

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

Welcome

***Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville***

ROTARIANS!



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Treasurer



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Secretary



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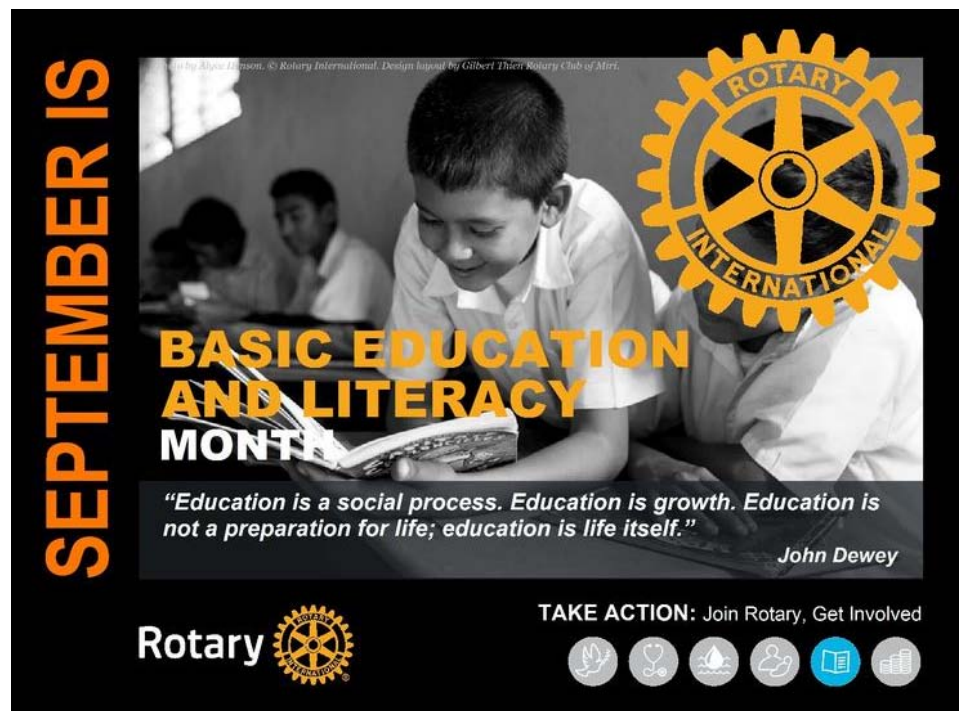
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Assistant Governor

Birthdays

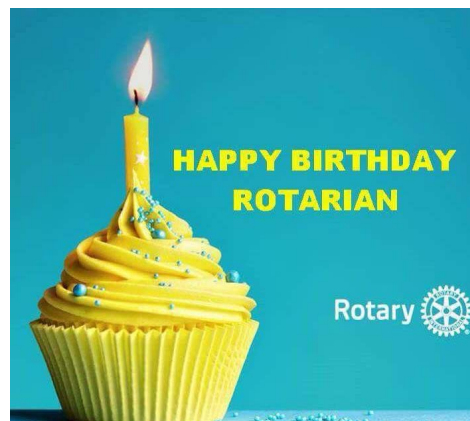
Cheryl Poe
September 23rd
Perry Pursell
September 25th
Albert Anthony Losch Jr.
September 29th
Joseph E. Lowry
October 2nd
Brenda Chamberlain
October 6th



ROTARY THEME FOR SEPTEMBER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOW ROTARIANS!



CHERYL POE
September 23

PERRY PURSELL
September 25

ED BOOK
September 27

AL LOSCH
September 29th

Paramount Lunch Link September 8th

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 8th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WS2V7JM>

ITS A ROTARY THING!



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.

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

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

hosted_button_id= 5M9QVSEF6M5V4&source=url

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

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST GENEROUS !SUPPORT!

LET'S GET BEHIND SANTA FE POLICE DEPARTMENT --

Vote Today for our SFPD!



SFPD's Run With The Cops Event Nominated for AXON Rise Award

The [Santa Fe College Police Department](#) has been nominated for a [2021 Rise Award](#) from Axon for their annual Run With the Cops event. Axon recognized law enforcement officers and agencies for their work in their communities.

[#RunwiththeCops](#) - all are welcome but this annual FREE event focuses especially on having fun w/ the very young, old, & those w/special abilities. Consider a vote a day - helps potentially earn a \$7.5k prize which will be used to make next year's event even better.

The SF community can vote for SFPD's Run With the Cops once a day, every day now through Friday, Sept. 17, at <https://riseawards.us.launchpad6.com/riseagencyawards/entry/38>. The top 10 finalists with the most votes in each category will then be reviewed by a panel of judges and the winners will be selected by early October and announced at the Axon Accelerate conference the following month.

Run With the Cops, which started in 2015, supports those in our area with special needs. Participants at the event can run, walk or roll along the SF track with law enforcement officers from area agencies. They can get an up-close look at police and fire rescue vehicles, learn important safety tips, and have the opportunity to meet and interact with the members of law enforcement who protect and serve our community.

[Vote today!](#)

CAN YOU 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>

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





AAA ALCHEMY
DESIGNS



PERRY PURSELL

COLDWELL BANKER COMMERCIAL/M.M. PARRISH REALTORS



GET READY!! JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

((((want to help us make this year's event another outstanding program?
contact Jimbo at jimskiles3@gmail.com or text him @ 352 538 0293)))

WES SKILES WATER STEWARDSHIP AWARDS aka WINE TO WATER



The 9th Annual Wine to Water Event will be held
Wednesday Oct 20, 2021 6 ♦ 8 PM at the Cade Museum.

In addition to recognizing this year's winners, our keynote speaker will be Terry D Garcia, former Executive VP Mission Programs, National Geographic 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.

We are planning a live, outdoor, seated event with potential live streaming if Covid restrictions are necessary. Registration details forthcoming.

WATER STEWARDSHIP NOMINATIONS

By Cheryl Poe

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville Nomination Guidelines for the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Award

An integral part of the Wes Skiles event is to honor those individuals and businesses which maintain good water stewardship practices and educating the general public about its importance. Since the inception of the Wine to Water event, we have recognized many outstanding companies and individuals who have made it a priority to keep our waters clean. Let's continue to seek out and nominate more of these fine folks for the recognition they deserve. Here's the form to use to do just that. (and thanks, Cheryl, for coordinating this part of W2W!!)

NOMINATION CATEGORY (circle one): Individual ♦ Business ♦ Non profit

Name of Nominee:
Nominee phone #s:
Nominee email:
Nominee mailing address:

WATER STEWARDSHIP DESCRIPTION:

State the activities/accomplishments of nominee as related to water issues (conservation, restoration, awareness, etc.). Along with this cover page, include a narrative stating rationale for nomination, projected impact on our community, potential for replication, and supporting documents. Links to website and digital images are encouraged.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name :
Email:
Phone:

Deadline to submit nominations: September 20, 2021. Email nomination and supporting materials to: cheryltonipoe@gmail.com or mail to RCDG Wine to Water Committee, C/O C. Poe, 4016 NW 23rd Circle, Gainesville, Florida, 32605.

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

Event Calendar



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

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| MONTH OF SEPTEMBER | COLLECTION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR PACE | brendac6970@gmail.com |
| OCTOBER 16th | ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) Daytona State College Flagler/Palm Coast Campus Palm Coast, FL 32137 | https://www.rlitraining.org/course-information/course-schedule Scroll down to August 28th, click on "More Info" and follow the prompts. |

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| OCTOBER 20th | WES SKILES WATERSHIP AWARDS WINE TO WATER | jimskiles3@gmail.com |
| NOVEMBER 5-6 | VIBRANT CLUB CONFERENCE DISTRICT 6970 Renaissance World Golf Village Resort St. Augustine, FL 32092 | https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947 |
| ONGOING First Monday | GRACE MARKETPLACE volunteer orientation signup . | https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/ |
| ONGOING Tues, Thurs and Sat. 11 am-4 pm | 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

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

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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.

THANKS to all who have signed up to provide speakers! EIGHT of the months in 2022 are already taken and we only need 4 more folks to help for the months of July, August, October and November. Remember you can "share" a month with another member, which means you each provide 2

speakers for the month.

Your attendance encourages others and you can help invite the most interesting, entertaining, motivating and inspiring speakers by signing up for a month to keep our programs as great as our fellowship and meals.

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).

Please take a moment now to sign up for a month in 2022, using 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>

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.

OFFICER RECOGNITION

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



NEW MEMBER



Welcome on Board !

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.

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!

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 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 by following the Houston 2022 Convention pages or going to: registration.experientevent.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.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS 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](#)

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 to let her know you are 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

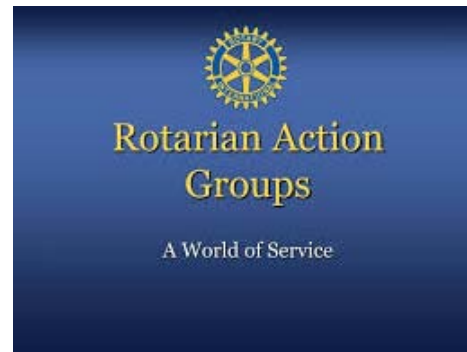




Old, used, worn out bikes taking up space in your garage? I'm pleased to share that it can be repaired or parts recycled and given to a child for free through Lake Area Bike in Melrose. I took 2 that my grandkids had outgrown and Pete promptly offered a grown up replacement to my granddaughter at no 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

Rotarian Action Group



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 **Alzheimer's and Dementia** <http://adrag.org/>
Blindness Prevention <http://www.rag4bp.org>
Blood Donation <http://ourblooddrive.org/>
Clubfoot www.rag4clubfoot.org
Dentistry <http://www.ragdvt.com>
Diabetes <http://www.ragdiabetes.org>
Disaster Assistance 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
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

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 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)



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

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Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

| MEMBER | JOINED | CLUB SERVICE | TRF | POI |
|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| John Anderson | 4/1/2017 | | * PHF | Brett Buell |

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|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| Brenda Chamberlain | 1/1/2019 | President 2021-22 | *PHF | Megan Olson |
| Neal Cohen | 7/1/1989 | | * PHF3 | Billy Brame |
| Billy Combs | 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 |
| Stephanie Esposito | 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 |
| Becky Hunt | 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 |
| Joe Lowry Jr. | 12/1/2004 | PP (08-09) (17-18) | * BR @ PHF5 | Megan Forbes |
| Joe Lowry Sr. | 7/1/2013 | | * MD PHF8 | Jim Islam |
| Clay Martin | 11/1/2016 | Director | * PHF | John Sanchez |
| Rob Oglesby | 5/1/2010 | PP 14-15 | * MD / BR PHF8 | Bob Robar |
| Megan Olson | 2/1/2019 | Director | *PHF | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Philip Pena | 6/19/2019 | | *PHF | |
| Cheryl T. Poe | 1/1/2007 | PP 15-16 | * BR PHF6 | Becky Hunt |
| Perry Pursell | 6/1/2008 | PP 12-13, Sgt a Arms | * PHF3 | |
| Jennifer Reddish | 5/1/2018 | Secretary | *PHF | Chessie Flanders |
| Bob Robar | 11/1/1991 | PP 01-02 | * MD @ PHF8 | Perry Pursell |
| Diane Robar | 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 |
| Jim Skiles | 12/1/1998 | PP 03-04; Speakers | * MD @ BR PHF8 | Tom Sumrall |
| Carl Smart | 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

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

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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