

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
 Past President



Shelby Bobbitt
 Club Director



Marta M. Hartmann
 Club Director



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.
 Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
 Club Director



Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III
 Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
 Speaker Chair



Diane Marie Robar
 Assistant Governor

Welcome



CREATE HOPE
 in the WORLD

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

ROTARY THEME FOR JULY



JULY 26th

By Stephanie Esposito



Please make plans to attend the July 26th meeting as it will be a Club Assembly. I plan to share results of the recent survey as well some of my plans for our upcoming year. We will also be inducting our newest member, Michael Ekbladh.

Your input and suggestions will be most welcome!

My #1 goal is to make the 2023/2024 Rotary year YOUR best year !
 Let's work together to make this happen!

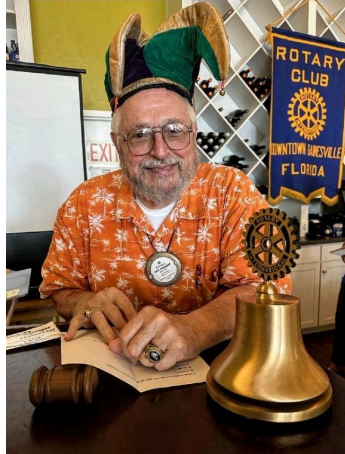
LUNCH LINK



If you plan to have lunch at our meeting on Wednesday,
 don't forget to send in your order !

<https://forms.gle/rK29PFu6WropgkFe9>

Our New Trivia master



Who better to be the Trivia Master than our MASTER of Trivia, Al Losch!!

THANK YOU, AL, for taking this role for the upcoming year .

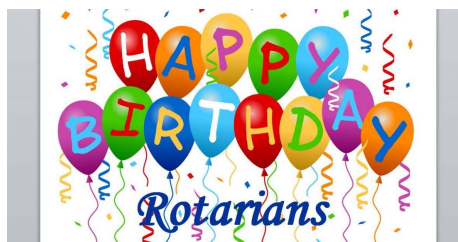
We look forward to learning all kinds of new, interesting things! 😊

Thank you, ASO

Honored to present Officer of the Month award to ASO Deputy Christopher Dasher, nominated by his Sergeant, Cory Hanson.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!



JIM ISLAM
July 4th

WALT BARRY
July 14th

JUDY LOCASIO
July 25th

ITS A ROTARY THING!



can YOU help??



Our fellow Rotary club, the Gainesville Rotary club, is holding their annual drive for underwear.

Yes, UNDERWEAR:

It's for the kids in school who may have one of those unfortunate 'accidents' during school hours. This drive is coordinated with the nurses in the schools.

Let's help them help our kids !

Here's the information:

Underwear isn't the greatest thing in the world...it's really close to it, though.

Let's help by supplying our local school nurses with underwear to help keep kids in school when accidents happen.

While it seems like a small thing in the midst of all that our schools deal with, one of the ACPS Health Services staff told us "underwear is not a small thing, it is essential to our efforts to keep healthy kids in school."

Donations will be accepted through August 10th (first day of school). It is easy to contribute!

Go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/.../s/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex) (https://www.amazon.com/.../s/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex) and make a purchase from the wish list. Your package will be delivered to Kelley Kostamo at the @AlachuaCountyPublicSchools, and she will know it came from our club. Be sure to choose Alachua Schools for shipping address to deliver your package to the Alachua County schools.

Go shopping! Bring donations to the next couple of meetings and we will make sure they will get delivered.

Keeping kids in school significantly impacts their chance for educational success.

With your donation, we can make a difference and [#CreateHopeInTheWorld](#).

REGISTER now!

Rotary Leadership Institute
building a better Rotary through education

Saturday, August 12th
in Orange Park, FL

Breakfast and Sign-In 7:00-7:45am . . . Classes 8:00am to 3:00pm
St. Johns River State College/Orange Park Campus
283 College Dr, Orange Park, FL 32065

\$100.00 Fee per Rotarian
for class registration, course material
notebook, breakfast and lunch,
facility fees and course certificate
Note that some clubs subsidize this expense.
Ask your club leadership for details.

Two Easy Ways To Register

- 1 Log in to your Rotary account on RLI and click on the "Register" button. Send to August 12th, click "Register Now!" and follow the prompts to get registered.
- 2 Go online to www.rotary.org and click on "Course Information" and then click the "Course Schedule" dropdown tab. Send to August 12th, click on "More Info" and follow the prompts to get registered.

At RLI, you will share discussions with newer members starting their Rotary journey as well as members of many years looking to expand their Rotary knowledge. You will learn different perspectives of Rotarians from many clubs. And you will have time for networking with those same Rotarians. Remember, discussion group size is limited and registration closes on **Tuesday, August 1st**. So sign up today!

Planning For Success, Rotary Opportunities, Leading Volunteers, Foundation Basics, Public Image, Effective Leadership Strategies, Service Projects, Grants, and the History of Rotary are just some of the interesting topics explored. Plus a lively and timely Graduate Class focused on **The Rotary Foundation** will be available to all RLI Part 3 Graduates.

Join Rotarians from around Northeast Florida for
Rotary Leadership Institute
... **Saturday, August 12th**
at St. Johns River State College
Orange Park Campus
For more information contact
District 6970 RLI Director Bo Norton
at bnrotary6970@gmail.com 1.703.868.8946

register at <https://rlitraining.org/course-information/course-schedule/>

scroll down to August 12th date

REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 1ST

VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR



The Vibrant Club Seminar is our late summer/fall District training. This training is intended for all Rotary members. The training focuses on Membership, The Rotary Foundation and on Rotary's Public Image. Sometimes we refer to these relationships as Rotary's three-legged stool. If one leg is not operational the stool gets unstable; therefore, we will spend this seminar focusing on these three critical areas of your Rotary club. We will also be adding a track on leadership this year.

During this seminar we will have a chance to acknowledge the achievements of the past Rotary year in these same three categories.

So come learn how to grow your membership! Grow your knowledge and outreach to The Rotary Foundation, learn how to communicate these achievements to the public in a significant and meaningful way and celebrate the accomplishments your club made in the previous year with respect to membership, The Rotary Foundation and your club's public image.

Join us in Orange Park for our annual Vibrant Club Seminar at the Thrasher Horne Center, St. Johns River State College 283 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065

register:

<https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77677357>

Mark your calendars!



more details to follow!!!

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Rotary
District 6970



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MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III

JULY Speakers provided by Zack West

July 5 No meeting

JULY 12 TOM HART

July 19 ANGELA TENBROECK

July 26 - CLUB ASSEMBLY

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.esposito319@yahoo.com

Coordinator	Jim Skiles		352-538-0293
			ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH
July	Zack		Maternal & Child Health
August	Lowerys		Membership and New Club Development
September	Marta		Basic Education and Literacy
October	Carl		Economic and Community Development
November			Rotary Foundation
December	Al		Disease Prevention and Treatment

Congrats, Perry!



Congratulations to [Perry Pursell](#) for being recognized by Coldwell Banker Commercial as a Bronze Circle of Distinction award winner for his remarkable accomplishments in 2022.

Perry is among the top commercial sales professionals in the entire Coldwell Banker Commercial brand!

We admire Perry's focused commitment to his customers, and we feel lucky he's part of our team. Bravo, Perry!

Welcome, April !



Welcome on Board !

**We are very happy to welcome APRIL GREEN
as the newest member in our Downtown Gainesville Rotary club!**



Rotary Leadership



For the first time in District 6970 history, AREA 1 has the distinction of having an all-female group of leaders for the 2023-24 Rotary year.

Pictured here are Dorothy Zimmerman/Sunrise, AG2; Diane, as 2023-24 Assistant Governor ; Sherry Houston/Sunrise; Christina Ramos/Greater Gainesville; Lynda Reinhart/Gainesville and our own Downtown President, Stephanie . Not pictured are Becky Elixson/Lake Butler and Katherine Mockler/Gainesville Rotaract Club.

Rotary leaders for 2022-23



INTRODUCING THE NEW ROTARY LEADERSHIP FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Gordon McNally



DISTRICT 6970 GOVERNOR John Tabor



ROTARY CLUB DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE PRESIDENT Stephanie Esposito



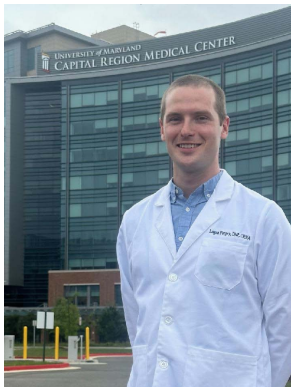
District 6970 Area 1 Assistant Governor Diane Robar

UPDATE, FYI

Some months back, Art Forgey from the Sheriff's Department gave a presentation to our club. During his talk, he also spoke about the horrific accident his son, Logan, had suffered while in Thailand. While taking pictures, a roof gave way under him and he was critically injured. For a while, it was not known if he would even survive the injuries and, if he did, what lingering issues might there be.

Art wanted us to know that after months of intensive therapy and sheer grit, Logan has been approved to return to work, after clearing all cognitive testing. !!! WOW!!

And here's Logan today



Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

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
Brenda Chamberlain	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
Billy Combs	4/1/1992	PP 97-98, Treasurer	* MD / BR PHF8	Greg Fleming
Pat Craddock	9/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD @ PHF8	Al Losch
Ed Emery	9/1/2015		* PHF	Ray Snook
Stephanie Esposito	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
Marta Hartmann	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
Becky Hunt	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	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
Joe Lowry Jr.	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)Director	* BR @ PHF6	Megan Forbes
Joe Lowry Sr.	7/1/2013		* MD PHF8	Jim Islam
Clay Martin	11/1/2016		* PHF	John Sanchez
Rob Oglesby	5/1/2010	PP 14-15	* MD / BR PHF8	Bob Robar
Megan Olson	2/1/2019	Secretary	* PHF	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
Diane Robar	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
Jim Skiles	12/1/1998	PP 03-04; Speakers,director	* MD @ BR PHF8	Tom Sumrall
Carl Smart	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

* 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

Club Information

Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, Florida #27544
Chartered September 18, 1990
Charter President J. Ben Rowe

We meet on Wednesdays at Noon at the
Paramount Grill,
12 SW First Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Club Website: <https://downtowngainesvillerotary.org/>