

# 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***

### ROTARY THEME FOR SEPTEMBER



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



Rebecca W. Hunt  
Club Director



Albert Anthony Losch Jr.  
Bulletin Editor



Diane Marie Robar  
iPast President



Stephanie Esposito  
Social Media and Public Relations  
Chair




Jennifer Mehrrens Van Hart  
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  
Edward A Emery  
October 10th  
John A Sanchez  
October 19th

SEPTEMBER IS




# BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

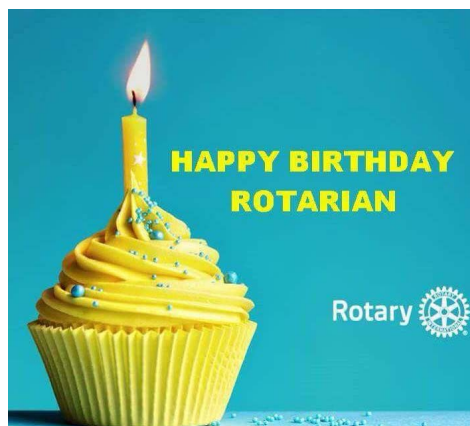
"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."  
John Dewey


Rotary

**TAKE ACTION:** Join Rotary. Get Involved



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOW ROTARIANS!



**CHERYL POE**  
September 23

**PERRY PURSELL**  
September 25

**ED BOOK**  
September 27

**AL LOSCH**  
September 29th

## Paramount Lunch Link September 22ND

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 22nd**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DRXNN3>**

### **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>

### **WINE TO WATER / WES SKILES WATER STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III



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

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

### Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention

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

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

- Join virtually: \$25 donation

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

To purchase any of the above, visit [www.wesskileswater.eventbrite.com](http://www.wesskileswater.eventbrite.com) and **click on the image!**

Thank you to our 2021 sponsors!

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## DICTIONARY PROJECT

By Diane Marie Robar

## COMING SOON!!

It's that time of year ... the annual Dictionary Project! The 4 local Rotary clubs pool resources and funds so that we are able to distribute dictionaries to all area 3rd graders.

This year it is Downtown Rotary's turn to coordinate the project and make sure the tradition continues.

Details are still being worked out but one thing is for sure. YOUR HELP will be needed, especially since it is our club that is in charge this year. Whether you show up to help label the 2300 (!!) dictionaries or, even better, volunteer to drop the books off at area schools, WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!



## END POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24TH



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

**October 24, 2021**

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

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

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

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

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

## 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	<a href="https://www.rlittraining.org/course-information/course-schedule">https://www.rlittraining.org/course-information/course-schedule</a> <b>Scroll down to August 28th, click on "More Info" and follow the prompts.</b>
OCTOBER 20th	WES SKILES WATERSHIP AWARDS WINE TO WATER	jimskiles3@gmail.com
OCTOBER 24th	END POLIO DAY	<a href="https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day">https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day</a>
NOVEMBER 5-6	VIBRANT CLUB CONFERENCE DISTRICT 6970 Renaissance World Golf Village Resort St. Augustine, FL 32092	<a href="https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947">https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77530947</a>
ONGOING First Monday	GRACE MARKETPLACE volunteer orientation signup .	<a href="https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/">https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/</a>
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

September 8: Pat Craddock

September 15 : David Cobellia, King of the Springs

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

**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**

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

## SPEAKER SIGNUP

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III

**YOUR ROTARY**



**NEEDS  
YOU**

**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>

## 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**







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## 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?>

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

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

## **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

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

((NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!))

# Rotary Leadership Institute

*building a better Rotary through education*



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

## New Date: Saturday, October 16th



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

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

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

**\$100.00 Fee per Rotarian**

**includes class registration,  
course material notebook,  
breakfast, lunch, facility fees and  
course completion certificate**

*Some clubs subsidize this expense.  
Ask your club leadership for details.*

At RLI, you will share discussions with newer members starting their Rotary journey as well as members of many years all looking to expand their Rotary knowledge. You will learn from different perspectives of Rotarians from around our District. And, you will have time for networking with those same Rotarians. Remember, discussion group size is limited and **registration closes on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 16<sup>th</sup> in Palm Coast!** For more information, contact District 6970 RLI Director Mickey Ulmer at [alljustright@aol.com](mailto:alljustright@aol.com) or 904-583-1032.



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**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/](https://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.

**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



## READING PALS SAYS THANKS FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

By Brenda Chamberlain



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



Brenda Chamberlain and READING PAL coordinator, Rahkiah Bown

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH



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

## OFFICER RECOGNITION

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



## SANTA FE ShareWear workday

By Diane Marie Robar on Sunday, August 1, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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



## HAVE SOME OLD BIKES LAYING AROUND ??

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III







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

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

## GRACE MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS

By Cheryl Poe

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

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

Here is the link to sign up for the orientation:

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

## UPDATING YOUR CLUB INFORMATION

### UPDATING MEMBER PROFILE:

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

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

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

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



## CONGRATULATIONS!!



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

## NEW MEMBER



*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.

## ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

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

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

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

### **How Rotary Fellowships Operate**

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

### **Some Benefits of Rotary Fellowships**

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

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

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

- Rowing



- Scouting
- Scuba
- Shooting Sport
- Singles
- Skiing
- Social Networks
- Strategic Planning
- Surfing
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Travel and Hosting
- Triathlon
- Wellness and Fitness
- Whisk(e)y
- Wildlife Conservation
- Wine
- Yachting
- Yoga
- [Cruising](#)
- [Cultural Heritage](#)
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## 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.ragphc.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
<b>Brenda Chamberlain</b>	1/1/2019	President 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
<b>Billy Combs</b>	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
<b>Stephanie Esposito</b>	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
<b>Becky Hunt</b>	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
<b>Joe Lowry Jr.</b>	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)	* BR @ PHF5	Megan Forbes
Joe Lowry Sr.	7/1/2013		* MD PHF8	Jim Islam
<b>Clay Martin</b>	11/1/2016	Director	* PHF	John Sanchez
Rob Oglesby	5/1/2010	PP 14-15	* MD / BR PHF8	Bob Robar
<b>Megan Olson</b>	2/1/2019	Director	*PHF	Brenda Chamberlain
Cheryl T. Poe	1/1/2007	PP 15-16	* BR PHF6	Becky Hunt
<b>Perry Pursell</b>	6/1/2008	PP 12-13, Sgt a Arms	* PHF3	
<b>Jennifer Reddish</b>	5/1/2018	Secretary	*PHF	Chessie Flanders
Bob Robar	11/1/1991	PP 01-02	* MD @ PHF8	Perry Pursell
<b>Diane Robar</b>	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
<b>Carl Smart</b>	3/1/2019	PE 2022-23, Director	*PHF	Zachary West
Ray Snook	4/1/2012	PP16-17 AAG	* PHF3	Cheryl Poe
Robert Taylor	11/1/2011		* PHF	Judy Locascio
Zachary West	11/1/2013		* PHF	Carl Smart

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

**PHF** Paul Harris Fellow

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

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

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

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

**Italic Name** Board of Directors

**BR** Ben Rowe Rotarian of the Year

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

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