

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
iPast President



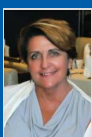
Shelby Bobbett
Club Director



Marta M. Hartmann
Club Director



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.
Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
Club Director
Membership

Welcome



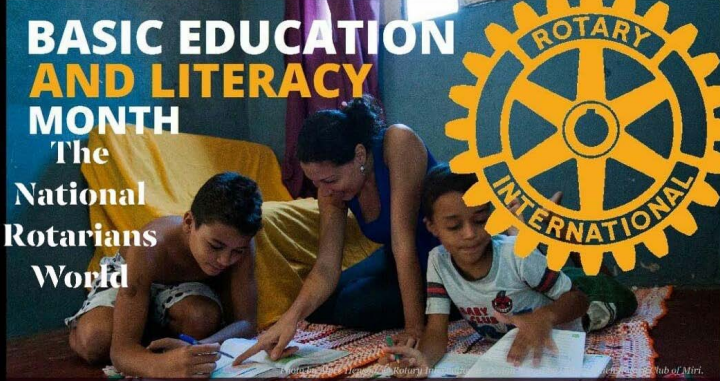

**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Welcome to the *Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

September Theme

SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**
The
National
Rotarians
World



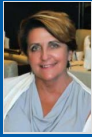
"To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live."
Jane Evershed



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action



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



Diane Marie
Robar
 Assistant
 Governor

FIELD TRIP!!

By Brett Buell

reminder

WE ARE NOT MEETING AT PARAMOUNT THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 20th)

INSTEAD ,



WE WILL BE MEETING AT GAINESVILLE OPPORTUNITY CENTER 1210 NW 14TH AVENUE FOR LUNCH AND A TOUR OF THE NEWLY REMODELED KITCHEN.

RSVP TO BRETT AT BY 11 am TUESDAY, SEPT 19TH :>> buell.brett@gmail.com

THIS IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR US BECAUSE FUNDS FROM THE ROTARY WILD GAME FEAST WERE AWARDED TO GOC TO TRANSFORM THE ORIGINAL SPACE INTO A MORE FUNCTIONAL AND MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE KITCHEN.

BRETT AND HIS GOC MEMBERS WILL MAKE AND SERVE LUNCH .

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR GOC FRIENDS!!

FROM BRETT: This club has served as a gateway into the community for the GOC as we have grown and expanded over the past 8 years. I am looking forward to seeing so many of you here as so many of you have been part of our journey.

Regarding parking, you may park in the GOC parking lot or yard. Ari's salon across the street will allow some parking, and there is free street parking all around. For those you able to park a little farther out, that is greatly appreciated. Our address is 1210 NW 14th ave, one block east of 13th Street.

Brett

WELCOME !

Have you seen our WELCOME sign by the entrance to Paramount Grill ?



Event Calendar



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

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO ONLINE CLUB CALENDAR AT THE LINK
FOR

MOST UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<https://rb.gy/jh7vx>

SEPTEMBER 20	LUNCH AND TOUR OF new kitchen at GOC. Wild Game Feast funds paid for this new space! NO MEETING AT PARAMOUNT this day	Brett Buell
SEPTEMBER 27	DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR official club visit	

OCTOBER 21st	RIDE TO END POLIO	See flyer in bulleting
NOVEMBER 8th	Wine to Water - please make plans to attend . AND to volunteer!!	Jimskiles3@gmail.com
DECEMBER 16th	REFRESH GAINESVILLE service project	Ed Book

SAVE THE DATE

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

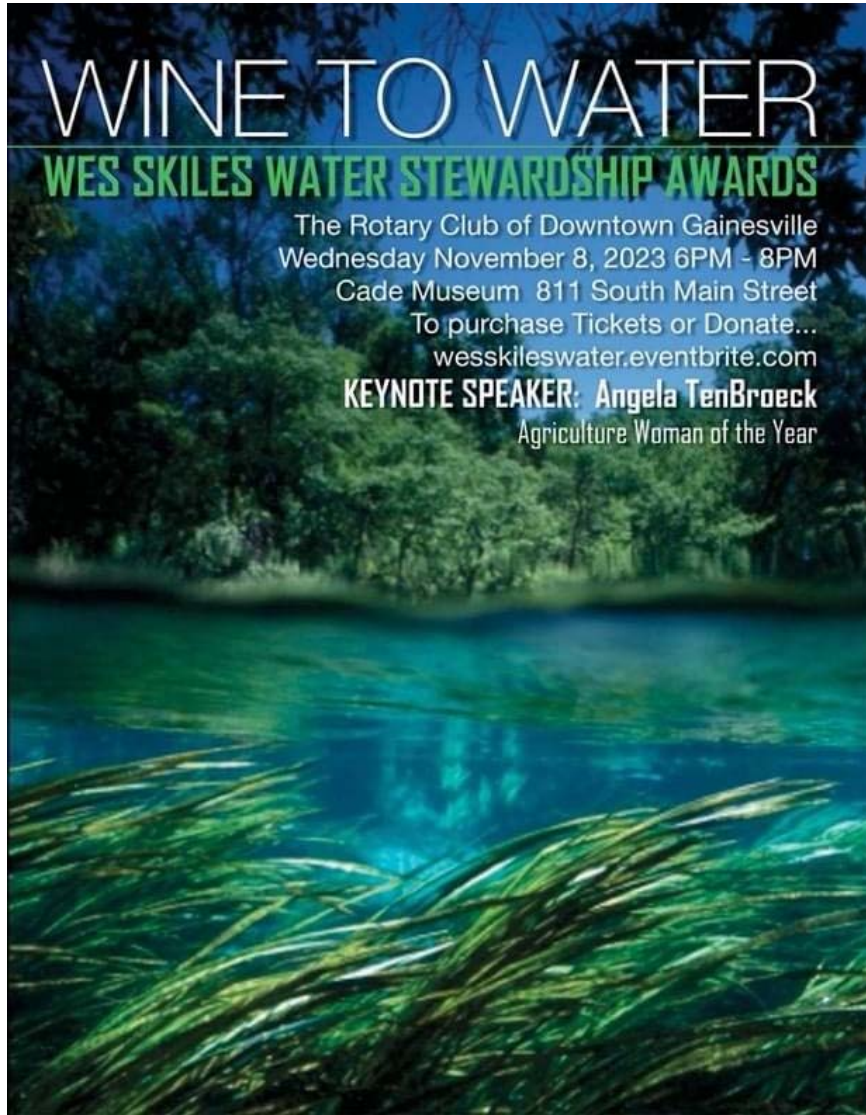


Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville proudly presents our annual
Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards
~Wine to Water Event~
November 8, 2023

W2W NOMINATIONS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III





CLUB MEMBERS:

Time to start thinking about a business or individual you would like to nominate for one of the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards

Call for Nominations:

Named in honor Wes Skiles whose mission was to educate and to inspire the people of Florida; to show

us and teach us about our remarkable array of water resources and how each of us has a role to play in safeguarding this precious resource.

The Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards recognize exceptional efforts in improving water quality and conservation in the North Florida area. An individual, an organization, and a business or other entity that demonstrates exceptional achievements in water stewardship may be nominated.

All active members of the Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6970 and past recipients of the award may submit nominations in one or more categories. All club members who submit a nomination will receive 100 Paul Harris points.

- Deadline to submit nominations is Oct 2, 2023. Return nomination and supporting materials to cheryltonipoe@gmail.com or mail to: RCDG Wine to Water Committee, C/O of C. Poe, 4016 NW 23rd Circle, Gainesville, Florida.

Link to nomination form:

<https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/NOMINATION%20FORM%20W2W%202023.docx>

- Amount of cash awards will be determined after nominations are submitted.

Awards will be presented at the 11th Annual Wine to Water Event on Wednesday Nov 8, 2023 6 – 8:30 PM

at the Cade Museum.



In addition to recognizing this year's winners, our keynote speaker will be the 2021 Woman of the Year in Agriculture, **Angela Tenbroeck**.

Angela, a fourth-generation farmer, and her family have been hydroponic farmers in North Florida since the 1970s. In 2012, she 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 then went on to establish her current hydroponic/aquaculture venture, Worldwide Aquaponics and as a Rotarian, will be using her experience and knowledge to assist the Downtown Rotary Club in a WASH Global Grant to benefit our local partner Southern Sudan Health Care Organization.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards are available through Jimskiles3@gmail.com or members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville. All members who secure a sponsor for the event will be given a free ticket, in addition to the one they purchase. See attached file <https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/2023%20ws-sponsorship%20LETTER.docx>

Lady Gator Volleyball !

LADY GATOR VOLLEYBALL multi club social event on Sunday, September 17th!

What a fun time! Especially for \$5 a ticket! The original plan was for all the 80+ Rotarians who had bought tickets to sit together and cheer for the Lady Gators. HOWEVER, it was a sold out event (YAY for the Gators!) and it was impossible to gather everyone together in one area. Much less try to get everyone in a picture! No matter... it was still a great time!








Brett & the Robars were there, too!

END POLIO RIDE


CALLING ALL ROTARIANS!! LET'S RIDE TO HELP END POLIO!!

JOINT EFFORT OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE


**END
POLIO
NOW**

Pedals and
Pints to
End Polio









HELP KEEP POLIO GONE!
\$30 PER PERSON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 (BY WEEK) | 10 AM ELITE BIKERS
(HONOR SYSTEM ON STRAVA)
1:45 AM FUN RIDE HAWTHORNE TRAIL
STARTING AND ENDING AT GOODBIKE
CYPRESS AND GROVE BREWERY - 3 PM
FELLOWSHIP PRIZES AND FUN!

REGISTER ON DACDB OR DAY OF ON SITE

Dictionary Project



The Dictionary Project is an international program whose goal is to give a dictionary to every third grader in the US and other parts of the world. Many Rotary clubs, as well as many other organizations, participate in the project nationally and internationally. To date the Dictionary Project has provided some 30 million dictionaries to young students in the US and internationally.

The goal of the Dictionary Project is to have a positive impact on education in this country and abroad, to empower children to become skillful communicators and resourceful learners. Our country and our world face many challenges. We need to prepare our young people to be strong, smart, productive citizens who can succeed and grow and solve problems in a rapidly changing world.

A personal dictionary may be a small thing but it is a powerful tool to help with learning. As a gift from a child's community, our contribution of a dictionary not only becomes a learning tool for the child but also creates the experience of how the community can serve student development. For many young students, this dictionary is the first book that they have ever owned as theirs alone. It is fun and satisfying to watch their excitement as we hand them their personal dictionary and ask them to write their name in it. "It's not your mother's dictionary, or your teacher's dictionary, it's YOUR dictionary!" we tell them.

Educators have determined that the 3rd grade is the best time to begin teaching young students how to use a dictionary. It is a key step in helping them to make the important transition between 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'. That's the reason that the Dictionary Project focuses on giving dictionaries to 3rd graders, as well as making sure the dictionaries they receive are designed for younger readers.

The Sunrise Rotary Club is facilitating the Dictionary Project for our area this year. It is anticipated that the labeling party and delivery of dictionaries will be scheduled for sometime in October. As soon as those dates are set, you will be invited to help out with this great Rotarian project!!

Did you know: Rotary clubs began distributing dictionaries through the Dictionary Project in 2006.

Thanks, ASO



Always an honor to award Officer of the Month to one of our wonderful Law Enforcement Officers. On September 13th, we presented ASO Deputy Michael Altman with this award. Pictured here is his nominating supervisor Sergeant Redding, Rotarian Al Losch, Deputy Altman and Colonel Chad Scott.

GPD officer Michael Henderson

We are always honored to present a Law Enforcement Officer with an Officer of the Month award.

Thank you, GPD Officer Michael Henderson, for all you do to keep our city safe!



TRIVIA winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRIVIA WINNERS!!



Al and Joe Jr selected Haydee's non profit OKAPI, which serves children in the war torn Democratic Republic of the Congo



Megan played on behalf of the Micanopy Pet Food Pantry

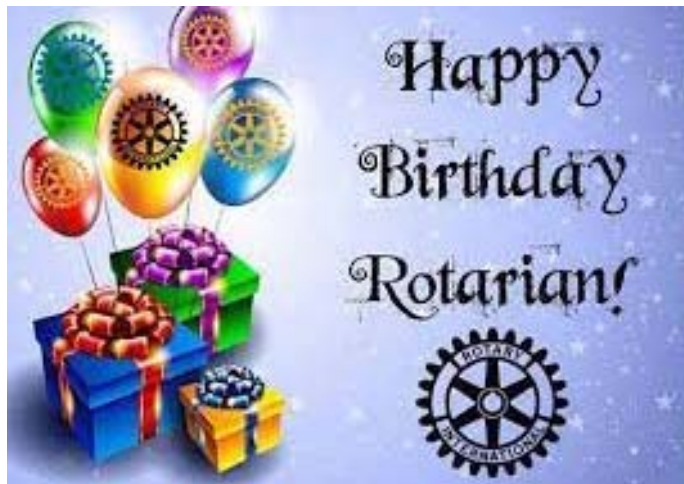


Becky presented Teresa Hunter a check for the Southern Scholarship Foundation



Tia Paul accepted a check on behalf of the Education Foundation, the non profit that Stephanie designated for her trivia award.

Happy Birthday, fellow Rotarians



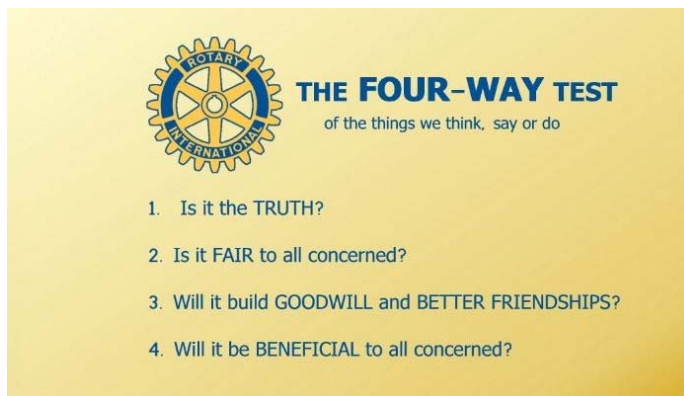
**CHERYL POE
SEPTEMBER 23**

**PERRY PURSELL
SEPTEMBER 25**

**ED BOOK
SEPTEMBER 27**

**AL LOSCH
SEPTEMBER 29**

Four Way Test



MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

SEPTEMBER Speakers provided by JIMBO

SEPT 6 TRIVIA WINNERS

SEPT 13 HAYDEE BRITTON

SEPT 20 FIELD TRIP LUNCH AND TOUR OF NEW GOC KITCHEN

SEPT 27 OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR

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: PresidentRCDG@gmail.com

Coordinator	Jim Skiles		352-538-0293
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			ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH
September	Jimbo		Basic Education and Literacy
October	Carl		Economic and Community Development
November	Marta		Rotary Foundation
December	Al		Disease Prevention and Treatment

ITS A ROTARY THING!



Maui



Our thoughts are with those affected by the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii, USA. We'll continue to monitor the situation and determine how we can help. There are 9 Rotary clubs on Maui.

Visit on.rotary.org/3qsTvMs to donate to our Disaster Response Fund and learn how [#Rotary](#) clubs respond in Maui and to ongoing disasters and recovery worldwide.

[#RotaryResponds](#)

From a post on the ROTARY CLUBS OF MAUI Facebook page:

Today has been a tragic day for our families and friends on the Island of Maui. The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted.

Rotary members are people of action, and we can take immediate action. As we come together to recover and rebuild, we need to support each other. We need to Create Hope for Maui.

Through our Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations. A committee will be organized shortly to find the greatest needs for distribution of monies. A single fund will be the most helpful over time to provide the most significant benefits.

US Civil Air Patrol / County of Maui photos
Images of widespread damage in Lahaina Town were captured today by US Civil Air Patrol.



Circle of Care

Circle
Care

As shared by club members, here are some of our fellow Rotarians who cannot currently attend club meetings. Please take a moment to reach out and let them know they are being thought about..

Rob Ogelsby . Full time caretaker for wife, Carol Anne

roboglesby@cox.net

1503 SE 69th Way
Gainesville, FL 32641
(352) 373 -0350

Brenda Chamberlain Homebound, surgery scheduled for Oct 31st

brendac6970@gmail.com

8401 NW 13th Street
Lot 123
Gainesville, FL 32653
(352) 246- 3914

Neal Cohen Homebound

6415 NW 97th Ct.
Gainesville, FL 32653

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
Michael Ekbladh	7 26 2023			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/>