

Rotary

DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE



Club Meeting

Downtown
Gainesville
Meets at Paramount
Grill
12 SW First Avenue
Gainesville, FL
32601
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Stephanie Esposito
President



Brett Buell
President-Elect



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Treasurer



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Steven Jeppson
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Club Director



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Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
Club Director
Membership Chair

Welcome



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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





Jim
Skiles III
Club
Director
Speaker
Chair

Lunch Link Paramount Grill



Lets do lunch!!

As always, please submit your selection before 9 AM on Wednesdays. This is a request from Chef Ty as he needs sufficient time to prepare our 20+ lunches each week by noon.

And just to clarify our club's present policy regarding lunches for visitors: If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to have their lunch orders submitted either with yours or by the 9 AM deadline. *Guests* are expected to pay for their lunch or you may opt to be invoiced for their lunches. *Visiting Rotarians* are expected to pay for their lunch. If you bring a *potential member*, their lunches will be covered for 3 meetings by the club. Speakers and Law Enforcement lunches are covered by the club. Lunch cost is \$20

LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Y5oBC9n6srh6qhDN8>

Eric Perez - Big Brothers Big Sisters



Meet Eric -

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the largest and longest-serving youth mentoring organization in the country. My role at BBBS is to help individuals and organizations who want to invest in our community's youth through mentoring relationships. My goal is to create pathways that lead to Alachua County being the leader in Florida for making sure that each youth who wants a mentor, can get a mentor.

My wife and I moved from Athens, Georgia to Gainesville in 2011. She accepted a residency at the VA hospital outpatient pharmacy and I a teaching position at Oak View Middle School. I taught science and Spanish for 14 years before joining Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2022. I transitioned from the classroom to BBBS because of the impact one-to-one mentoring relationships can have on children. With technology becoming more accessible, I felt it was too easy for these invaluable interpersonal interactions to fall by the wayside.

We are blessed to have 3 beautiful children, ages 11, 8, and 6. Our family enjoys walking our dog, camping, dance, martial arts, and other activities that lead to personal growth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Yep, it's getting to be that time of year!

Our club's annual auction!

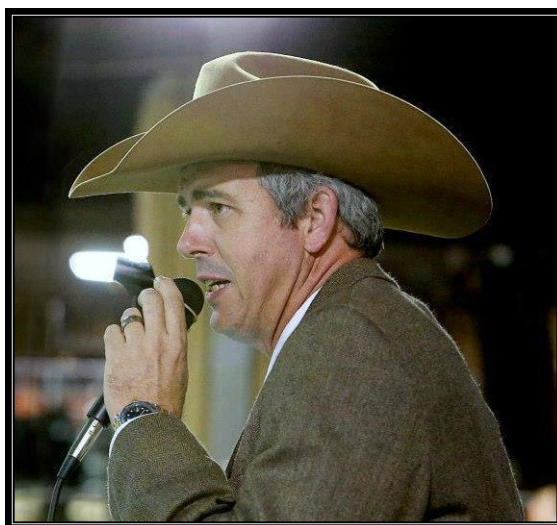
An evening of fun, food, fellowship to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation

DATE: MAY 23, 2024

Never too early to start gathering items, including gift certificates and donations from some of your favorite venues and businesses.

AND

this year , we will welcome back our most favorite auctioneer, Cracker Johnson
(apologies to Joe Jr for demoting you to 2nd most favorite..)



could use your help, Rotarians!



In conjunction with the Museum of Natural History, Downtown Gainesville Rotary will be partnering with Rawlings Elementary to offer a SCIENCE NIGHT on May 9th. from 5:30 - 7 pm.

The Museum provides the materials and guides for 11 different science stations, which the students then visit.

They need US to be the 'scientist' at each table -- so we are hoping YOU would be willing to volunteer to help. (The Museum folks guarantee that the science experiments are not hard to manage)

More specifics will be forthcoming as the time gets closer... be on the lookout for a sign up link coming soon!

ALSO: We also need to provide dinner in the form of PIZZA for the kids and their family. Looking for anyone in the club who may have a special connection to a pizza place who could offer us a good deal. Please let Stephanie know if you can help with this!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!!

By Ed Book



ROTARIANS!!

C'mon down and help with the annual Keep Alachua County Beautiful Great AM Cleanup!!

Where: "OUR" road, Main Street, from Cade Museum to Winn Dixie. (cleanup materials provided)

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 9 AM - 10 AM

This event is part of the KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL day. In addition to our road cleanup, there will also be an opportunity to help refresh the VFW area at 1150 NE Waldo Road (painting sign, cleaning area and planting). This VFW service opportunity will run from 9 AM - 11 AM.

Both of these 2 projects are part of the

2024 Great American Cleanup, sponsored by Keep Alachua County Beautiful

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. There will be lunch, swag and music at noon, following the clean up, if you would like to head over to the park at noon

Albert Ray Massey (Westside) Park, 3100-3346 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605, USA

KACB will be able to accept tires at no charge on Sat., 4/13/23 at Massey Park, 1001 NW 34th St., Gainesville, from 9 a.m. until noon as part of our Great American Cleanup for litter.



Going to be a GREAT event!!

By Brett Buell



May 18, 2024 | 8:30 AM
First Magnitude Brewing Co.

*Registration at 8:30 AM Ride at 9:30 AM
Questions? Contact Brett at (352) 872-3232 brett@gocclubhouse.org

Join us in promoting awareness and support
for people living with chronic mental illness
by riding with us on the Hawthorne Trail.

- Option 1) Circle Depot Park (Beginner)
- Option 2) First Magnitude to LaChua Trail
(Intermediate)
- Option 3) First Magnitude to Hawthorne,
Florida (Advanced)



Event Calendar 2024



**~~ DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED
WITHIN THE NEWSLETTER ~~**

**PLEASE ALSO REFER TO ONLINE CLUB CALENDAR AT THE LINK
FOR
MOST UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:
<https://rb.gy/jh7vx>**

April 6	SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOG WALKATHON	Jimbo 352 538 0293
April 13	KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL clean up	Ed Book 352 222 7968
April 20	RLI (rotary Leadership Institute) Daytona State College/Palm Coast	register https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm? EventID=77707708
May 3 -4	District Conference University Center UNF, Jacksonville	Register and info: https://www.rotarydistrict6970.org/district- conference-2024/
May 9th	Rawlings Elementary SCIENCE NIGHT 5:30 - 7 pm	volunteer link to be sent out
May 18	GOC Bike Day 8:30	Brett Buell 352 872 3232
MAY23	ANNUAL AUCTION Arbor Greens Clubhouse	
JUNE 27	TRANSITION DINNER	

speaker sign up

By Jim ☺Jimbo ☺ E. Skiles III

		ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES
JANUARY	Jimbo	Vocational Services
FEBRUARY	Haydee	Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
MARCH	Brett Marta	Water, Sanitation, Hygiene
APRIL	Clay	Maternal and Child Health
MAY	Scott Hansis	Youth Services
JUNE	Megan (5 th &12 th) need 19th&26th	Rotary Fellowships
JULY	Shelby	New Leadership
AUGUST	Michael	Membership and New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	Cheryl	Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	Stephanie	Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Joe Jr	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	Al	Disease Prevention And Treatment

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim ☺Jimbo ☺ E. Skiles III

APRIL SPEAKERS provided by CLAY MARTIN

April 3 *Francine Vincent, Alachua County Emergency Management Coordinator*

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Chartered September 18, 1990
Charter President J. Ben Rowe

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Paramount Grill,
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Club Website: <https://downtowngainesvillerotary.org/>