

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



Brett Buell
President



Diane Marie Robar
President-Elect
Vice President



Haydee Britton
Secretary



William S. Combs
Treasurer



Michael Ekbladh
Sergeant-at-Arms



Stephanie Esposito
iPast President



Shelby Bobbett
Club Director



Marta M Hartmann
Club Director



Megan Olson
Club Director

Welcome

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



Rotary theme for July

A poster for Maternal and Child Health Month. The background is a photograph of a woman and a child looking at a baby in a hospital incubator. A large yellow Rotary International logo is in the top right corner. The text "JULY IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH" is prominently displayed. Below this, a quote from Past RI President James L. Lacy is shown. At the bottom left is the Rotary logo and at the bottom right is the text "TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved".

JULY IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Photo by Alissa Henson, © Rotary International. Design layout by Gilbert Thien.

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future."

Past RI President James L. Lacy, 1998-99

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



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

welcome!



Please join fellow club members as we welcome Francine Vincent and Randi Feliciano into the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville.

They will be inducted at the July 24th meeting.

Welcome, Francine and Randi! We are so very happy to have you join us and look forward to sharing the world of Rotary with you both!

Four Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. In 1943 the RI Board adopted the Four-Way Test and made it a component of Vocational Service.

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 **The Four Way Test**

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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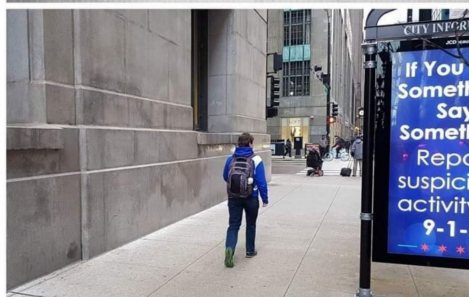


Do you know? Early on, Paul Harris realized that Rotary needed a greater purpose. While Harris served as President of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club. The club calls a meeting of civic organizations to establish a committee for installing city comfort stations, or public toilets, to improve sanitation.

It was this same concept of promoting business which led to the first community service project of the original Chicago Rotary Club. In their effort to promote more business, the members decided to construct these toilets because of the great need.

Over a 100 years has passed since that initial installation and you can still see the faint outline on the side of the building of where the comfort station once stood.

[#RotaryHistory](#)



July 24th speaker, David Bridges



The speaker for our July 24th meeting will be our very own David Bridges. As a pilot for Kalitta airlines, he has had a very interesting career, flying various cargoes to many unusual and different places in the world. Going to be a great presentation for sure!

Birthday greetings!



Jim Islam
July 4th

Walt Barry
July 14th

Judy Locasio
July 25th

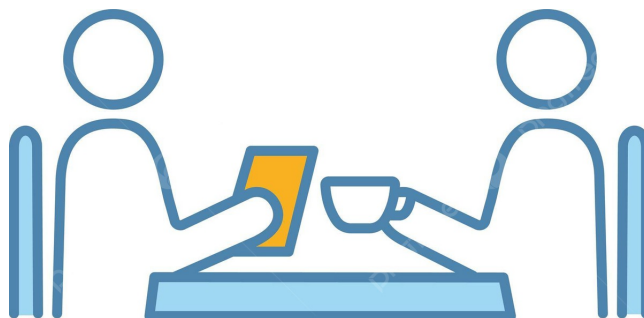
Club, District and International Rotary leadership 2024-25

Brett Buell, President 2024-25
Rotary Club Downtown Gainesville
Looking forward to a great year!



Lunch Link Paramount Grill

Let's do lunch !



As always, please submit your selection before 9 AM on Wednesdays. This is a request from Chef Ty as he needs sufficient time to prepare our 20+ lunches each week by noon.

And just to clarify our club's™ present policy regarding lunches for visitors: If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to have their lunch orders submitted either with yours or by the 9 AM deadline. *Guests* are expected to pay for their lunch or you may opt to be invoiced for their lunches. *Visiting Rotarians* are expected to pay for their lunch. If you bring a *potential member*, their lunches will be covered for 3 meetings by the club. Speakers and Law Enforcement lunches are covered by the club. Lunch cost is \$20

LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Y5oBC9n6srh6qhDN8>

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III

JULY SPEAKERS provided by Shelby Bobbett

July 10 Ellen Siegel presentation: "Is it Hot in Here or Is It Me?"

July 17 IQ Fiber presentation: Telecommunications History and the Development of Gainesville's Fiber Optic Internet Infrastructure

July 24 David Bridges

July 31 Clay Clement Public Education Coordinator LifeQuest: Organ Donation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

must register by August 2nd!



AUGUST 10, 2024

Santa Fe College - Charles L Blount Center

**530 W University Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601**

This is a GREAT opportunity to attend RLI here in Gainesville! Most often, these classes are held in Jacksonville or Daytona ...so to have a session held right here in Gainesville affords area Rotarians a convenient location to attend.

As your Board considers RLI to be such a unique, valuable experience for ALL Rotarians (not just those intending on becoming an officer in the club), your \$100 registration fee will be reimbursed by the club.

Arrive around **7:00 AM** for registration sign-in, material pick-up, and breakfast gathering./fellowship

Classes begin promptly at **8:00 AM** and will be completed by **3:30 PM**
Parts 1, 2, & 3 will be offered.

Also, (2) Graduate classes offered : **Foundation** or **Facilitation Techniques**
Breakfast, Lunch and all materials for \$100

To REGISTER:

Here is an easy way for club members to register:

(1) Through the Calendar on **the DACdb website** using this link: [**Register Now!**](#)

(2) Or; Please note: Members must be logged onto DACdb in order for the link to take them to the registration page!

If not, then after logging in, please do the following:

- Select the **"District"** tab at the top of the page
- Select the **"Calendar"** icon, and after it opens, check the **"RLI Training Events"** box
- Scroll down to the desired date - **"August 10th"**
- Select the **"Register Now"** button

Discussion group size is limited, with **registration closing on Friday, August 2nd!**

WOW!



**TOGETHER, WE
END POLIO**

Jacksonville Jaguars Luxury Suite Raffle for Polio

August 10th Jaguars vs Chiefs

Together, WE CAN END POLIO! Be a part of history, won't you?

This year, as just one of our End Polio events, District 6970 is highlighting our partnership with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Since this partnership began it has resulted in over \$1,305,593 going to PolioPlus through The Rotary Foundation including the Gates Match.

This year the Jaguars are donating one Luxury Suite to the Saturday, August 10th game vs. the Kansas City Chiefs. The net proceeds from this raffle will go to The Rotary Foundation at the end of the season along with all our net ticket sale proceeds, to get us that much closer to eradicating polio! The winner of the raffle will receive 20 Suite Tickets and 3 Parking Passes.

The raffle will end at midnight on Thursday, July 31st

The winner's name will be announced on Friday, August 1st.

Help us End Polio forever! For more information and to get your chance to win the luxury suite to the Jags vs Chiefs game click the link: <https://rotaryshares.org/jagsraffle>.



Help us get the word out by including the link or the QR code on your social media!!

Show this QR Code to your non-Rotary friends so they can buy raffle tickets too!

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Les Petits Okapis update!



Les Petits Okapis - Okapis International.

Sending you a Hello from N"sele, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

All my kids are in their new house (which Haydee bought for them).

They finally have their own roof.

The house has 5 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms.

I just bought them bunk beds and they are thrilled to sleep on real mattresses with sheets and pillows.

More vacation pics!

Michael with family and friends at Bishops Palace in Galveston, Tx



Event Calendar 2024



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

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO ONLINE CLUB CALENDAR AT THE LINK FOR MOST UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:
<https://rb.gy/jh7vx>

AUGUST 10	Rotary Leadership Institute	Santa Fe College - Charles L Blount Center 530 W University Ave Gainesville, FL 32601 (registraton info in article)
AUGUST 2nd last day to register		
OCTOBER 8th	Wes Skiles Wine to Water Waterstewardship Awards	
OCTBER 25	Car Show	

Leadership Banquet

Such a wonderful evening to spend with fellow Rotarians as we reviewed a most successful Rotary year led by President Stephanie and welcomed the new leadership of Brett Buell



District Governor Nominee Bo Norton administers oath of office to Brett, our new President for the 2024-25 Rotary year





Scott Hansis received his first Paul Harris award.
Thank you, Jimbo, for facilitating this



Becky Hunt received her PH **8** ! Congratulations, Becky!!

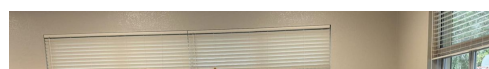


Stephanie presented Diane with the Ben Rowe Rotarian of the Year award.



Brett presented Stephanie with a thank you plaque
for her year of extraordinary leadership

As a surprise, *all* club members who were present at the dinner each received their own special individualized "award". here's just a few of them..





Brett's Board of Directors include Shelby, Marta, Jimbo, Michael, Diane, Billy and Stephanie. Not pictured are Megan Olson and Haydee Britton.



As always, all club members enjoyed having time to socialize during the evening with fellow Rotarians.







Jimbo spoke to club about our participation and leadership for the South Sudan International grant. Here is the donation chart to keep track of how close we are coming to the goal of \$100,000.



Operation Catnip

This project is being shared with us by the Greater Gainesville Rotary club.

OPERATION CATNIP



Operation Catnip

95% rating Charity Navigator

<https://ocgainesville.org/> (352) 380-0940 info@ocgainesville.org

Rotary Avenue(s) of Service: Disease Prevention & Treatment/Environment /Economic & Community Development

To sponsor vaccinations, vet care, and supply donations that stop the cycle of stray cat populations in Gainesville. This program, over

5 years, reduced cat admissions to County Animal Control by an average of 43.8%



Executive Director Audrey Garrison audrey.garrison@ocgainesville.org prepared a donation list.

- Nitrile Exam Gloves (must be Nitrile) We need small, medium and large - we use more small than any other size.
- Distilled White vinegar in gallon containers.
- Liquid laundry detergent (any brand)
- Liquid fabric softner (any brand)
- Oxi-clean powder
- Pate' style canned cat food - any brand, but it needs to be Pate'
- Dry cat food - any brand
- Surgical Gloves - sizes 6, 6 1/2, and 7
- Suture PGCL reverse cutting 3-0.
- 1 mL Leur Lock syringes (not Leur tip) with 25 gauge needles
- 70% or 71% alcohol

Sponsor a Community Cat Package: Suggested donation \$60

Spay-Neuter Surgery, Vaccinations (FVRCP & Rabies), Flea Treatment, Eartip, and Pain Medication

Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

MEMBER	JOINED	CLUB SERVICE	TRF
Walt Barry	1/1/2003	PP 09-10	* PHF4
<i>Shelby Bobbitt</i>	9/21/2022		
Ed Book	2/1/2009	PP 13-14 AG 1,2,AG	* BR PHF2
Billy Brame	7/1/1976	PP (RCGG)	* PHF+6
David Bridges	2/1/2019		*PHF
<i>Haydee Britton</i>	03/8/2023	Secretary	
<i>Brett Buell</i>	9/1/2015	President 2024-25	* PHF+1
Brenda Chamberlain	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3
<i>Billy Combs</i>	4/1/1992	PP 97-98, Treasurer	* MD / BR PHF8
Pat Craddock	9/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD @ PHF8
<i>Michael Ekbladh</i>	7 26 2023	Sgt At Arms	
Ed Emery	9/1/2015		* PHF
<i>Stephanie Esposito</i>	6/12/2020	PP 2023-24	*PHF
Chessie Flanders	4/1/2017	PP 19-20, AG 1, AG2, AG	* PHF
Greg Fleming	3/1/1994	PP 05-06	* PHF3
Megan Forbes	1/1/2001	PP 04-05	* BR @ PHF6
Dan Frowick		PP 94-95	MD/HM
Scott Hansis	2/22//2023		PHF 1
<i>Marta Hartmann</i>	05/2021	Director	

Becky Hunt	1/1/1996		* PHF 8
Jim Islam	9/1/1990	PP 95-96	* MD PHF8
Steve Jeppson	5/11/2022		
Marina Jordan	2/1/2019		*PHF
Pradeep Kumar	5/1/2018		*PHF+1
Judy Locascio	3/1/2002		* PHF+6
Al Losch Jr.	4/1/1992	PP 00-01	* MD @ BR PHF8
Joe Lowry Jr.	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)	* BR @ PHF6
Joe Lowry Sr.	7/1/2013		* MD PHF8
Clay Martin	11/1/2016		* PHF
Rob Oglesby	5/1/2010	PP 14-15	* MD / BR PHF8
<i>Megan Olson</i>	2/1/2019	Director	*PHF+1
Cheryl T. Poe	1/1/2007	PP 15-16	* BR PHF6
Perry Pursell	6/1/2008	PP 12-13,	* PHF3
Bob Robar	11/1/1991	PP 01-02	* MD @ PHF8
<i>Diane Robar</i>	10/1/2014	PP 2020-21; AG 1, 2, ,AG, PE	* PHF+1
Ben Rowe (d.)	n/a	Charter President	* MD
Lauri Schiffbauer	8 11 2021		
<i>Jim Skiles</i>	12/1/1998	PP 03-04; Speakers,director	* MD @ BR PHF8
Carl Smart	3/1/2019	PP 2022-23	*PHF
Ray Snook	4/1/2012	PP16-17 AAG	* PHF3
Zachary West	11/1/2013		* PHF
Leslie Wooten	10/1/2023	PHF3	

* 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/>