

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



President-Elect



Treasurer



Secretary



<u>Perry Pursell</u> Sergeant-at-Arms



Club Director



Clay Martin III Club Director

Megan Olson Club Director

Welcome

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

december theme



And just how do Rotarians do this?

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/fighting-disease

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELLOW ROTARIANS!





Club Director



Albert Anthony Losch Jr. Bulletin Editor



Diane Marie Robar iPast President



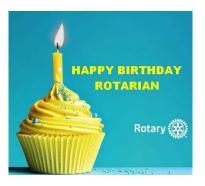
Stephanie Esposito
Social Media and Public Relations
Chair



<u>Jennifer Mehrtens Van Hart</u> Assistant Governor



David Bridges December 1st Robert Taylor S December 2nd Rob Oglesby



DAVID BRIDGES

BOB TAYLOR December 2nd

ROB OGELSBY December 7th

ITS A ROTARY THING!



Coat Donations

THIS OUTERWEAR DRIVE WILL BE OUR CLUB'S DONATION DRIVE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. Don't we all have items in our closet that we no longer wear and could be given to folks who need them?

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE WILL ONLY HAVE 2 MEETINGS THIS MONTH (1st and 8thand our holiday party on the 15th, will be in lieu of a regular meeting)... SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE NEXT COUPLE OF MEETINGS! Ed Book is our contact person for this drive AND he says there is a zoo discount coupon that will be provided to any donators.



IT'S BACK !!!!!

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY / BAKE SALE WILL RESUME THIS YEAR!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH (NO MEETING THAT DAY, btw) .

THIS YEARS EVENT WILL BE ANOTHER DELICIOUS BUFFET, TO BE HELD AT DOS MAMAS. MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE TO PAY AS YOUR LUNCH MEETING CHARGE WILL BE APPLIED. GUEST CHARGE IS \$25. ONE FREE DRINK COUPON INCLUDED. A SURVEY MONKEY LINK WILL BE GOING OUT SHORTLY SO THAT WE CAN GET A HEADCOUNT SO PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THAT.

AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR HOLIDAY GOODIES!!!

THE ARRAY OF THE DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS IS ALWAYS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD AND THE BIDDING CAN GET FIERCE. GOOD TIMES!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Still looking for a few more Rotarians to help with this years' drive. One hour shifts at the Jonesville Publix, either Thursday Dec 16th or Saturday, Dec 18th. Could really use your help, thanks!

sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0- salvation2

PICKLEBALL TOURNEY

Calling all Rotarian volunteers.

Pickleball tourney Dec 4-5 benefitting the <u>Alzheimer's Association</u> organized by <u>Touching Hearts at Home Gainesville</u>.

Will be held @ <u>City of Gainesville - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA)</u> Northside Park & played within the <u>Rotary Club of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.</u> Wild Game Feast funded Generation Play Zone.

The team rosters are full. HOWEVER, there is a need for volunteers to help with the registration and information table. Contact Ed Book at bookgainesville@aol.com

Tourney info here: https://www.gainesvillesportscommission.com/.../4th.../



Want to see the W2W event? Here you go!

By Jim 🗞 Jimbo 🗞 E. Skiles III

Want to revisit the great time we had at the 9th Annual Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards?

Check our the recordings!

Pre-show: https://youtu.be/nljxEPCV2nU

Program: https://youtu.be/n9gNvm_HY2Q

Event Calendar



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

MONTH OF DECEMBER	OUTERWEAR CLOTHING DRIVE FOR SANTA FE LITTLE SCHOOL	Ed Book bookgainesville@aol.com
DECEMBER 4-5 8 AM - 5 PM	PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT Rotary Generations Park	Ed Book bookgainesville@aol.com
DECEMBER 15	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY / BAKE SALE Dos Mamas	Brenda Chamberlain brendac6970@gmail.com

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

December Speakers, provided by Al Losch and Ed Book

December 1st Al Losch

December 8th

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 352-538-029		
November	Becky Hunt		
December	Al Losch		

SPEAKER SIGNUP

By Jim �Jimbo � E. Skiles III

YOUR ROTARY



What makes a great Rotary club?

YOU do.

July, August and October are the only months looking for a speaker - finder. Please consider stepping up and helping out. Don't forget you can share a month with a fellow club member, if that works better.

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).

And a BIG thanks to all who have already signed up!

Please use 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,

link: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0-speaker1

VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR

Downtown Rotarians attending the Rotary District 6970 Vibrant Club Seminar, November 5th- 6th. Note the club awards we are holding... Bob and Diane Robar, Pres Brenda Chamberlain, Chessie Flanders and Jimbo Skiles





THE AWARDS THE DOWNTOWN CLUB RECEIVED WERE THE FOLLOWING





AND THE EVER PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDENTIAL CITATION:





Community Foundation of North Central Florida Charity Organization

Building philanthropy in North Central Florida

Legacy Awards 2021 Professional Advisor Award - Joe Lowry Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



CONGRATS TO BRETT and the <u>Gainesville Opportunity Center</u>!! They will be the primary recipients of the <u>Rotary Club of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.</u> Wild Game Feast funds in 2021!

THIS IS SO EXCITING!!

Funds will be used to buy commercial kitchen equipment for the GOC program.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

It was our honor to recognize Deputy Ricky Robinson as our Officer of the month. His superior officer, Sgt. Fricker, nominated him for arresting a dangerous driver who had children in his car, along with drugs and weapons.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Recognizing Alachua County Sheriff Dep William Baker for saving a crash victim. (Presented by Sgt Frank Williams & Albert Losch.)



RIDE TO END POLIO

By Ed Book

Thanks to Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville & SkyCycle at GHF for the 2021 Indoor Ride to End Polio. (We were also joined by the Gainesville Rotary Club.)

Fun & fundraising in 1 event in Rotary District 6970 to end a terrible disease.

GREAT JOB Downtowners Billy Brame, Ed Book, Ed Emery, Jimbo Skiles, Megan Forbes and Marina Jordan,





ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DICTIONARY PROJECT



A BIG thank you to club members who came out to the Dictionary Labeling Party on Monday, October 11th: Brett Buell, Ed Emery, Billy Brame, Marina Jordan, Marta Hartmann, Carl Smart, Ed Book, Jim Skiles, Megan Olson and the Robars. We also welcomed the added help from GOC members Joevan, Akeem and Susan, Megan's daughter Cassie and the Robar's grandson, Matthew. We, along with Rotarians from the Gainesville and Sunrise Rotary clubs, affixed labels to 2,290 dictionaries. These books will now be delivered to all area 3rd graders. In addition to the club members listed above, another big THANK YOU to Rob Ogelsby, Jennifer Watson-Reddish and Cheryl Poe who will also be delivering dictionaries to area schools.

Brett generously offered the Gainesville Opportunity Center as the site for the labeling party. It was a great location and we very much appreciate being able to use this facility. THANKS, BRETT!!!

















CONGRATULATIONS!! OUR CLUB EARNED 2020-21 ROTARY CITATION AWARD

Dear 2020-21 Club President,

Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2020-21. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future

The Rotary Citation, sometimes referred to as the Presidential Citation, is awarded to clubs that meet certain goals or criteria established each year by the incoming Rotary International President.

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Downtown Gainesville

for helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

Holge Knauch Holger Knaack President, Rotary International

DISASTER RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ROTARY

AFGHAN RFFUGFFS

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 mits, 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

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 ISUPPORT

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. Churche s / Schools / Schools / Hotels Damaged. Very Complex Operatin g 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 aide to those that need it most.

https://www.paypal.com/donate?

hosted_button_id= 5M9QVSEF6M5V4&source=url

Check:

Payable to: The York Foundation, Inc. Research to Mis. Patti Chapman, ROTARY District 6970 Administrative Assistant, YORK FOUNDATION, INC. P.O. BOX 47195, Jacksonville FL 32247

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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/

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 Internation Convention. There really is nothing like it to fully capture the spirt of Rotary and to begin to understand the great scope and impact of our organization

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 <u>Santa Fe College</u>, Career Service Council, and <u>Santa Fe College</u>, Career Service Council, and <u>Santa Fe College</u>, 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/ OV8DU191622/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.









Old, used, worn out bikes taking up space in your garage? I on 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 or grown up or 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 youod 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

Club Information

John Sanchez

10/1/2016

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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
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
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

* PHF

Clay Martin

Lauri Schiffbauer	8 11 2021			Brenda Chamberlain
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

(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

PRI 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