

# Rotary

## DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE



### 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 Bobbett**  
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  
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.

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!

## Claude Marsh, Club Founder

By Robert C. Robar



We are sad to share the passing of Claude Marsh, one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville. Claude joined the Rotary Club in 1989 and became President of the Downtown Gainesville, Rotary Club in 1991. Along with fellow club member Ed Oehmig, Claude was a long time member of the East Side Garden Club and an honorary member of the 6 Mile Hunt Club.

The vigil for Mr. Marsh will be held on Thursday, 7/20/23 at 6:00pm at Holy Faith Catholic Church with a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday July 21, 2023 at 11:00. 747 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606.

## Speaker, July 19th

By Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III



**Angela TenBroeck**, a fourth-generation farmer, and her family have been hydroponic farmers in North Florida since the 1970s. In 2012, helped launch Traders Hill Farm, a commercial aquaponics farm in Hilliard, Florida, that seeks to increase crop yield and grow year-round without harmful chemicals or waste. A closed-loop system that integrates hydroponic gardening with farm-raised fish, the aquaponic facility was the first to receive a SQF Certification for Safe Quality Food. Angela would go on to establish her current hydroponic/aquaculture venture, Worldwide Aquaponics.

Over the years, Angela has served in many roles: farmer, educator, entrepreneur, and today, mayor of Marineland, Florida. Throughout her career she has shown a commitment to innovation and community advocacy, as well as a desire to help Floridians most affected by food insecurity.

*The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with the Florida State Fair Authority and the Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program, honored Angela TenBroeck as the 2021 Woman of the Year in Agriculture during the Florida State Fair in Tampa in 2022.*

Her topic will be: **What Do Fishing and Farming Have In Common?**

## 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>

## 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***

**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_js_biz_ex) ([https://www.amazon.com/\\_/./s/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz\\_js\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/_/./s/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_js_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 in DaCdb, and open the Calendar and view the Calendar. Click on the "Register" button. Follow the prompts to get registered.
- 2 Go online to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on "Course Information" and then click the "Course Schedule" dropdown tab. Scroll 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 13 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 6870 RLI Director Bo Norton at [bnrotary6870@gmail.com](mailto:bnrotary6870@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>



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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.

**Welcome, April !**



*Welcome on Board !*

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



**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.

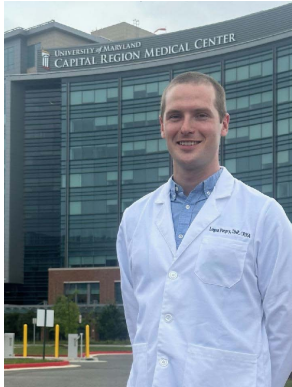
Perry is among the top commercial sales professionals in the entire Coldwell Banker Commercial brand!  
We admire Perry's focused commitment to his customers, and we feel lucky he's part of our team. Bravo, Perry!

## 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!!

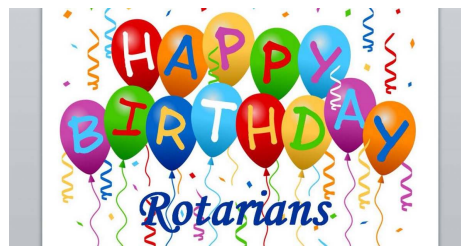
And here's Logan today



ITS A ROTARY THING!

**DOGOODERY!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!



**JIM ISLAM**  
July 4th

**WALT BARRY**  
July 14th

**JUDY LOCASIO**  
July 25th

## 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
			<b>ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Zack</b>		<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Lowerys</b>		<b>Membership and New Club Development</b>

September	Marta		Basic Education and Literacy
October	Carl		Economic and Community Development
November			Rotary Foundation
December	Al		Disease Prevention and Treatment

## 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
<b>Brenda Chamberlain</b>	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
<b>Billy Combs</b>	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
<b>Stephanie Esposito</b>	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
<b>Marta Hartmann</b>	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
<b>Becky Hunt</b>	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
<b>Joe Lowry Jr.</b>	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)Director	* BR @ PHF6	Megan Forbes
Joe Lowry Sr.	7/1/2013		* MD PHF8	Jim Islam
<b>Clay Martin</b>	11/1/2016		* PHF	John Sanchez
Rob Oglesby	5/1/2010	PP 14-15	* MD / BR PHF8	Bob Robar
<b>Megan Olson</b>	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
<b>Diane Robar</b>	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
<b>Carl Smart</b>	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/>