



## 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



William S. Combs  
Treasurer



Stephanie Esposito  
Social Media and Public Relations  
Chair



Albert Anthony Losch Jr.  
Bulletin Editor



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.  
Club Director



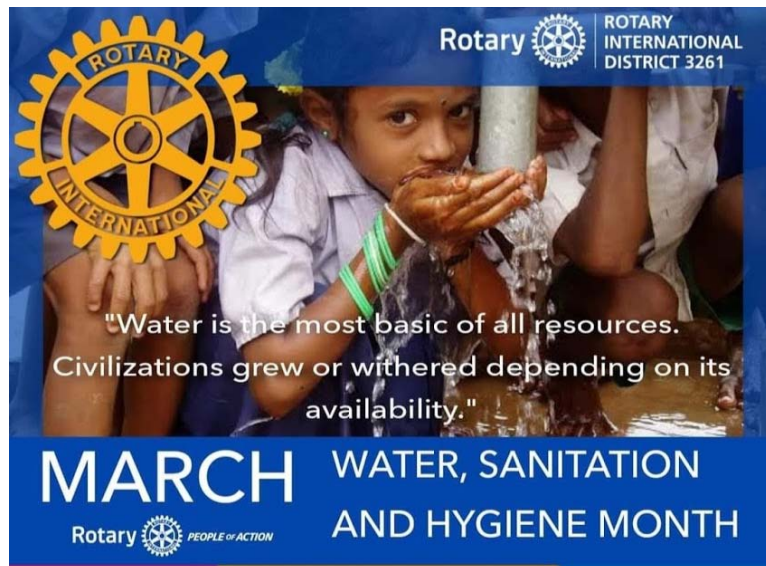
Clay Martin III  
Club Director

Megan Olson  
Club Director

## Welcome

*Welcome to the  
Virtual Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

## ROTARY THEME for MARCH



## March is



Carl Smart  
Club Director



Perry Pursell  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jim E. Skiles III  
Speaker Chair



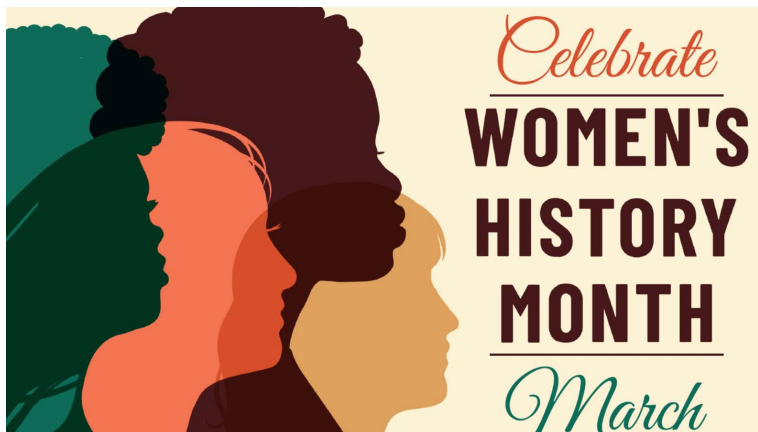
Chessie Flanders  
iPast President



Mary Kate Walker  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Stephanie Esposito  
March 19th  
William S. Combs  
March 20th



## 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=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZz09>  
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Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/482134526?pwd=VC8xYmcyY2VRZFdUOU1Vc2xqYUhhVZz09>

Meeting ID: 482 134 526  
Password: 621885  
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+16465588656,,482134526#,,1#,621885# US (New York)

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## NOTABLE ROTARIANS



**JENNIFER JONES**, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the service organization's 115-year existence.

## Speaker Coordinator Schedule

### MARCH SPEAKERS:

- March 3 Akito Kawahara "The Insect Effect"
- March 10 Dr. Fari Moni The Impact of Rotary (she is the Rotarian featured in the video we saw about the building of schools in Afghanistan )
- March 17 Rachel Slocumb, Ocala Wetland Recharge Park
- March 24 Dr. Nam-Kyu Parks , The Effects of Light on Sleeping"
- March 31 Jean and Keith Best, Promoting Peace

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	
MARCH	Jim Skiles		
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](mailto:jimskiles3@gmail.com)

Stephanie's email: [Stephanie\\_Esposito@mbhci.org](mailto:Stephanie_Esposito@mbhci.org)

## ROTARY MINUTE from March 10th

### March is Women's History Month

**Sylvia Whitlock** was the first woman President of her Rotary club. The road to this office was not easy, as Rotary International was not allowing women to join Rotary. See her story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUDePV-xbd0>

## 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!

## Event Calendar



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

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| <b>March 20</b><br>9 -10:30 AM                | TOUR of Cuscowilla (formerly Camp McConnell)<br>210 SE 134th Avenue Micanopy<br>Invitation from Gainesville Rotary Club.<br><br>tour Led by Jason Maurer, parks and open spaces mgr<br>for Alachua County. Masks will be required during the<br>tour, and please do not attend if you experience any<br>COVID-19 symptoms. | Register at<br><a href="https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77521809&amp;NoCaptcha">https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77521809&amp;NoCaptcha</a><br><br>questions? contact TJ Pyche<br><a href="mailto:pychetj@gmail.com">pychetj@gmail.com</a> or 352-467-9865. |
| <b>March 26</b><br>1 pm                       | <b>Rotary - Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion seminar</b><br><b>Investing in Equity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>March 27</b><br>8:30 - 11:30 AM            | SANTA FE RIVER CLEANUP with CURRENT PROBLEMS<br>AND KINGS OF THE SPRINGS.<br>Rescheduled from February 20th<br>To reserve a A KAYAK OR CANOE call/text352-467-9865 or emailing TJ Pyche <a href="mailto:pychetj@gmail.com">pychetj@gmail.com</a>                                                                           | High Springs Canoe Outpost,<br>21410 US-441, High Springs, FL<br>32643                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>April 30</b><br>1 PM                       | <b>Rotary - Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion seminar</b><br><b>Celebrate Diversity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ONGOING<br>Tues, Thurs and<br>Sat. 11 am-4 pm | Donations to Grace Marketplace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



### ATTENTION! THE SANTA FE RIVER CLEANUP IS HERE!

Come JOIN US on Saturday, MARCH 27th , in a joint river clean up sponsored by the Kings of the Springs , Current Problems and the Rotary Surfers fellowship. Both Kings of the Springs and Current Problems have been recognized by our club with a Wes Skiles Water Stewardship award . Both are local organizations , actively dedicated to keeping our area's rivers, creeks and other waterways clean. This will be a joint service project with the Downtown Rotary, Gainesville Rotary and Rotaract Clubs

DETAILS: Saturday, MARCH 27th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to reserve a canoe or kayak (no charge), please contact TJ Pyche text 352-467-9865 or email @ [pychetj@gmail.com](mailto:pychetj@gmail.com) . You must sign up by 5 p.m., Sunday, March 21, so we have an accurate count of attendees . If you do not want to be on the water, alternate land clean up opportunities are available.

Meet at the High Springs Canoe Outpost, 21410 US-441, High Springs, FL 32643.

If you sign up, please make every effort to come or find someone who is willing to replace you. There is a cost associated with this, but the organization graciously covers it.

Masks will be required when you are near others.j

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?

WANT TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR WATERWAYS?

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY



## DID YOU SEE THIS?

For information about these tags, please use THIS link : <http://floridarotarytag.com/> ((the one in the info slide does not connect))



Rotary District 6970

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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.

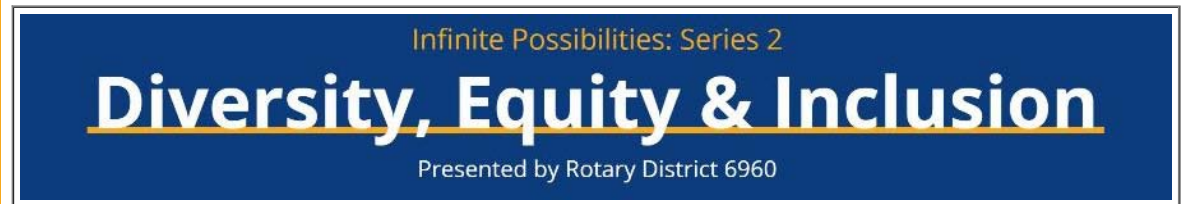
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## Rotary - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seminar

Shared by District 6960

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**,

- March 26, 2021 ♦ **Investing in Equity**, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.  
[Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Investing in Equity, 1:00 pm EDT March 26, 2021**
- 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!

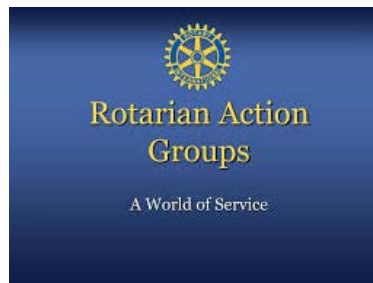
**USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR THESE WEBINARS:** <https://www.rizones33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/>

Darryl Keys  
Governor, District 6960

Cyndi Doragh  
Chair, Infinite Possibilities



## Rotarian Action Group



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M\\_IIIY6bIg](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](http://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](http://www.rag4clubfoot.org)  
**Dentistry** <http://www.ragdvt.com>  
**Diabetes** <http://www.ragdabetes.org>  
**Disaster Assistance** [www.dna-rag.com](http://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](http://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.raghphc.org>  
**Slavery** <http://ragas.online>  
**Water and Sanitation** [www.wasrag.org](http://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](mailto: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:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blankets</li> <li>Jackets</li> <li>Reading Glasses</li> <li>Ink Pens</li> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Mouthwash</li> <li>Razors</li> <li>Pillows</li> <li>Washcloths</li> <li>Bar Soap</li> <li>Tampons &amp; Pads</li> <li>Shaving Cream</li> <li>Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</li> <li>Toothpaste &amp; Toothbrushes</li> <li>Bug Spray</li> <li>Sunscreen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pet Water Bowls</li> <li>Dog Leashes</li> <li>Dog Collars</li> <li>Sheet Sets</li> <li>Towels</li> <li>New or Gently Used Shoes &amp; Clothing</li> <li>Furniture</li> </ul> |
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## 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**

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