks to everyone who came out to help with the vaccine information walk today! With more than 40 volunteers, we were able to knock on more than 500 doors.

Interested in helping out with our next walk? Sign up here to be contacted:  
<https://forms.gle/sVEKibypk74wsZyPA>

### CALLING ALL BOCCE-ERS AND FANS!!

**NORTHSIDE PARK**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**

**10 AM ♦ 12 PM**

**Rotary Generations Recreation Bocce Ball Challenge**



### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Due to rising waters, the February 20th event had to be postponed. The rescheduled date is MARCH 27th

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?

WANT TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR WATERWAYS?

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY



Come JOIN US on Saturday, MARCH 27th, in a joint river clean up sponsored by the Kings of the Springs, Current Problems and the Rotary Surfers fellowship. Both Kings of the Springs and Current Problems have been recognized by our club with a Wes Skiles Water Stewardship award. Both are local organizations, actively dedicated to keeping our area's rivers, creeks and other waterways clean.



This will be a joint service project with the Downtown Rotary, Gainesville Rotary and Rotaract Clubs for a Santa Fe River Cleanup on Saturday, MARCH 27th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to reserve a canoe or kayak (no charge), please contact TJ Pyche text 352-467-9865 or email @ [pychetj@gmail.com](mailto:pychetj@gmail.com).

Meet at the High Springs Canoe Outpost, 21410 US-441, High Springs, FL 32643.

If you sign up, please make every effort to come or find someone who is willing to replace you. There is a cost associated with this, but the organization graciously covers it.

Masks will be required when you are near others.j

### DID YOU SEE THIS?



Rotary District 6970

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How cool is this??

Pre-order your Florida Rotary tag now! We need to sell a minimum of 3,000 pre-sale vouchers for production.

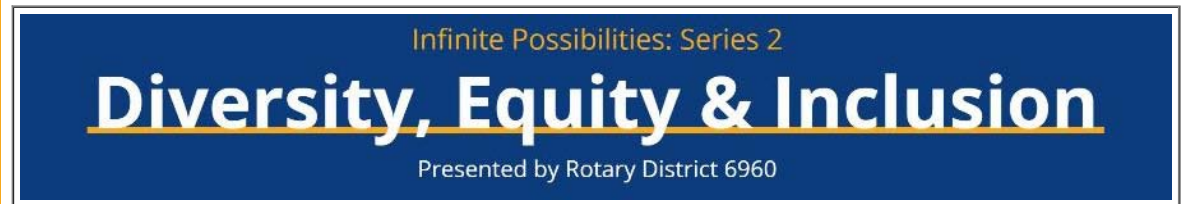
<http://floridarotarytag.com>



## Rotary - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seminar

Shared by District 6960

use this link to register: <https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/>



[Register NOW](#) for the first session, **Strength in Diversity**, with a very special host, **Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Chair**, who will lead an esteemed group of panelists through discussions on how strength lies in differences, not similarities. Joining Valerie are Joshua Innis, Paul Amoury and Rea Vrandecic.

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Strength In Diversity, 1:00 pm EST January 29, 2021**

- February 26, 2021 ♦ **Embracing Our Differences**, hosted by Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick, with featured speakers Past RI President Barry Rassin and Rotarian Brian Rusch of District 5150 in California.  
[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Embracing our Differences, 1:00 pm EST February 26, 2021**
- March 26, 2021 ♦ **Investing in Equity**, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.  
[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Investing in Equity, 1:00 pm EDT March 26, 2021**
- April 30, 2021 ♦ **Celebrate Diversity**, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekbäck.  
[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Celebrate Diversity, 1:00 pm EDT April 30, 2021**  
for **Infinite Possibilities - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

We look forward to seeing you there!

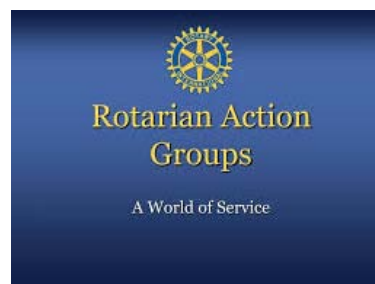
**USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR THESE WEBINARS:** <https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/>

Darryl Keys  
Governor, District 6960

Cyndi Doragh  
Chair, Infinite Possibilities



## Rotarian Action Group



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M\\_IIIY6blg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M_IIIY6blg)

## 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.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.ragphpc.org>  
**Slavery** <http://ragas.online>  
**Water and Sanitation** [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)

## JUST ONE MONTH LEFT !! Can you please help?

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III



THANKS to the club members who have signed up to provide speakers for the 2021 meetings.

JULY is the only month still needing a "speakerfinder". We could really use your help with this!

Here is the link to sign up:

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

## ITS A ROTARY THING!



## How about YOU?



Have YOU submitted your MEMBER MOMENT yet? We have had a great response from several members to this request♦but there are still a few we have not heard from.

In these days of COVID restrictions, we really have missed being able to socialize with one another.

The MEMBER MOMENT is just a quick way to keep fellowship going♦ it♦s a way to let other members know a bit more about you, just like they would if they were sitting across from you at Paramount Grill.

It will only take a quick minute to complete the following questions and send them back to Stephanie at

[Stephanie\\_Esposito@mbhcl.org](mailto:Stephanie_Esposito@mbhcl.org)

Here are the questions:



- Your profession.
- ◆ Years in Rotary.
  - ◆ Why Rotary.
  - ◆ What people may not know about you.
  - ◆ A fun photo

**And that's it! Again, please return your answers to Stephanie, as she is our talented techie who will transform your answers into a dazzling Member Moment.**

## GRACE NEEDS LIST

By Cheryl Poe  
Yes, It's OFFICIAL.

GRACE MARKETPLACE is now taking donations at the front gate.

Donations will only be accepted on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 11am - 4 pm**. Our truck will be parked outside of our gate during these times. You can place your items right on the truck and get a receipt from staff. Send us a message if you have any questions!

### GRACE *needs list*

**We don't need:**

- Clothing with stains or holes
- Used or open toiletries
- Electronics not in working condition
- Food containers without lids
- Prepared food
- Children's items

**We regularly need:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blankets</li> <li>Jackets</li> <li>Reading Glasses</li> <li>Ink Pens</li> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Mouthwash</li> <li>Razors</li> <li>Pillows</li> <li>Washcloths</li> <li>Bar Soap</li> <li>Tampons &amp; Pads</li> <li>Shaving Cream</li> <li>Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</li> <li>Toothpaste &amp; Toothbrushes</li> <li>Bug Spray</li> <li>Sunscreen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pet Water Bowls</li> <li>Dog Leashes</li> <li>Dog Collars</li> <li>Sheet Sets</li> <li>Towels</li> <li>New or Gently Used Shoes &amp; Clothing</li> <li>Furniture</li> </ul> |
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## TRIVIA FUND



Aside from not being able to enjoy fellowship with our fellow Rotarians each week, another repercussion of having to meet virtually is that our Trivia fund, sadly, has no means by which to be replenished. Trivia serves two purposes for our club. First, it is an enjoyable part of each meeting as we either learn something new or, even better, we know the answers and are able to add more points to our final score. But even more importantly, Trivia enables our club to give back to the community, via charitable donations made by the club members who have scored the highest number of Trivia points at the end of the Rotary year.

If you would be interested in helping this tradition to continue, please continue to the Survey Monkey link below. In the Survey, you will be asked to indicate how much you would like to donate. Since we do not have meals being charged to our invoices, it may be an opportune time to consider reallocating some of those monies to this effort.

THE DONATION AMOUNT YOU CHOOSE WILL BE BILLED TO YOUR QUARTERLY CLUB INVOICE IT IS NOT A WEEKLY DONATION AMOUNT. (ie, if you select \$25, you will see only one \$25 charge on your next Rotary invoice). This donation will continue for subsequent billing cycles, unless and until we are able to return to in person meetings or you notify Billy Combs you wish to discontinue the donation. (A donation of \$25 would be the equivalent of dropping around \$2.00 in the kitty each week.)

Thanks!

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

**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**

#### MEMBER MOMENT



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### BOB ROBAR

Profession: Semi-retired Travel Agent

Years in Rotary: 29

Why Rotary? I have always felt very blessed in life and felt a strong need to give back somehow. I served our club as President in 2000-2001 and have attended 10 Rotary International Conventions.

What you might not know about Bob - Being a Military Brat, I attended 10 elementary and 4 high schools. One of the two I went to in Italy was in an Italian girls school, but that's another story! I worked for 25 years with Eastern Air Lines in Miami, Roanoke, Sarasota and Gainesville. I was Chief Agent here when Eastern suddenly declared bankruptcy in 1991.

But I hit the ground running, starting two travel agencies, one of which was chosen by Florida Trend Magazine as one of the two best Florida Travel Agencies. I married Diane 8 years ago and we have traveled to 15 different countries together ranging from Hungary to New Zealand.

#### MEMBER MOMENT



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### RAY SNOOK

Profession: General Manager at Gainesville Raceway for Centerplate, an international food & beverage management company.

Years in Rotary: Members since April 2012

Why Rotary? Rotary has provided an opportunity give back to the community and to participate in international projects. I enjoy the club speakers and member fellowship.

What you might not know about Ray - In my 30 year career I have worked a wide range of events, a nine week season at Saratoga Race Course, hematology convention in Miami, Ozfest in Wisconsin, and Belmont Stakes. Other diverse events include World Cup, Frank Sinatra, Grateful Dead, Hank Williams Jr, and Sesame Street. Each event is a learning experience and has made for an interesting career.



## MEMBER MOMENT

# JIM SKILES

Profession: "Graduated" from being an Independent Insurance agent 5 years ago.

Years in Rotary: 22 years

Why Rotary? My granddad, Dad and lifetime mentor Howard Hall all were men that demonstrated giving back to the community. Rotary offered the best combination of service to others and networking with other business leaders. Howard was my sponsor and Ben & Connie Rowe were already friends so the new Downtown Club where my office was located was a natural fit.

What you might not know about Jim - Following graduation from UF and a couple years of work as the Youth Director for First Baptist Church Gainesville, Sharon and I were married and were headed to Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY for my Masters degree. At the last moment, we decided to stay in Gainesville to help build and manage Sensation Basin Skateboard Park and Sharon began her teaching career. Interesting to note, Ben & Connie's 3 boys were in my youth group at FBC and Howard Hall insured the Skateboard Park. Hmm, see the path?

## MEMBER MOMENT Megan Forbes



## MEMBER MOMENT

# MEGAN FORBES

Profession: Director of the University of Florida English Language Institute (ELI)

Years in Rotary: Rotarian since January 2001, Rotary GSE Team member 1999-2000.

Why Rotary? Rotary provides an opportunity for service and fellowship in our local community, while also being engaged in the international efforts of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. Plus, our Club rocks!

What you might not know about Megan -I'm a Foreign Service Kid. Prior to moving to the US to attend university, I grew up in Jamaica, the Yemen Arab Republic, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

The picture: This picture was taken at the end of the Celebration Half Marathon in January. Little did I know it was the last race I'd be running this year, thanks to COVID. Small things we took for granted...

## BRENDA CHAMBERLAIN MEMBER MINUTE



## MEMBER MOMENT

# BRENDA CHAMBERLAIN

Profession: I am a database admin and community advocate for the homeless. I work for United Way of North Central Florida and I have been doing my current job for 6 years, though not all of those years were with United Way.

Years in Rotary: I have been in Rotary for 3 years doing various roles from sergeant at arms up to currently the president elect for the next rotary year.

Why Rotary? Rotary is all about service to others and that is my passion.

What you might not know about Brenda - What people may not know about me is that I was born in Japan and I spoke more Japanese than English up to the age of 3. My father was in the Navy for 23 years and to this day if you ask me where I'm from I'll tell you the Navy due to all the moving around.

## Member Minute Jennifer Watson Reddish

Here's the Member Minute featuring our club secretary, Jennifer



## MEMBER MOMENT

# JENNIFER WATSON REDDISH

Profession: Branch Vice President, VyStar Credit Union

Years in Rotary: 2 years

Why Rotary? As a member of Rotary, you have the opportunity to build relationships and meet new people. I love what Rotary works to accomplish not only in our communities, but across the globe... making a difference everywhere.

What you might not know about Jennifer - I played tennis in high school! A little rusty now, but always up for a good match!

## Becky Hunt Member Moment

Becky has been a Rotarian for 24 years!



## MEMBER MOMENT

# BECKY HUNT

Profession: Following 30 years in the hospitality field a year and a half ago began a new career a Development Officer at Southern Scholarship Foundation.

Years in Rotary: 24 years

Why Rotary? Rotary project to eradicate polio. A friend in elementary school here in Gainesville died of polio. The Four Way Test was an excellent guide for me as a professional business woman.

What you might not know about Becky is...Bet you didn't know I was an accomplished actress-I've performed as a California Raisin, Village People Police Officer and Cyndi Lauper, as well as screen time in a major motion picture.

## CARL SMART MEMBER MINUTE



## MEMBER MOMENT

# CARL SMART

Profession: Assistant County Manager, Public Safety and Community Services


Years in Rotary: 2.5 years

Why Rotary? Rotary is a great organization for providing assistance to the many persons in our community.

What you might not know about Carl is...I am a minister at my church, Mount Zion AME Church in Hawthorne.

## Joe Jr Member moment





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### MEMBER MOMENT

## JOE LOWRY

THIS PHOTO IS OF HIM LEAPING INTO 40' SKY DIVING!

Profession: Managing Partner of Lowry Financial Advisors

Years in Rotary: Since December 2004

Why Rotary? I belong to Rotary because I love regular people coming together to do good in their community and the world. We benefit from connections with those of different backgrounds and Rotary can help bring people together.

What you might not know about Joe is...I served as a Spanish-speaking mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in San Diego and Imperial County, CA for two years (1998-2000).

## Billy Brame Member Moment

**Honoring Billy Brame in our Member Moment as the member of our club with the longest history of Rotary service....44 years, as a matter of fact! THANKS, BILLY, for your dedication to Rotary!**



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### MEMBER MOMENT

## BILLY BRAME

Profession: Architect... I am in my fifth year of retirement after having a 42 year career at my old firm, Brame Heck Architects. The firm is still active after 109 years here in Gainesville.

Years in Rotary: 44 yrs... joined the Greater Gainesville Rotary Club in 1976.

Why Rotary? I feel privileged to be part of an organization dedicated to Service throughout the world.

What you might not know about Billy is...Every Saturday and Sunday for over 16 years I join three of my neighbors for a walk ranging from 6 to 10 miles. Equal parts physical and social. (Also love to hike in the mountains.)

## Member Moment

**Fellow Downtown Rotarians, meet your newest club member, Stephanie! She had been a member for a short time a few years ago; however, her work schedule at that time prevented her from being able to fully commit to the club. We are delighted to have her back with us!!**



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### MEMBER MOMENT

## STEPHANIE ESPOSITO

Profession: Director of Advancement, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare

Years in Rotary: New Member!

Why Rotary? She is passionate about giving back to the community and that this club focuses on the springs - Stephanie is an avid scuba diver in our local springs.

What you might not know about Stephanie is...she has also signed up to be a mentor this year with Take Stock in Children. Hopefully this still happens even with the pandemic (all up in the air)! She is also terrified of tree frogs.

## Club Information

**Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, Florida #27544 chartered September 18, 1990**  
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