

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



William S.
Combs
Treasurer



Megan
Olson
Secretary



Steven
Jeppson
Sergeant-
at-Arms



Carl Smart
iPast
President



Shelby
Bobbett
Club
Director



Marta M
Hartmann
Club
Director



Joseph E.
Lowry Jr.
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>

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!



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@goclubhouse.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)



It's Auction Time!

**THE ROTARY CLUB,
DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE
PRESENTS**

**20
24**



Rotary



THE CONNIE ROWE AUCTION & SOCIAL

GUEST AUCTIONEER CHAD "CRACKER" JOHNSON

ENTRANCE FEE

\$25 FOR 1

\$40 FOR 2

THURSDAY, MAY

23

6 PM

**ENJOY DINNER & BID ON AUCTION ITEMS FOR A
GREAT CAUSE. WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ARBOR
GREENS CLUBHOUSE.**

**TO RESERVE NOW, EMAIL
DOWNTOWNGNVROTARY@GMAIL.COM**

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>**

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| 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 | |

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III

APRIL SPEAKERS provided by CLAY MARTIN

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

| 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 |
| Shelby Bobbitt | 9/21/2022 | Sgt At Arms | | Diane Robar |
| Ed Book | 2/1/2009 | PP 13-14 AG 1,2,AG | * 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 |
| Haydee Britton | 03/8/2023 | | | Marta Hartman |
| Brett Buell | 9/1/2015 | President Elect | * PHF+1 | John Anderson |
| <i>Brenda Chamberlain</i> | 1/1/2019 | PP 2021-22 | *PHF | Megan Olson |
| Neal Cohen | 7/1/1989 | | * PHF3 | Billy Brame |
| <i>Billy Combs</i> | 4/1/1992 | PP 97-98, Treasurer | * MD / BR PHF8 | Greg Fleming |
| Pat Craddock | 9/1/2006 | PP 10-11 | * MD @ PHF8 | Al Losch |
| Michael Ekblad | 7 26 2023 | | | Al Losch |
| Ed Emery | 9/1/2015 | | * PHF | Ray Snook |
| <i>Stephanie Esposito</i> | 6/12/2020 | President 2023-24 | *PHF | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Chessie Flanders | 4/1/2017 | PP 19-20, AG 1, AG2, AG | * 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. |
| Dan Frowick | | PP 94-95 | MD/HM | n/a |
| April Green | 6/21/2023 | | | Jim Skiles |
| Scott Hansis | 2//2023 | | | John Sanchez |
| <i>Marta Hartmann</i> | 05/2021 | Director | | Marina Jordan |
| <i>Becky Hunt</i> | 1/1/1996 | | * PHF7 | Diane Robar |
| Jim Islam | 9/1/1990 | PP 95-96 | * MD PHF8 | Joe Lowry Sr. |
| Steve Jeppson | 5/11/2022 | Sgt at Arms | | Jim Skiles |
| Marina Jordan | 2/1/2019 | | *PHF | Diane Robar |
| Pradeep Kumar | 5/1/2018 | | *PHF+1 | 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 |
| <i>Joe Lowry Jr.</i> | 12/1/2004 | PP (08-09) (17-18)Director | * BR @ PHF6 | Megan Forbes |
| Joe Lowry Sr. | 7/1/2013 | | * MD PHF8 | Jim Islam |
| <i>Clay Martin</i> | 11/1/2016 | | * PHF | John Sanchez |
| Rob Oglesby | 5/1/2010 | PP 14-15 | * MD / BR PHF8 | Bob Robar |
| <i>Megan Olson</i> | 2/1/2019 | Secretary | *PHF+1 | Brenda Chamberlain |
| Cheryl T. Poe | 1/1/2007 | PP 15-16 | * BR PHF6 | Becky Hunt |
| Perry Pursell | 6/1/2008 | PP 12-13, | * PHF3 | |
| Bob Robar | 11/1/1991 | PP 01-02 | * MD @ PHF8 | Perry Pursell |
| <i>Diane Robar</i> | 10/1/2014 | PP 2020-21; AG 1, 2, ,AG | * PHF+1 | Marina Jordan |
| Ben Rowe (d.) | n/a | Charter President | * MD | n/a |
| Lauri Schiffbauer | 8 11 2021 | | | Brenda Chamberlain |

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| Jim Skiles | 12/1/1998 | PP 03-04; Speakers,director | * MD @ BR PHF8 | Tom Sumrall |
| <i>Carl Smart</i> | 3/1/2019 | IPP, 2022-23, | *PHF | Zachary West |
| Ray Snook | 4/1/2012 | PP16-17 AAG | * PHF3 | Cheryl Poe |
| Zachary West | 11/1/2013 | | * PHF | Carl Smart |
| Leslie Wooten | 10/1/2023 | PHF3 | | |

* 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