

Rotary



Club of
Downtown Gainesville



Rotary 4-way Test

**The Four Way Test**
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?


Club Information


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Club Meetings


Temporary Virtual Zoom Meetings
Every Wednesday 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**
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Club Director

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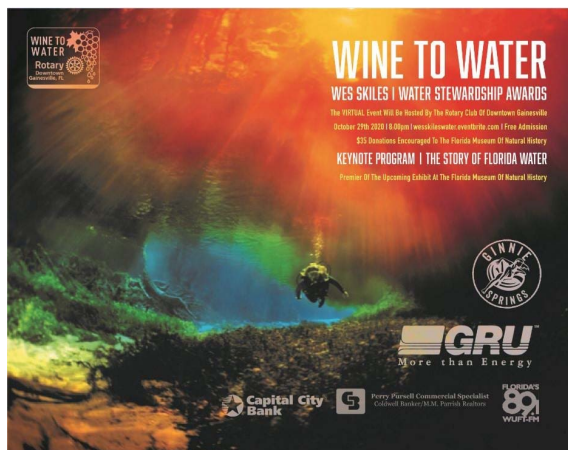
Welcome

Welcome to the
Virtual Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

NOVEMBER THEME



SO, DID YOU SEE IT??



The VIRTUAL Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Wine to Water event premiered October 29th. It was everything we hoped for, and more. Amazing production!

From Jimbo: From zero to hero is how your club is being recognized after Covid 19 attempted to wipe out our opportunity to continue our CLEAN WATER community event. The success of this event is a reflection of the talent, spirit, connections and passion that our club possesses. Your Downtown Rotary Club is on the leading edge of technology, diverse in age, color and gender and is making an impact heard around the world. We are Rotary and I'm grateful to be part of this family.

THANK YOU to those who contributed in action and financially.

Thanks to producers Kevin Bruchert and Dan Dias for their invaluable assistance in putting this program together. Many club members also contributed their time and skills to making this virtual event a most outstanding Wine to Water evening! Special thanks to Stephanie Esposito, Chessie Flanders, Perry Pursell, Joe Lowry Jr, Cheryl Poe, John Sanchez, Rob Ogelsby, Brenda Chamberlain, John Anderson, Bob and Diane Robar



Perry Pursell
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jim Jimbo E. Skiles III
Speaker Chair



Chessie Flanders
IPast President



Mary Kate Walker
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Robert C. Robar
November 27th
Chessie Flanders
November 29th
Jim Jimbo E. Skiles III
November 29th
David Bridges
December 1st
Robert Taylor Sr.
December 2nd

If you have not yet had the opportunity to see it , here's the youtube link:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCEPG2Muapcqwbe6MN5MTv7A>

Its not too late to make a donation to The Story of Florida Water museum fund:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QTHUQJMXTR22&source=url

Some post event comments....

"Wonderful job...trying to think where else it can be shown. More on that later. Great job!" Bill Kurtis

"It was great. Very informative and very entertaining and way more than I expected. You guys rock!" Tom Morris

"Wow, you guys did a great job on the program! ...I'm really excited and humbled by the momentum this will help us build." Darcie Mac Mahon, FLMNH

"Perry, that was great last night. Seemed to go off without a hitch. The FLMNH unveiling was very cool. Congrats all around!" John Moran

ITS A ROTARY THING!

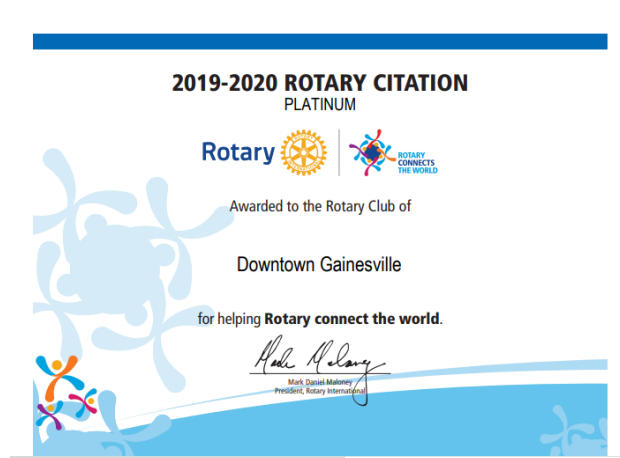


CONGRATULATIONS DOWNTOWN ROTARIANS!

At the District meeting on October 24th, once again the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville was recognized with 4, yes FOUR, awards for the 2019-20 Rotary year. Congratulations and THANK YOU to each of you for being such a dedicated and conscientious member of this Rotary club

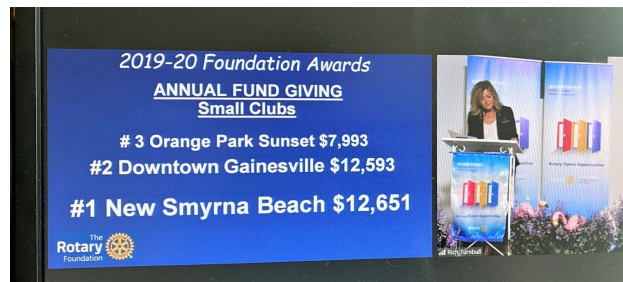
Rotary Citation

Our club received the highest level of Rotary Citation recognition, the Platinum award. We were one of 7 clubs (out of the 63 in the District) to receive this. These Rotary Citation awards are given to those clubs who achieve the goals set by the President of the club which strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community. They focus on Rotary's Avenues of Service - Club Service, Awards, District, E-Club, Grants, Interact, Membership, New Generations, Partnerships, Projects, Rotaract, RYLA, Technology and Social Media, Vocational Service, and Youth.



Small Club Fund Giving

Out of 63 clubs in the our 6970 District, WE came in 2nd place in the fund giving for small (<50 members).



100% Foundation Giving Club

For clubs that achieve an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100 percent participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or Endowment Fund.



Every Rotarian, Every Year Club

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.



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>

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZz09>

Meeting ID: 482 134 526

Password: 621885

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME ROTARY BASED ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN!

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now-NOV 20th	Canned food Drive	see info in this bulletin
NOV 21	RIDE TO END POLIO/ GHFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-virtual-ride-to-end-polio-2020-tickets-124481725191?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing
TBD	SEAFOOD SPECTACULAR	event moved to 2021

END POLIO NOW Ride

Get your biking shorts ready for the annual END POLIO NOW Ride, this year scheduled for November 21st at Gainesville Health & Fitness

from 2019:



Tickets ♦ \$25

www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-virtual-ride-to-end-polio-2020-tickets-124481725191

5th Annual D-6970 Gainesville Area Rotary Ride to End Polio.
Hosted by The Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville & coordinated by Rotarian Jan Bendik

Join bicycle riders @ Gainesville Health & Fitness - SkyCycle at GHF for about an hour.

Instructor Pam Harrison will lead us in virtually traversing terrain similar to that in Arizona, where the live END POLIO ride is being held. Your ride is at your own pace.

Each year locally, all area Rotary, Rotaract & Interact Clubs consistently raise over \$1k or more for End Polio Now
 Want to ride, donate, participate?

Although the Ride is free, Rotarians who participate should consider making a donation to reserve a bike. A minimum \$25 donation is suggested. (Credit 4 ways - to you, your Club, District 6970 & the Ride to End Polio totals).

Rotaractors & Interactors are also welcome, with a recommendation of a \$10 donation (or whatever they can afford)

ALL donations go to End Polio Now fund.

Space will be more limited this year so if you want to reserve a bike or need more info, contact Greater Gainesville Rotarian Jan Bendik, prague@mindspring.com or phone 954.817.8111. (Alternate contact Ed Book, 352.222.7968)



GENERATIONS PARK IS OPEN!!!

By Ed Book

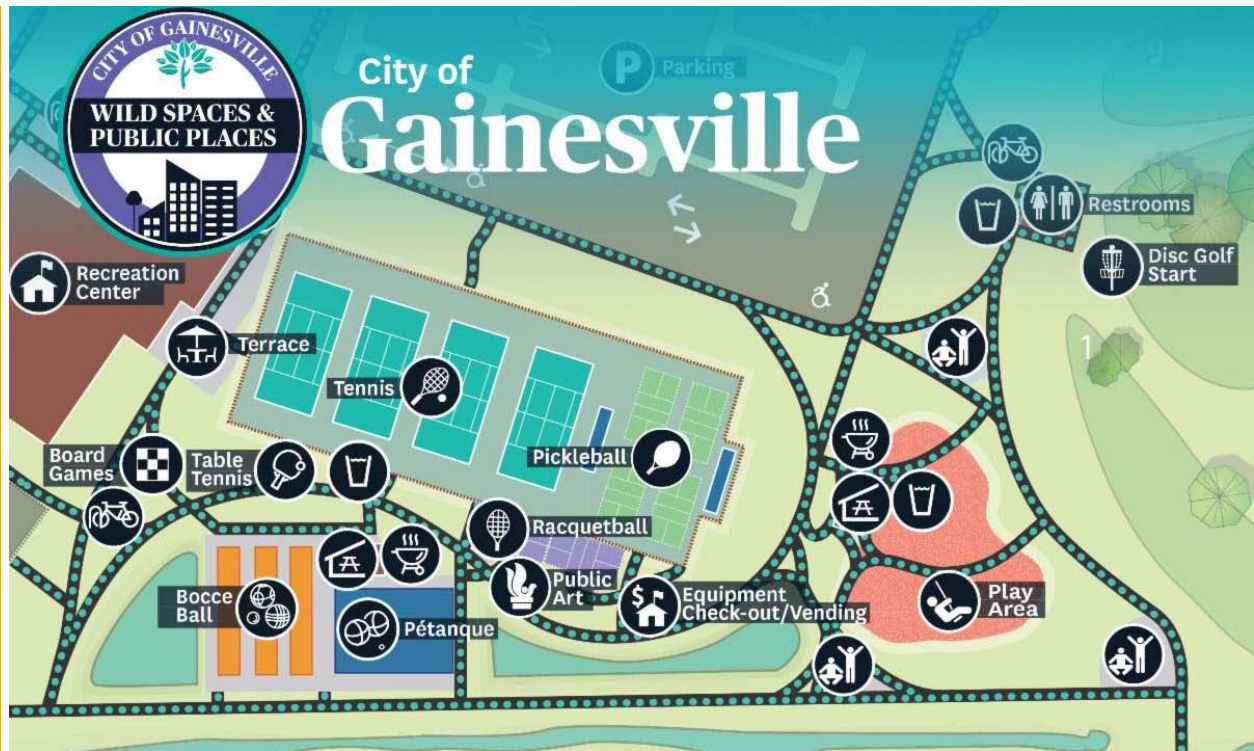
Northside Park and Rotary Generations Recreation area project is COMPLETE!

The park was opened on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd!!

And just in case anyone was wondering who had a major hand in the vision, funding and completion of this amazing new park, here is a reminder....



Over five years in the making, Northside Park is a vision-come-to-life. Despite challenges faced as a result of COVID-19, the Northside Park improvement project is a shining example of what can be accomplished through unwavering commitment and thoughtful collaboration with our neighbors.



Improvements to the park include the addition of 40 parking spaces, a new playground and construction of a multi-generational play area, the ♦Generations Play Zone. ♦ The Generations Play Zone was designed to provide activities for neighbors of all ages and will include outdoor games such as bocce ball, pickleball/tennis courts, p♦tanque, table tennis, checkers and chess. It will also include a terrace off of the Senior Recreation Center, a large pavilion with grills, shaded seating and viewing areas and a walking path with outdoor exercise equipment.

kid pic Nov 3

Who is this rootin' tootin' cowboy?



Heifer International

Rachel Merrill from Heifer International spoke to our club on October 21st about the "Heifer USA: Regenerative Agriculture and the Grass Roots Farmers ♦ Cooperative." Great organization!

Here are the links she shared with us, if you wanted more information...

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/food-will-vegans-save-the-planet.html>

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/innovation-for-good-fast-company-festival-2020.html>

<https://www.heifer.org/blog/regenerative-agriculture-is-transforming-heifer-ranch-into-the-garden-of-edan.html>

Additional video:

Savory Institute Application Video Heifer Ranch

<https://youtu.be/Ajb7zsFHED8>

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOWRY'S FOR THEIR RECOGNITION BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

JOE JR RECEIVED HIS +7 PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PIN



JOE SENIOR RECEIVES HIS MAJOR DONOR AWARD. THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TO INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES WHOSE CUMULATIVE GIVING HAS REACHED \$10,000.



Speaker Coordinator

November 4 Gunnar Paulson, School Board

Meeting Speakers:

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
November	Jim Islam	352-538-0533
December	Al Losch	352-514-1214

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

TRIVIA AWARD WINNERS!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRIVIA AWARD WINNERS! DOWNTOWN ROTARY IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT EACH OF YOU THROUGH OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA AWARD PRESENTATIONS!

DIANE RECEIVED THE MOST POINTS IN THE 2019-20 TRIVIA COMPETITION AND SELECTED FAMILY PROMISE AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST PLACE AWARD (<https://www.familypromisegvl.org/>)





BOB ROBAR CAME IN SECOND PLACE AND CHOSE HANDS TO LOVE AS HIS AWARD RECIPIENT (<https://www.handstolove.org/>)



AL LOSCH WAS ALSO A WINNER IN THE TRIVIA COMPETITION AND HE SELECTED GAINESVILLE OPPORTUNITY CENTER AS HIS AWARD RECIPIENT. (info@goclubhouse.org)



Gainesville Opportunity Center



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 10am-6pm**. 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 regularly need:

- Blankets
- Jackets
- Reading Glasses
- Ink Pens
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Razors
- Pillows
- Washcloths
- Bar Soap
- Tampons & Pads
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Pet Water Bowls
- Dog Leashes
- Dog Collars
- Sheet Sets
- Towels
- New or Gently Used Shoes & Clothing
- Furniture

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



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/BONGFXP>

MONUMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

African region declared free of wild poliovirus



Rotary and its GPEI partners celebrate a monumental achievement, say global eradication of wild polio is possible with the continued dedication and persistence of Rotarians

The World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 August announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary's top priority.

After decades of hard won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#) ♦ WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the vaccine alliance ♦ are proclaiming the milestone an achievement in public health. They offer it as proof that strong commitment, coordination, and perseverance can rid the world of polio.

to read more, please go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-declared-free-of-wild-poliovirus>

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

ROADSIDE CLEANUP DAY September 19th

Another successful Roadside CleanUp on Saturday September 19th!

Pre-group assembly. Masks - check. Vests - check. Appropriate footwear - check (except for Ed Emery but he has 2 vest so gets a pass...) . Rotarians Ed Emery, Brett Buell and John from GOC, Brenda and her daughter Nicole, Becky Hunt and the Robars. Ed Book is taking the pic.



Santa Fe Rotaractors joined in the effort: Fernando, President; Hannah, VP; Bernardo, treasurer and club advisor, Ed Book.



Brett, Fernando and John hard at work, cleaning up our strip of South Main Street!



And, in under one hour, we collected 10 bags of trash and filled 2 bags with recyclables.

Great job by all to clean up OUR road by the Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention
#MakeADifference in Rotary District 6970

. We call this, amongst other things, practicing civic duty.



MEMBERS MOMENT

Fellowship is one of the most enjoyable aspects of being a Rotarian. Unfortunately, during this time, our ability to interact with and get to know our fellow club members has been sorely curtailed. It's great that we can continue to meet via ZOOM, but it's certainly not the same as all being together... As a way to keep the "getting to know you" spirit going, we have added a Member Moment feature. It will be a way for us to learn a little more about each other. Stephanie Esposito will be contacting each of you in the near future to get YOUR story!

OCT 21 MEMBER MINUTE



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



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!



Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities

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 Neck 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

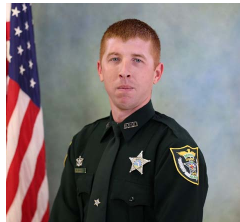
Years in Rotary: New Member!

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.

Rotary Celebrates Law Enforcement

September 16th - Deputy Mike Griffith



August 26th - Deputy Tony Tell, ASO



July 29th - Deputy Steven Pillar, ASO



July 15th - Deputy Dillon Harris, ASO



Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 2020-21



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