

Rotary



Club of Downtown Gainesville



Club Information

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville,
Florida #27544 chartered September
18, 1990
Charter President J. Ben Rowe
Our in person meetings are temporarily
(we hope!) suspended..
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 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



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Social Media and Public Relations
Chair



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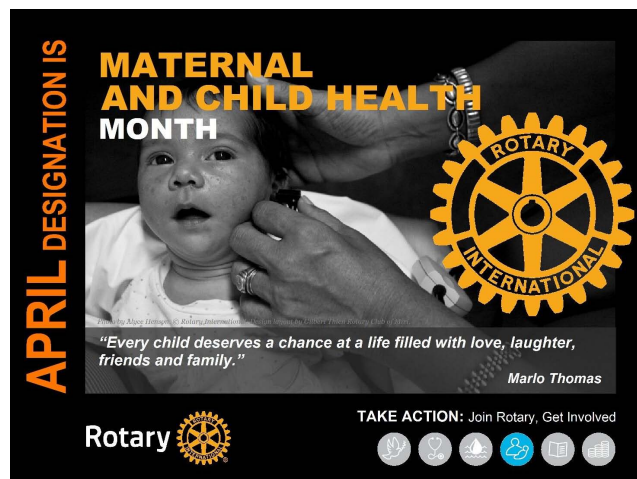
Clay Martin III
Club Director

Megan Olson
Club Director

Welcome

*Welcome to the
Virtual Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

APRIL ROTARY THEME



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=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZ09>
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Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZ09>

Meeting ID: 482 134 526
Password: 621885
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Carl Smart
Club Director



Perry Pursell
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III
Speaker Chair



Chessie Flanders
Past President



Mary Kate Walker
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

John Henry Anderson
April 30th
Matt Bowman
May 1st
Jennifer Watson-Reddish
May 1st
Megan Olson
May 9th
Ray Snook
May 11th
Rebecca W. Hunt
May 13th

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Event Calendar



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

Until April 23rd	GOC Invitation to visit their new location. Details and sign up sheet in bulletin https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Fuda3wjv-KnIjhPHF2Y6Ky6HJw_IL4N16XedzyRHPwc/edit?ts=60490ed4#gid=0	buell.brett@gmail.com
Ongoing First Monday	GRACE MARKETPLACE volunteer orientation signup .	https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/
April 30 1 PM	Rotary - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seminar Celebrate Diversity	https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/
ONGOING Tues, Thurs and Sat. 11 am-4 pm	Donations to Grace Marketplace	

Speaker Coordinator Schedule

APRIL SPEAKERS:

- April 7 Jamar Hebert, 100 Black Men of Greater Gainesville
- April 14 Brittany Coleman, Sexual Assault Awareness
- April 21 Harold Theus, Fire Chief; Community Paramedic Programs
- April 28 Dr. Paul Ortiz, African-American history in Florida

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	
April	Carl Smart		
May	Bob Taylor		
June	Stephanie Esposito		
JULY			
August	Matt Bowman		
September	Perry Pursell		
October	Brett Buell		
November	Becky Hunt		
December	Al Losch		

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

NOTABLE ROTARIANS

Among his many achievements being noted at this time, Rotarians celebrate the fact that HRH Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh was an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton and also Windsor St George.



June 10, 1921 - April 9, 2021

ROTARY MINUTE VIDEO

The Rotary theme for April is Maternal and Child Health. Here is our Rotary Minute video in celebration of Rotary's focus in this area

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CqI1LhKIVl&list=RDCMUC-0erRNbG4J7gCSg0XVHSSQ&index=11>

Club Member Recognition



CONGRATS to Downtown club member Marina for being part of the Santa Fe College International Studies and Education team which was recently awarded the 2021 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization. Santa Fe was one of only 8 colleges and universities in the United States to be recognized for its work on international Education. Even more impressive, Santa Fe is the first community college in Florida to be selected for this prestigious award. Great job, Marina, to have contributed to the success of this department!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Always great to volunteer with fellow Rotarians! Megan Olson needed some help at the Culver's booth to hand out ice cream at the recent Food Festival at Celebration Point.... lots of people, lots of fun!

Megan and Scoopie



BIG THANKS to Becky Hunt and Rogers Rotary Scholarship House residents Chloe, Brittani and Bernadine for coming out to help!!



Megan, Bob and Diane ... served up the last bit of ice cream by 3 pm!



GRACE MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS

By Cheryl Poe

Downtown Gainesville Rotarians have generously given their time to volunteer at the Grace Marketplace Clothes Closet over the past several years. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to help for the past year...but that's about to change and we will once again be able to volunteer with them.

Grace Marketplace now requires all volunteers to participate in a volunteer orientation before they help at Grace. These online orientations will be offered on the first Monday of each month, 6 - 7 pm.

The next orientation is MAY 3rd.

Here is the link to sign up for the orientation:

<https://gm.volunteermatrix.com/>

COME SEE OUR NEW PLACE!

By Brett Buell

GAINESVILLE OPPORTUNITY CENTER INVITATION!

Hi everyone,

As many of you know, the GOC moved into a new building last year. Due to COVID, it has been difficult to have visitors. We would like to invite you to come see us. We all wear masks, and social distance. We check everyone's temperatures when they come to the door.

If you would like to come visit from 10:30-2pm M-F, please fill your name in on the sheet. If you have technical difficulties, shoot me an email and I will add you. We are located at 1210 NW 14th Ave, and my cell phone # is 352-872-3232.

There are so many people from different walks of life who need support to help get their voices heard. Thank you for supporting the GOC by understanding what we are doing and why it matters.

Brett

Here is a schedule of available days/times.

Please use the following link to sign up

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Fuda3wjv-KniJhPHF2Y6Ky6HJw_IL4N16XedzyRHPwc/edit?ts=60490ed4#gid=0

COMING SOON!!

By Perry Pursell



GET READY, CLUB MEMBERS. THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL AUCTION...ONLINE!

MORE DETAILS TO COME, BUT THE IMPORTANT PART YOU NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW IS WE NEED YOUR HELP TO COLLECT ITEMS TO ADD TO THE AUCTION. THE EVENT WILL RUN FOR A WEEK IN MAY...BUT WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO HAVE STUFF TO PUT UP FOR AUCTION.

TO MAKE IT FUN AND INTERESTING, WE NEED ALL KINDS OF ITEMS ... AND WE NEED *EVERYONE* TO CONTRIBUTE!! GIFT CERTIFICATES, GIFT BASKETS, IGUANAS, NEW CAR (THANKS, JIMBO), ART WORK, LEFTOVER TIMESHARES, etc.YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST, SO PLEASE JOIN IN AND DONATE AN ITEM...OR TWO.

Rotary Shirts!

By Rob Oglesby

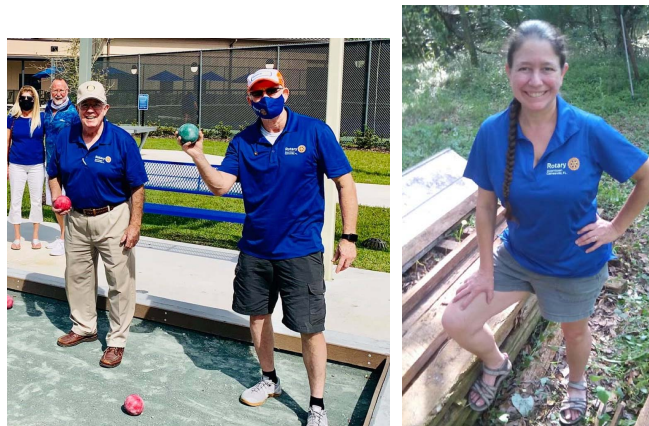
IF YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL ROTARY OF DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE SHIRT, here's your opportunity to order. We will be taking orders, via Survey Monkey, for the next couple of weeks in April . ((thanks, Rob, for heading up this project!!))

Color options are blue or white. Additional information is in the link.

The link to order is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSWX77S>

Here are a couple of pictures to give you an idea of how sizes may run:



Rob is wearing Men's 2X, Ed is wearing a Large Megan has Women's Med.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATT, DAVID AND CARL !!!

100 Black Men of Greater Florida Gainesville induct founding chapter members



Calls for change in black communities in our area have been marked by events like protests and workshops meant to educate people. Matt Bowman and Jamar Hebert heard that call and turned it into action by cofounding the Gainesville chapter of the 100 Black Men organization. The intent of the group is to provide collaboration and mentorship that will uplift young black men in the community.

On March 27, 2021, thirty six African-American men from all walks of life were inducted as founding chapter members of 100 Black Men of Greater Florida, Gainesville.

◆It is mentoring, it is economic empowerment, it is being visible in the community, ◆ said Vice President of the group, Matt Bowman. ◆And we◆re not trying to reinvent the wheel. Gainesville is a great community and we◆re going to work to help make it better.◆

Congratulations to Matt, David and Carl for being among the first inductees into this innovative, exciting and life altering group!!



SANTA FE RIVER CLEANUP

The Rotary theme for March is Clean Water...so of course Rotarians are going to want to do their part to help !

On Saturday, March 27th, several Rotarians participated in the Santa Fe River CleanUp. THANKS to Jimbo, Marina, Marta, Brett, Diane and Bob for their help in this service project. Thanks also to GOC members Amber and Amanda and Jimbo's friend, Jim.

No one fell out of their canoe, lots of trash got picked up and it was a GREAT day!...

Jimbo Skiles, Diane Robar, Marina Jordan, Marta Hartman and Jimbo's friend, Jim, all decked out and ready to clean up some Santa Fe River



Jimbo and Jim paddling off into the wilds



Brett and Amber heading out to find some trash in the river



Brett, Amber and Ashley getting ready to do their part in the River Cleanup



Our fearless, intrepid explorer Jimbo!



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UPDATING YOUR CLUB INFORMATION

UPDATING MEMBER PROFILE:

Billy Brame recently shared with the club about his experience when checking his club/personal information on our District membership platform. We used to use ClubRunner for club administration . Now we are with DACDB (District and Club DataBase).

When we moved our records from Clubrunner to DAC, some club member information apparently did not transfer over. Billy found a few areas in his club member file that needed updating and tweaking. He generously drew up a how to document to help you navigate the site and check your information. It is not not hard to do, especially with his very clear directions.

It is up to each club member to personally take a few minutes and verify/update their information as you are the only ones who can do so. Here is the link to Billy's "how to" information. ((BIG thanks to Billy for taking the time to compose and share with club members!!))

[https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/Instructions%20on%20updating%20your%20Member%20Profile%20\(1\)\(1\).docx](https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/Instructions%20on%20updating%20your%20Member%20Profile%20(1)(1).docx)

ROADSIDE CLEANUP

BIG THANK YOU to the members of the Downtown Rotary Club (Megan Olson, Ed Emery, Ed Book and Brett Buell), Gainesville Opportunity Center and Santa Fe Rotaract Club for volunteering to clean up "OUR" stretch of road on Saturday, March 13th . Sure do appreciate you all coming out on a Saturday morning to help beautify our city!



BOCCE MARCH 13th

The first annual BOCCE BALL championship was held on Saturday, March 13th. Congrats to first place winner Greater Gainesville club !



THE COVETED BOCCE CHAMPION AWARD



Cheryl, Rob and Brett showing off their Certificate of Participation



Never too young to learn how to play BOCCE! Megan and Ed sharing helpful hints to Megan's daughters.



Ed , Diane and Becky with some of the students currently living in the Rogers Rotary Southern Scholarship House. Bernadine, Chloe and Ariel had never played Bocce ball before but were pretty good at it by the time they left.



Diane, Dana (Greater Gainesville club) and Rob watch while Brett carefully determines who is going to get the points.



Everybody having fun!



Master Bocce-ers Rob and Ed do their thing



Greater Gainesville members Donny and Dana came out to show their prowess in bocce ball!

DID YOU SEE THIS?

For information about these tags, please use **THIS** link : <http://floridarotarytag.com/>
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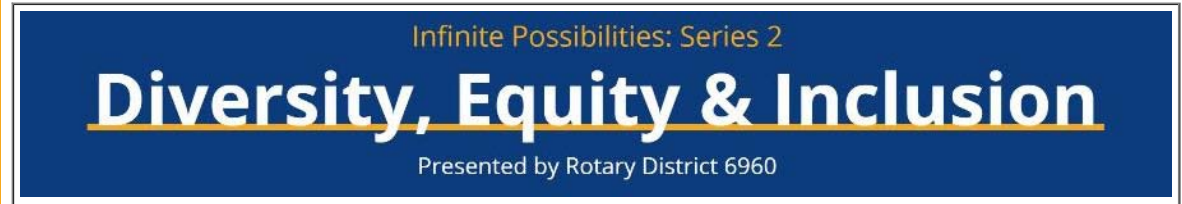
How cool is this??

Pre-order your Florida Rotary tag now! We need to sell a minimum of 3,000 pre-sale vouchers for production.

<http://floridarotarytag.com>



use this link to register: <https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/>



[Register NOW](#) for the first session, **Strength in Diversity**, with a very special host, **Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Chair**, who will lead an esteemed group of panelists through discussions on how strength lies in differences, not similarities. Joining Valerie are Joshua Innis, Paul Amoury and Rea Vrandecic.

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Strength In Diversity**,

April 30, 2021 ♦ Celebrate Diversity, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekboeck.

- [Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Celebrate Diversity**, 1:00 pm EDT April 30, 2021 for **Infinite Possibilities - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

We look forward to seeing you there!

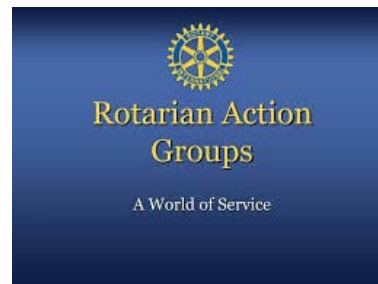
USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR THESE WEBINARS: <https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/>

Darryl Keys
Governor, District 6960

Cyndi Doragh
Chair, Infinite Possibilities



Rotarian Action Group



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M_IIIY6bIg

What are Rotarian Action Groups?

Rotary Action Groups support causes around the globe

Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise. The groups are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient, and have a passion for service, in a particular field.

Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs

By joining a Rotarian Action Group, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside our own club, district, or country.

For more information, see <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>

Here is a list of the categories of current Rotarian Action Groups:

AIDS and Family Health www.rfha.org **Alzheimer's and Dementia** <http://adrag.org/>
Blindness Prevention <http://www.rag4bp.org>
Blood Donation <http://ourblooddrive.org/>
Clubfoot www.rag4clubfoot.org
Dentistry <http://www.ragdvt.com>
Diabetes <http://www.ragdiabetes.org>
Disaster Assistance www.dna-rag.com
Endangered Species <http://www.endangeredrag.org>
Environmental Sustainability <http://www.esrag.org>
Food Plant Solutions <http://foodplantsolutions.org>
Health Education and Wellness www.hewrag.org
Hearing <http://www.ifrahl.org>
Hunger and Malnutrition <http://www.alleviatehunger.org>
Literacy <http://www.litrag.org>
Malaria <http://www.remarag.org>
Mental Health <http://ragonmentalhealth.org>

Microfinance and Community Development <http://ragm.org>
Multiple sclerosis <http://rotary-ragmsa.org>
Peace <http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org>
Polio Survivors and Associates <http://www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com>
Population and Development <http://www.rifpd.org>
Preconception Care <http://www.raghpnc.org>
Slavery <http://ragas.online>
Water and Sanitation www.wasrag.org

JUST ONE MONTH LEFT !! Can you please help?

By Jim ♦ Jimbo ♦ E. Skiles III



THANKS to the club members who have signed up to provide speakers for the 2021 meetings.

JULY is the only month still needing a "speakerfinder". We could really use your help with this!

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4ac2aa2fd0-speaker>

ITS A ROTARY THING!



How about YOU?



Have YOU submitted your MEMBER MOMENT yet? We have had a great response from several members to this request♦but there are still a few we have not heard from.

In these days of COVID restrictions, we really have missed being able to socialize with one another.

The MEMBER MOMENT is just a quick way to keep fellowship going♦ it♦s a way to let other members know a bit more about you, just like they would if they were sitting across from you at Paramount Grill.

It will only take a quick minute to complete the following questions and send them back to Stephanie at

Stephanie_Esposito@mbhcl.org

Here are the questions:

Your profession.

♦ Years in Rotary.

♦ Why Rotary.

♦ What people may not know about you.

♦ A fun photo

And that♦s it! Again, please return your answers to Stephanie, as she is our talented techie who will transform your answers into a dazzling Member Moment.

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 11am - 4 pm**. 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 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

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

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/BQNGFXP>

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

MEMBER MOMENT



MEMBER MOMENT

BOB ROBAR

Profession: Semi-retired Travel Agent

Years in Rotary: 29

Why Rotary? I have always felt very blessed in life and felt a strong need to give back somehow. I served our club as President in 2000-2001 and have attended 10 Rotary International Conventions.

What you might not know about Bob - Being a Military Brat, I attended 10 elementary and 4 high schools. One of the two I went to in Italy was in an Italian girls school, but that's another story! I worked for 25 years with Eastern Air Lines in Miami, Roanoke, Sarasota and Gainesville. I was Chief Agent here when Eastern suddenly declared bankruptcy in 1991.

But I hit the ground running, starting two travel agencies, one of which was chosen by Florida Trend Magazine as one of the two best Florida Travel Agencies. I married Diane 8 years ago and we have traveled to 15 different countries together ranging from Hungary to New Zealand.

MEMBER MOMENT



MEMBER MOMENT

RAY SNOOK

Profession: General Manager at Gainesville Raceway for Centerplate, an international food & beverage management company.

Years in Rotary: Members since April 2012

Why Rotary? Rotary has provided an opportunity give back to the community and to participate in international projects. I enjoy the club speakers and member fellowship.

What you might not know about Ray - In my 30 year career I have worked a wide range of events, a nine week season at Saratoga Race Course, hematology convention in Miami, Ozzfest in Wisconsin, and Belmont Stakes. Other diverse events include World Cup, Frank Sinatra, Grateful Dead, Hank Williams Jr, and Sesame Street. Each event is a learning experience and has made for an interesting career.

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



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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!



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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 Heck 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.

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