

Rotary



Club of
Downtown Gainesville



IMAGINE ROTARY

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/>

Club Leaders



Carl Smart
President



Stephanie Esposito
President-Elect



William S. Combs
Treasurer



Megan Olson
Club Director
Secretary



Brett Buell
Sergeant-at-Arms



Brenda Chamberlain
iPast President



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.
Club Director



Marta M. Hartmann
Club Director



Rebecca W. Hunt
Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
Club Director

Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III
Club Director
Speaker Chair


Welcome

**Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville**

Rotary theme for March


MARCH DESIGNATION IS

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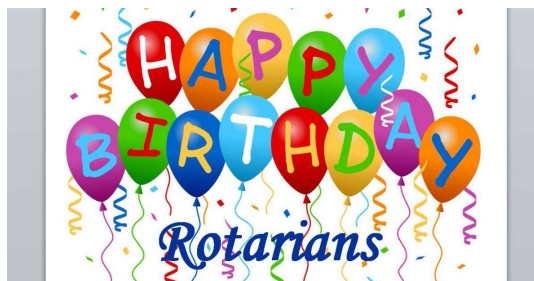
**WATER
AND SANITATION
MONTH**

"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!





Chessie L Flanders
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Clay Martin
March 3rd

Neal Cohen
March 9th

Stephanie Esposito
March 19th

William S. Combs
March 20th

speaker March 22

By Edward A Emery
Bob Crowe, PhD



Dr Bob Crow has a PhD in behavioral science. He studied and applied basic principles of behavior in educational and community settings for over 40 years. He wrote his book, **Nudge and Boost for Better Living** to introduce readers to behavioral science and how to use those principles to improve everyday teaching, learning and living.

Presentation Title: Nudge and Boost for Better Living

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

March Speakers provided by Ed Emery

March 1st Stephan Griffin fishing and farming, what do these two have in common?

March 8th Chelsea Bowlin, Outreach Recruitment Specialist, Partnership for Strong Families

March 16th Shannon Miller, Esq., Miller Elder Law Firm

March 22nd Robert Crow, Author of Nudge and Boost

March 29th Anna Sampson, We Are Carbon Neutral

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

March	Ed Emery		Water and Sanitation
April	Stephanie		Maternal and Child Health
May	Brenda		Youth Service
June			Rotary Fellowships
July			Transition Month
August	Lowerys		Membership and Extension
September	Marta		Basic Education and Literacy
October			Economic and Community Development
November			Rotary Foundation
December	Al		Disease Prevention and Treatment

THANK YOU, ASO



(pictured is Capt Jayson Levy, Rotarian Al Losch, Deputy Frank Carroll, Mrs. Carroll, Capt Becky Butscher, Capt Steve Maynard)

Thank you, Deputy Carroll, for doing your part to help citizens in Alachua County feel more secure and cared for. We are honored to present you with this Officer of the Month award.

LUNCH LINK



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

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 AM on WEDNESDAYS

<https://forms.gle/rK29PFu6WropgkFe9>

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

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	<i>see bulletin for more details on each</i>	
MARCH ALL MONTH	SANTA FE COLLEGE BOOK DRIVE	ED BOOK 352 222 7968
MARCH 25	GOC CAR WASH	Brett Buell 352 872 3232
APRIL 1	Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon One Love Cafe 9 AM volunteers needed!	Jimbo Skiles 352 538 0293
APRIL 22	KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL Roadside CleanUp volunteers needed!	
MAY 12-13th	DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE	Flagler College St August

CARWASH RESCHEDULED!

By Brett Buell

The GOC carwash was literally rained out last Saturday so it's been rescheduled for THIS Saturday, March 25th!

Come on out to support our friends at GOC, get that pollen off your car and have some lunch while you're there!



Gainesville Opportunity Center

Postponed
~~(March 18).~~
New date
March 25



Car Wash
1210 NW 14th Ave
March 25, 2023
10 am - 2 pm

Car wash

Lunch

Tours of the house

\$10

\$5

FREE

<http://goclubhouse.org/carwash>

GOC helps people rejoin the worlds of friendship, family, work, and education while providing access to services and support that helps them succeed



GOC uses an evidence-based approach validated at over 300 centers internationally, proven to help individuals with mental illness recover their lives

AND

HERE's ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU to support a fellow club members' non profit:

(btw, Jimbo could use a few volunteers - please let him know if you can help)

contact: 352 538 0293



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 AT 9 AM

Gainesville Walkathon

4989 NW 40th Pl, Gainesville, FL, United States, Florida

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND TRAINING

This Year's District Training Assembly and Conference will be held at [Trinity Parrish](#) with Friday breakout sessions at [Flagler College](#) in Historic St. Augustine, on *Friday May 12* (District Training Assembly) and *Saturday May 13* (District Conference). This year's Conference is being Chaired by Past District Governors John Bruner and Bill Griffin.

District Conference & Training Assembly
May 12 & 13
Trinity Episcopal Parish & Flagler College
St Augustine, Florida

The Training Assembly will begin with lunch on Friday May 12 and the District Conference will end with a celebratory reception and social at 7pm on Saturday May 13.

We promise that this will be an exciting weekend of fun, fellowship, amazing speakers and stories of doing Good in the World. We hope you will join us to IMAGINE Rotary together.

Our opening of the District Conference will be on Friday night May 12 and our featured speaker will be Retreaded Founder and CEO [Kristin Kean](#). Rethreaded is the intersection of two very important topics to Rotarians, [Human Trafficking](#) and [Empowering Women](#). You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Kristin.

When registering, you may choose to attend both the Training and the Conference sessions or opt to choose one or the other (the sessions are broken down in the registration form)

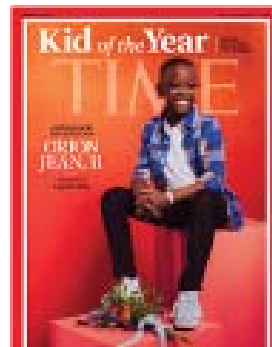
Registration: <https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm?EventID=77648574>

District Training Assembly (DTA)

11:30am	DTA Lunch
12:00pm	DTA Plenary Session

2:15pm	DTA Breakout Sessions Sessions for ALL + Sessions for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Foundation Chairs, Public Image Chairs, Youth Services, Grants etc...
District Conference	
5:00pm	Cocktail Reception / Conference Dinner Friday, May 12th
6:00pm	District Conference Opening Session I, Friday, May 12th
8:00am	Conference Breakfast , Saturday May 13th
9:00am	Conference Session II
12:00pm	Conference Lunch
1:00pm	Conference Session III
5:00pm	Conference Cocktail Party

We realize that this is just prior to Mother's Day, so we are planning for lots of flexibility around an ensemble of internationally recognized speakers including the 2022 Time Magazine Kid of the Year and Ambassador of Kindness—12-year old [Orion Jean](#).



Not only will Orion be keynoting our District Conference, but he will be keynoting this year's RYLA Conference, which will conclude while running simultaneously at [Ketterlinus Elementary School](#).

Santa Fe PD Book Drive

By Ed Book

Bring the books to a club meeting and we will make sure they get to Santa Fe!

Book Drive 2023



Donate books the entire month of March!

The Santa Fe College Police Department and various departments across SF have teamed up to collect books for children and young adults to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida.

Share the gift of reading by donating new and gently used books at any of these locations:

- SF Police Department
- SF Library and Learning Commons
- SF Little School
- All SF Center locations

Spring Break Special: Bring a book to the SF Teaching Zoo from March 12-18 and get \$1 off same-day admission.

Commitment to Equal Access and Equal Opportunity Santa Fe College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination. For more information, visit sfcollege.edu/eaao or contact equity.officer@sfcollege.edu.



SF
SANTA FE
COLLEGE

MC 3-2023

WELCOME to our newest members!

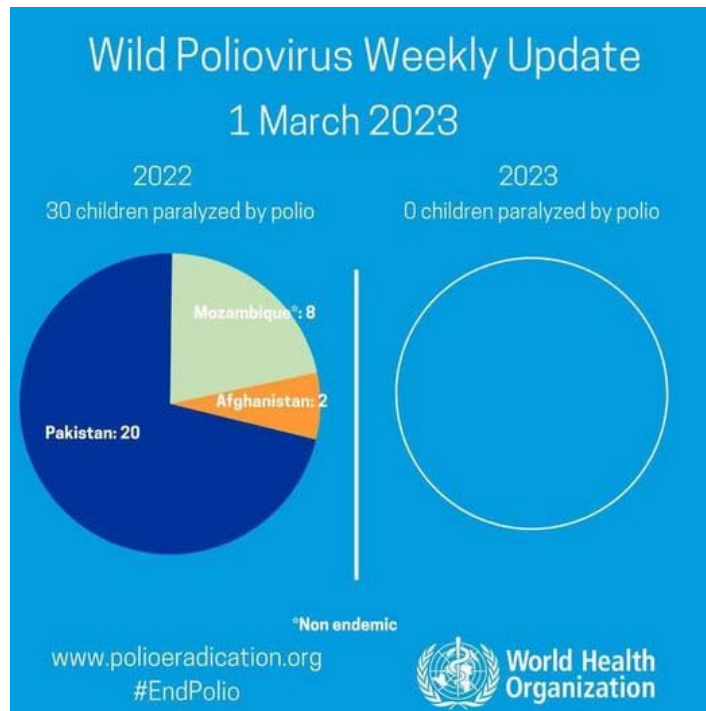
Welcome to the
Family of
Rotary



We are so pleased to welcome Haydee Britton and Scott Hansis into our
Downtown Gainesville Rotary family!
Make sure to sit by them at lunch and get to know them better!



POLIO PLUS SOCIETY



***THIS IS GREAT NEWS...BUT THE BATTLE IS NOT WON YET.
JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY AND LET'S CONTINUE TO
WORK TOGETHER TO COMPLETELY ERADICATE THIS DISEASE
FROM THE WORLD***

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY



- Agree to give \$100 / year toward Polio Eradication until Polio is wiped out
- Receive a PolioPlus Society Pin
- Most importantly, you will be part of eradicating only the 2nd disease from the world

Here is the link to sign up:

[https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/PolioSocietyForm1-1\(1\).pdf](https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/PolioSocietyForm1-1(1).pdf)

PETS

PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING (PETS) SEMINAR MARCH 3 - 5, 2023



If you have been hesitant to take on the role of President for our club, let me share one of the many reasons you should say "yes"!

You get to go to PETS! Throughout the PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) weekend seminar, I was surrounded by 600+ individuals who share the same goal: to be the best 2023/2024 President for their club and to make an impact in their community and the world. The training featured inspiring speeches from numerous Rotary leaders and was both exciting and energizing.

Stephanie Esposito, President Elect 2023-24



Stephanie receiving her Florida PETS pin after being officially commissioned as Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville President for the 2023-24 Rotary year



**Our District 6970 President Elects and Area Governors for 2023-24
There are 12 areas within District 6970. Our club is Area 1 within the District.**

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**Area 1 (US!) in District 6970. Pictured here  
PE from Greater Gainesville club, Christina Ramos  
PE from Gainesville Rotary club, Lynda Reinhart  
OUR PE, Stephanie Esposito  
PE from Sunrise club, Sherry Houston  
Area Governor, Diane Robar  
PE from Lake Butler club, Tyler Kelley**

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**Stephanie, Christina, Diane, Lynn and Sherry with JOHN TABOR,
District Governor 6970 for 2023-24**

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**There were many engaging speakers over the course of the weekend;  
however ,the keynote speaker of the event was**

**Gordon McNally, the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT for 2023-24**



And here is our very own Stephanie with 2023-24 RI President McNally



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ITS A ROTARY THING!

DOGOODERY!

DID YOU KNOW.....

Your generous contributions to [The Rotary Foundation](#) are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. We recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment, offering individual and club recognition as well as naming opportunities that enable you to honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

Did you know that there are many different levels of individual participation to the Rotary Foundation that are available to all Rotarians? Here are descriptions of each type of contribution and links for further information / enrollment

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member

When you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund. Everyone in our club is a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member as we each contribute \$25 per quarter

Benefactor

When you include the [Endowment Fund](#) as a beneficiary of \$1,000 or more in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin. For more information or to enroll, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-endowment>

Paul Harris Fellow

When you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. Several members in our club have honored family, friends and business acquaintances with this recognition. Learn more <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

When you give additional gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant, you will receive recognition for each gift. Several members of our club are recipients of multiple Paul Harris Fellow awards.

Paul Harris Society member

When you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Learn more about the [Paul Harris Society](#) at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history/paul-harris-society>.

Bequest Society

When you make a commitment for future gifts of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation, you'll be invited to join the Bequest Society.

- \$10,000: Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece suitable for framing
- \$25,000: Rotary's Promise crystal and named endowed fund, plus all of the above
- \$50,000: Separate named endowed funds directed to two areas of focus or districts, plus all of the above
- \$100,000: Customized Rotary's Promise crystal, plus all of the above
- \$250,000: Posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society, plus all of the above
- \$500,000: Special seating and registration benefits at the Rotary International Convention, plus all of the above

Major Donor

When your cumulative donations reach \$10,000. Major Donors can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. NOTE: Name recognition is not automatic and needs to be reported to [RI staff](#). Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

- Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999
- Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999
- Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999
- Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999

Arch Klumph Society

When your cumulative donations reach \$250,000. Recognition includes an induction ceremony and your picture and biography in the Arch Klumph Society interactive gallery at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. You also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at the following levels. Learn more about the [Arch Klumph Society](#).

- Trustees Circle: \$250,000 to \$499,999
- Chair's Circle: \$500,000 to \$999,999
- Foundation Circle: \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999
- Platinum Trustees Circle: \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999
- Platinum Chair's Circle: \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999
- Platinum Foundation Circle: \$10,000,000 and above

Legacy Society

When you promise a gift of \$1 million or more to the Endowment, you'll be listed in Rotary's annual report and invited to exclusive Rotary International and Foundation events. Legacy Society members also receive special recognition items and all the benefits provided to Bequest Society members.

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			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
Brett Buell	9/1/2015	Sgt At Arms	* 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	PE 2023-24, Director	*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.
Don Frowick		PP 94-95	MD / HM	n/a
Scott Hansis	2//2023			John Sanchez
Marta Hartmann	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
Becky Hunt	1/1/1996	Director	* PHF7	Diane Robar
Jim Islam	9/1/1990	PP 95-96	* MD PHF8	Joe Lowry Sr.
Steve Jeppson	5/11/2022			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)	* 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, AG2	* 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	President 2022-23,	*PHF	Zachary West
Ray Snook	4/1/2012	PP16-17 AAG	* PHF3	Cheryl Poe
Robert Taylor	11/1/2011		* PHF	Judy Locascio
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

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SPEAKER SIGN UP

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III



Looking for a 4 more helpful club members who will provide speakers for our 2023 meetings. You know that our speakers are such a valuable and interesting part of our Wednesdays...

Each of us has something we are interested or involved in outside of Rotary. These are the kinds of things your fellow Rotarians would like to know about. **SHARE** these interests! **SHARE** these groups!

And if you're not sure you can provide all the speakers for a month, consider sharing a month with a fellow club member. And remember, Jimbo is always willing to help you locate additional speakers!

Sure could use **YOU!** Available months are June, July, October and November.

Thanks to all who have already signed up to help!
Here's the link

<https://forms.gle/HFhhY4Mphbx4BHS46>