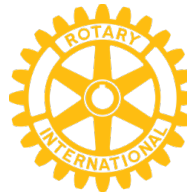


Rotary

DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE



Club Meeting

Downtown
Gainesville Rotary
currently
Meets at
Ballyhoo Grill
3700 W. University
Avenue 32607
Time: Wednesday
at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Brett
Buell
President



Diane
Marie
Robar
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Britton
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Ekblad
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iPast
President



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Club
Director



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Hartmann
Club
Director



Megan
Olson
Club
Director



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

Welcome

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



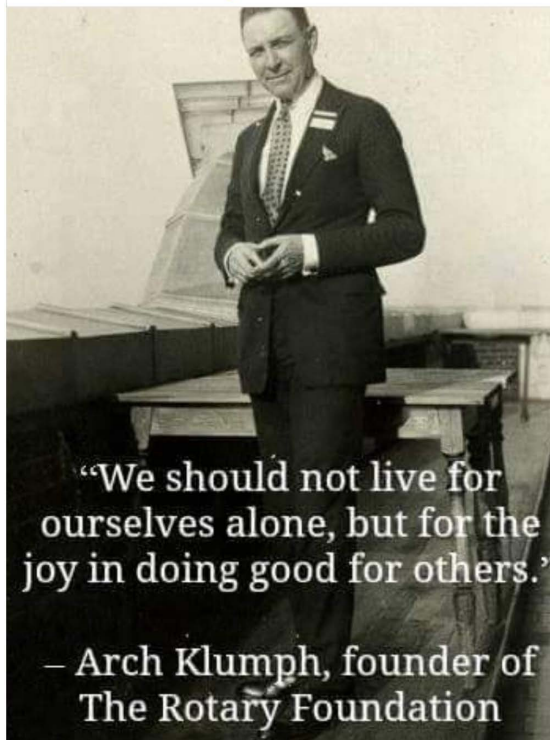
Rotary theme for November



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#), such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong [financial oversight](#), a stellar [charity rating](#), and a unique [funding model](#) mean that we make the very most of your contribution.

#Quoteoftheday



Four Way Test

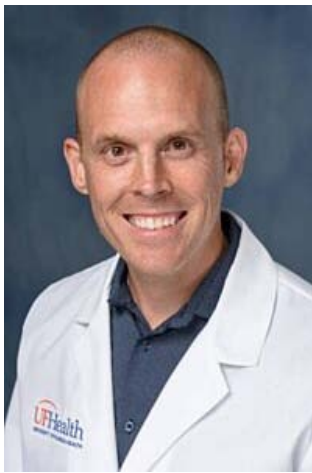


Important notice



We have 2 more regular meetings scheduled until the end of the year (November 20th and December 11th). At this time, we plan to meet at Ballyhoo Grill, 3700 W. University Avenue, for those meetings.

Dr. Norm Beatty, speaker November 20th



Dr. Norman L. Beatty is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Medicine. He graduated from the University of Central Florida College of Medicine with a B.S. in Molecular Biology and Microbiology, and a B.S. in Biotechnology. He then went on to study at Ross University School of Medicine and graduated with High Honors with his M.D. degree. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson.

Dr. Beatty has been studying triatomines (kissing bugs) the insect vector responsible for transmitting the parasite that causes Chagas disease in humans and other mammals and Chagas disease since 2015. He is currently researching the prevalence of Chagas disease in Florida as well as throughout the United States. His research has been presented at several conferences, including both the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene annual scientific meetings.

Birthday greetings!



Greg Fleming
November 2

Marta Hartmann
November 10

Bob Robar
November 27

Jimbo Skiles
November 29

Chessie Flanders
November 29

Lunch link



Here is the lunch link for Ballyhoo grill. Please note, ***we will not be able to accommodate specific modifications to the menu items.***

<https://forms.gle/JnFpLRfFgNg> 5nET6

BALLYHOOS REQUESTS A HEADCOUNT BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON SO PLEASE REPLY BEFORE OR BY TUESDAY NOON

Lunch at Ballyhoos!

As we continue to search for our new "home", we will be meeting at Ballyhoos for the November 20th and December 11th meeting dates. We had a great turnout for our first lunch at this venue and look forward to seeing everyone again this week!



In addition to Downtown club members, we were delighted to have Annia Ruffino from the SantaFe Rotaract club join us. Randi also brought Angelo Carey, a coworker from NorthWestern Mutual, to have lunch with us.

Meeting schedule for rest of year



As we enter the holiday season (it IS November, after all), please make note of the meeting schedule for rest of the year.

November 20: meeting at Ballyhoos

November 27 : No meeting/Thanksgiving

December 4th : Christmas Project/ details TBA but we will not have a regular meeting this day. We will be having a SERVICE day to make Christmas happen for children in the Migrant Education Project. See Marta's article below for details..

December 11th: meeting at Ballyhoos

December 18th: No meeting. We will be having our annual Bake Sale/White Elephant Holiday party sometime during this week (date TBD)

December 25th- January 1st NO meetings/ Holiday break

January 8th Resume meetings. Location TBA

We will be meeting a Ballyhoos for the 2 remaining regular meetings of this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



~ ~ 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>

NOVEMBER 21	SEAFOOD FESTIVAL	Tickets available at meeting or link in this newsletter
DECEMBER 4	CHRISTMAS Gifting for children in MEP (Migrant Education Program). We are working with the Latina League this year. Details TBA	Marta Hartmann
DECEMBER during week of 16-20, date TBA	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY with bake sale and white elephants	Stephanie Esposito Diane Robar

COMING UP NOVEMBER 21ST!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!



ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION

Seafood Spectacular!

Join Your Fellow Rotarians for an Evening of Fellowship

Thursday November 21st at 5:30 PM

Rotary Conservation Area – Hatchet Creek

Tickets \$60 each or 5 for \$250 (QR Code for Payment)



Location:
Newnans Lake Conservation Area
4841 NE 118 Drive
Gainesville, FL 32641



AND HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO ENJOY THE EVENING!



ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION

Seafood Spectacular "Special Sponsors"

Each year the Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation sponsors the Seafood Spectacular to provide a fellowship event for members and friends. Many Rotarians take an extra step to support this great event by becoming "Special Sponsors" of the different items on the evening's menu. We are offering a special "Master Fisherman" sponsor again this year. For only \$150.00 you will be a "Master Fisherman" sponsor and receive 2 tickets to the event. Your contributions will be recognized on the sponsor board at the event.

Questions? Email SeafoodSpectacular@rotarygainesville.org

RANK	MENU ITEM	NUMBER OF SPONSORSHIPS
King of the Sea	Appetizer sponsor	_____ @ \$500 = _____
Admiral	Catch of the Day	_____ @ \$250 = _____
Captain	Boiled Shrimp	_____ @ \$125 = _____
Master Chief	Smoked Salmon	_____ @ \$100 = _____
Master Fisherman	Includes 2 tickets!	_____ @ \$150 = _____
Seaman	Wine	_____ @ \$ 25 = _____
Individual Tickets	Tickets only	_____ @ \$ 60 = _____
Special offer 5 Tickets	Tickets only	_____ @ \$250 = _____

Name: _____

Member Number: _____ Email: _____

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you Thursday, Nov 21st.

Thank you for your support of all the wonderful things Rotary does in our community.

Christmas service project

By Marta M Hartmann



The Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville (RCDG) and the Latina Women's League of Gainesville (LWL) are joining efforts this year to carry out the Holiday project. The project's objective, as last year's, is to offer a

Holiday gift to the children of agricultural migrant workers' families. The selected children participate in the Migrant Education Program (MEP). The MEP provides supplemental instruction in basic skills to compensate for academic deficiencies inherent in a highly mobile population.

LWL is a non-profit organization dedicated to contributing to Hispanic/Latinx cultures and arts in Gainesville. LWL provides community outreach programs dedicated to education, health, and civic engagement.

RCDG is providing a gift of clothing and a toy or game to 20 children who participate in the MEP program. We will meet at the First United Methodist Church (419NE 1st Street) on Wednesday, December 4, from 12 until 2pm to wrap the gifts and to enjoy the spirit of the Holiday season. Please join us to celebrate the culmination of this altruistic project which most certainly will bring smiles, happiness and a slight of sunshine to the children and their families.



Speakers for the month

November SPEAKERS provided by Joe Lowry

November 6th: Megan Timler, FORGE PERFORMANCE

November 13th Joe Lowry, Jr

November 20th Dr. Norm Beatty

November 27th: NO MEETING

Veterans Day



On Monday, November 11th, fellow club members Billy Brame, Ed Book, Diane and Bob Robar attended the Alachua County Veterans Day Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Park. If you have not visited this Memorial, it is well worth your time.

In addition to the many celebratory activities honoring Veterans, there also was a ribbon cutting, grand opening of the new inclusive playground, which was funded by proceeds from the Rotary Wild Game Feast.

AND BY THE WAY !! Did you know that Billy Brame helped to design the Memorial?





Wild Game Feast Recipients



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Press Release

Local Rotary Clubs Provide Grants to Three Community Projects

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation will sponsor the expansion of the Emergency Food Pantry for the Gainesville Catholic Charities office, replace the existing playground with an exciting new structure for the Girls Place, Inc. and support the installation of a 50-foot flagpole and large United States of America flag at the Veterans Memorial Park in conjunction with the Alachua County Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Gainesville, FL, October 23, 2024: The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation Inc., at its October 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, reviewed 25 community grant applications requesting funds from the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast. The Board is proud to announce that the recipients of the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast grant will be three worthy local organizations: **Catholic Charities Bureau Inc. – Gainesville Regional Office, Girls Place, Inc., and Alachua County Veteran's Memorial Committee.** The 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast will be held March 6, 2025.

"2025 marks our 40th year of this event and we are excited to be able to make a difference in three unique community areas of need through the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast. We are committing more than \$100,000 to these projects, continuing our legacy of supporting our local non-profit organizations to do good in the community. Selecting the recipients from 25 worthy grant applications was not an easy task, however our board felt Catholic Charities, Girls Place, and the Alachua County Veteran's Memorial Committee were organizations who impact our community in three distinct ways, and we liked the diversity of the projects." – Matthew Braddy, Feast Master 2025.

The Gainesville Regional Office of Catholic Charities maintains an Emergency Food Pantry, providing essential shelf-stable food to those facing food insecurities. Generous donations of food often necessitate refrigeration or freezer storage. Denise Fanning, Regional Director of Catholic Charities is thrilled to be part of the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast recipients and says, "the expansion of our infrastructure enhances the pantry's ability to assist a larger segment of the community in need, we can continue to be a reliable resource for individuals and families during times of hardship".

Benefiting over 350 girls a year, Girls Place is looking to renovate their playground to serve many more girls in the future with structures to encourage free play in the outdoors. Executive Director, Christi Arrington, said upon the news of the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast grant "without this generosity, our girls would have to wait to have a new playground, now we will have one in time for summer in 2025, thank you Rotary". Girls Place offers year-round programming for girls ages 5-14 in our community, empowering them to grow courageous, strong, and self-sufficient. This new play area will certainly support those goals.

[more](#)

The third project to be funded by the 2025 Rotary Wild Game Feast will be the installation of a 50-foot flagpole, with an appropriate large United States of America flag. Lieutenant Colonel Jason Robinson, current chair of the Alachua County Veteran's Memorial Committee, said of this project, "replacing the existing small flagpole will mean the flag will be visible from all parts of the Veteran's Memorial Park and bring joy to the hearts of veterans and their families when they visit the site". The Alachua County Veteran's Memorial Committee is committed to providing a Veteran's Memorial in honor of Alachua County Citizens who have died in service to the United States of America.

For more information on this and other projects funded by The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation, contact Rotarian Wesley Eubank, info@rotarygainesville.org.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation (a registered 501(c)(3) charity) comprises of representatives from the four Rotary Clubs in Gainesville, Florida: the Rotary Club of Gainesville, the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville, the Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville, and the Rotary Club of Gainesville Sunrise. The Foundation formed in 1987 to manage the funds generated through the annual funding raising events held at Hatchet Creek (4841 NE 118th Drive, Gainesville, FL 32641-2732) as well as the funds generated through the Foundation Fryers catering organization. The first Rotary Project funded by the monies raised was the L.H Rogers Scholarship House, located at 2120 SW 16th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601 and has to date raised over \$3.35 million for local Rotary projects, charities, and student scholarships.



International Car Show



The Fourth annual International Car show in Gainesville at [Shop at Butler](#) was the first year Rotary hosted it. Through the [Rotary Club of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.](#) all 4 Rotary Clubs and 3 Rotaract Clubs came together for a great event. There were 110 fancy cars, great food and great people.

Thank you [Rotary District 6970 Gainesville Rotary Club](#) [Rotaract Club of Gainesville](#) [Santa Fe College Rotaract Club](#) [Alachua County Sheriff Rotary Clubs of](#)

[Greater Gainesville Downtown Gainesville, and Sunrise Rotary Club of Gainesville](#) It is amazing what can happen when Rotary works together.

Special thanks to the Downtown Rotarians who came out to volunteer - Brett, Stephanie, Ed , Michael, Ray, Bob and Diane



Even got to meet SEC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK, UF GATOR FOOTBALL PLAYER JADEN BAUGH



2025 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Dear Rotarians!

We're delighted to announce that the 2025 Rotary International Convention will take place in Calgary, Canada, 21-25 June 2025.

check out this promo video: <https://youtu.be/q7ZDUAWWBo4>

Calgary, along with breathtaking beauty, is a big city with a small-town feel that warmly welcomes visitors. More than 165 languages are spoken in Calgary, making it a perfect destination to bring together Rotary members from around the world.

The 2025 convention theme is "Magic All Around," and from the moment you arrive, you'll feel it. The one-of-a-kind connections and friendships. The people with different backgrounds, experiences, and points of view. The energy of thousands of members with their spirits, hearts, and passions together in one place, creating lasting impact and changing the world. That's magic!

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Having an International Meeting so close to us (relatively speaking) presents a unique opportunity for club members to be able to attend this amazing event!

Here's how to register:

Go to **MyRotary.org** ((if you don't have an account, it's easy to establish one)

Choose **Events & Conventions**

Choose **International Conventions**

It should take you to the registration page for Calgary.

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Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

MEMBER	JOINED	CLUB SERVICE	TRF
Walt Barry	1/1/2003	PP 09-10	* PHF4
Shelby Bobbitt	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
Haydee Britton	03/8/2023	Secretary	
Brett Buell	9/1/2015	President 2024-25	* PHF +1
Brenda Chamberlain	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF
Billy Combs	4/1/1992	PP 97-98, Treasurer	* MD / BR PHF8
Pat Craddock	9/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD @ PHF8
Michael Ekblad	7 26 2023	Sgt At Arms	
Ed Emery	9/1/2015		* PHF
Stephanie Esposito	6/12/2020	PP 2023-24	*PHF
Randi Feliciano	7/24/2024		
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
Marta Hartmann	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
Megan Olson	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
Diane Robar	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		
Jim Skiles	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
Francine Vincent	07/24/2024		
Zachary West	11/1/2025		
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 currently are meeting at Ballyhoos on Wednesdays at Noon

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