



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
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Treasurer



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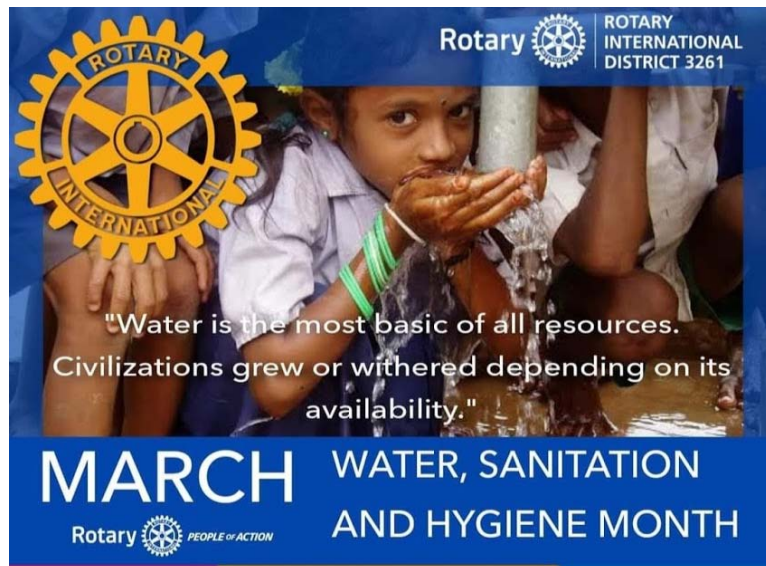
Clay Martin III
Club Director

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



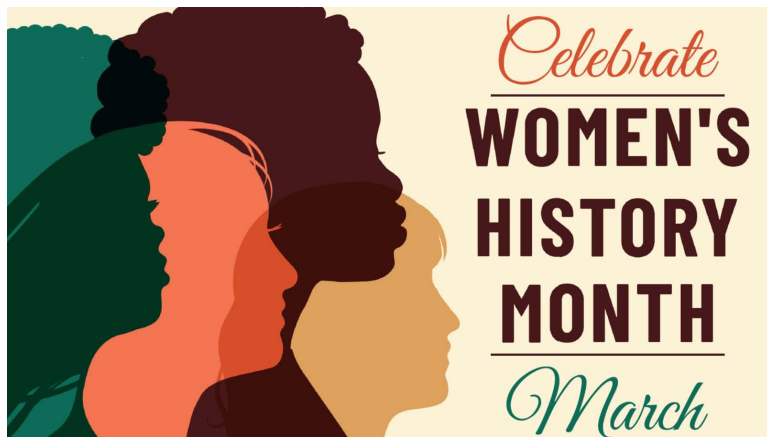
Chessie Flanders
iPast President



Mary Kate Walker
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found



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>

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NOTABLE ROTARIAN



Did you know that Easter Seals was started by a Rotarian.?

Edgar "Daddy" Allen worked on a club project to assist children afflicted with polio. His organization received the first grant given by the Rotary Foundation.

In 1907, Ohio-businessman Edgar Allen lost his son in a streetcar accident. The lack of adequate medical services available to save his son prompted Allen to sell his business and begin a fund-raising campaign to build a hospital in his hometown of Elyria, Ohio. Through this new hospital, Allen was surprised to learn that children with disabilities were often hidden from public view. Inspired to make a difference, in 1919 Allen founded the National Society for Crippled Children, the first organization of its kind.

In the spring of 1934, the organization launched its first Easter "seals" campaign to raise money for its services. To show their support, donors placed the seals on envelopes and letters. Cleveland Plain Dealer cartoonist J.H. Donahey designed the first seal. Donahey based the design on a concept of simplicity because those served by the charity asked "simply for the right to live a normal life." The lily - a symbol of spring - was officially incorporated as the National Society for Crippled Children's logo in 1952 for its association with new life and new beginnings.

The overwhelming public support for the Easter "seals" campaign triggered a nationwide expansion of the organization and a swell of grassroots efforts on behalf of people with disabilities. By 1967, the Easter "seal" was so well recognized, the organization formally adopted the name "Easter Seals."



ROTARY VIDEO MINUTE from March 24

A CLEAN WATER PROJECT BY ROTARIANS FOR PERU!

https://resources.rotary5320.org/web/mp4/doing+good_providing+clean+water-hd.mp4

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!

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!...





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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.

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	Stepanie 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

Event Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

|                                               |                                                                       |                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 30<br>1 PM                              | Rotary - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seminar<br>Celebrate Diversity | <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                                        |                                                                                                                         |

## 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/>  
((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.

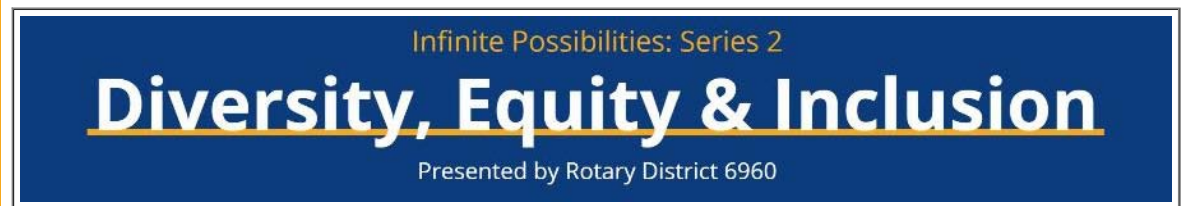
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### Rotary - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seminar

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 Ekbäck.  
**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-](https://www.rizones33-34.org/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.ragdiabetes.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.ifrabi.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:

|                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Blankets                  | • Pet Water Bowls                     |
| • Jackets                   | • Dog Leashes                         |
| • Reading Glasses           | • Dog Collars                         |
| • Ink Pens                  | • Sheet Sets                          |
| • Deodorant                 | • Towels                              |
| • Mouthwash                 | • New or Gently Used Shoes & Clothing |
| • Razors                    | • Furniture                           |
| • Pillows                   |                                       |
| • Washcloths                |                                       |
| • Bar Soap                  |                                       |
| • Tampons & Pads            |                                       |
| • Shaving Cream             |                                       |
| • Shampoo & Conditioner     |                                       |
| • Toothpaste & Toothbrushes |                                       |
| • Bug Spray                 |                                       |
| • Sunscreen                 |                                       |

## 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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