

Rotary 4-way Test



Club Information

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, Florida #27544 chartered September

Charter President J. Ben Rowe Our in person meetings are temporarily (we hope!) suspended.. Please join us Virtually on Wednesday's

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



William S. Combs Treasurer



<u>Stephanie Esposito</u> Social Media and Public Relations Chair



Albert Anthony Losch Jr. Bulletin Editor

Welcome

Welcome to the Virtual Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

NOVEMBER THEME



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

NOV 17	DICTIONARY LABELING PARTY	Matheson Museum 6 - 8 pm
now-NOV 20th	CANNED FOOD DRIVE	see info in this bulletin
NOV 21	RIDE TO END POLIO/ GHFC	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/r otary-virtual-ride-to-end-poli o- 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



Joseph E. Lowry Jr. Club Director



Clay Martin III Club Director



Megan Olson Club Director



Carl Smart Club Director



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 Ø Jimbo Ø E. Skiles III

November 29th
David Bridges
December 1st
Robert Taylor Sr.

Rob Oglesby December 7th

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

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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/uZwvduqsqzksnLXgB5WICgWAgDnJJUfBXw/ics?icsToken=98tyKu2grDopHtGXtlztRbAtA53-b-HqkX9ikqR_ySjMICdkQwTSOMhoB7RdKM-B

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhVZz09

Meeting ID: 482 134 526 Password: 621885 One tap mobile

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- +16465588656,,482134526#,,1#,621885# US (New York)

STILL TIME TO HELP OUT!!! THROUGH NOVEMBER 20th!!



The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo and Santa Fe College Police Department are working together to help food-insecure families in the community with a canned food drive. Now through Friday, Nov. 20, we will be hosting #WhoCanYouCan, collecting canned goods for

Gainesville Harvest at Santa Fe College and Catholic Charities Gainesville

The COVID-19 global pandemic has changed many things in our community ♦ but one thing that hasn ♦t changed is the need for food donations to help hungry people in North Central Florida. Even before the pandemic, as many as one out of every five people, and one of every four children in the community did not have reliable access to food. The economic strain brought on by the pandemic has not only continued to impact the most vulnerable in the region, but also those who had never needed to rely on food donations have now found themselves in need.

The SF Teaching Zoo and SFPD are doing their part to combat hunger and support those in our community in need of help. There will be donation boxes set up across SF sh Shorthwest Campus, including the Police Dept and the Zoo, as well as SF sh Andrews Center in Starke, Blount Center in Gainesville, Davis Center in Archer and Perry Center in Alachua
Other locations include:

Campus USA Credit Union
Cricket Wireless Life Unplastic
Sonny's BBQ
Hurricane BTW
LifeSouth Community Blood Centers
Danscompany of Gainesville
First Magnitude Brewing Company
Cypress & Grove Brewing Co.
Ward's Supermarket

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 recommedation 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)



ROTARY GENERATION PARK OPEN !! WOW!!

Planning began 2015. The <u>Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation</u>, <u>Inc.</u> donated Wild Game Feast funds of \$100,000 towards the building of the \$2 million Wild Spaces Public Places Generations Park.



Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville
Rotarians Brenda Chamberlain, Cheryl Poe, & Joe Lowry Jr test out the Teeter Totter w/DGE Rich Cooper



All 4 Gainesville Rotary clubs & Santa Fe College Rotaract Club were represented, along with Rotary family & friends DGE Rich Cooperr and PDG Wes Eubank. Representing Downtown Club were Ed Book, Joe Lowry Jr (and Lacey), Brenda Chamberlain, Megan Olson(& family), Becky Hunt, Cheryl Poe, John Sanchez, and Rob Ogelsby.





ALACHUA COUNTY, FL - The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is pleased to announce they are now offering Ivy rain barrels at a discounted price to encourage residents to conserve precious water resources and to protect water quality.

Rain barrels capture rainwater from rooftops that would typically be sent down the storm drain carrying potential contaminants and contributing to flooding. Water collected can be used for watering landscape plants and can help conserve water for our springs and rivers. The cumulative effect of rain barrels implemented throughout a geographic area can have a positive impact on stormwater management and water quality.

The retail price is \$129.00, but through this special promotion, Ivy Rain Barrels are on sale for \$75. The rain barrels must be purchased directly through the program's website using a credit card by December 6, 2020.

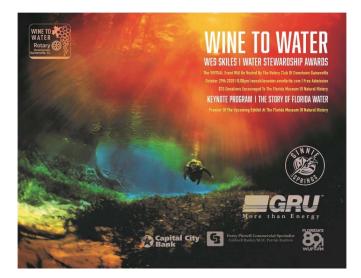
https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/products/alachua

Ivy rain barrels are made in the USA of 100% recycled plastic. The dimensions are 42.5" high x 22" wide by 18" long. All parts are included (including a 3/4" ball valve, which connects to a garden hose).

Rain barrels will be available for pick up on December 12, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (5125 N.E. 63rd Ave., 2 miles north of 39th Avenue, off Waldo Road). While picking up rain barrels, visitors can take the opportunity to drop off hazardous wastes such as paints, CFLs, broken holiday light strings, and old electronics at the collection center. This will be a drive-thru event, and masks will be required.

For more information, contact Hollie Greer at 352-264-6827 or Hgreer@alachuacounty.us.

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

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:

 $https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick\&hosted_button_id=QTHUQJMXTXR22\&source=urlambers.$

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

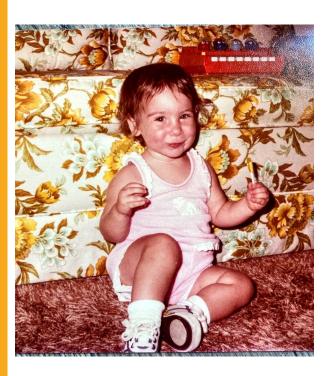
"Perry, that was great last night. Seemed to go off without a hitch. The FLMNH unveiling was very cool. Congrats all around!" John Moran

ITS A ROTARY THING!



KID PIC OF THE WEEK

and who is this cutie?

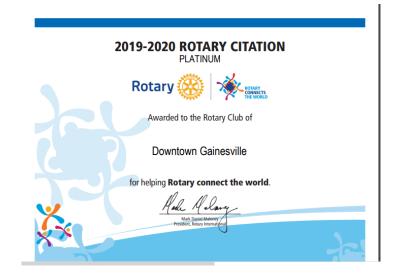


CONGRATULATIONS DOWNTOWN ROTARIANS!

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 conscientous member of this Rotary club

Rotary Citation

Our club received the highest level of Rotary Citation recogition, 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.



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-eden.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 COMMITTMENT 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

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!





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

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 step priority.

After decades of hard won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative</u> (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

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

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







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MEGAN FORBES

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

BRENDA CHAMBERLAIN MEMBER MINUTE







MEMBER MOMENT

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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 then 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!



CARL SMART MEMBER MINUTE



Years in Rotary: 2.5 years

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

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



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!



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!!



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)





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 <u>Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention</u>. #MakeaDifference in <u>Rotary District 6970</u>

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



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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