

Rotary



Club of
Downtown Gainesville



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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



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Club Director
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Club Director



Rebecca W. Hunt
Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
Club Director



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



Chessie L. Flanders
Assistant Governor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Rotary!

Paul Harris's vision formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23rd, 1905.



Welcome

*Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

FEBRUARY THEME



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Birthdays

Clay Martin III
March 3rd
Neal Peter Cohen
March 9th
Stephanie Esposito
March 19th
William S. Combs
March 20th



Welcome on Board !

Fellow Downtown Rotarians, please welcome Scott Hansis to our family as we proudly induct him into our club on Wednesday, February 22nd ! We look forward to having you join us, Scott!



Speaker February 22nd

By Diane Marie Robar

Welcome, Sira!



Sira Botes was born and raised in South Africa, her maiden country. She and her husband have lived in Gainesville, FL since 2001, and this is where they are raising their two daughters.

Her topic will be "Exploring Our Risk for Dementia and Its Future Impact on Our Community"

Sira's passion for dementia care started with her grandfather who passed away after being bed ridden with Alzheimer's, when she was a teenager. Her mother started demonstrating young onset Dementia at age 57, and has lived with complete short term memory loss for the past 20 years. Observing the challenges her parents were facing inspired Sira to create a healthcare approach that makes sense for all involved in that person's care.

For the past 10 years she has dedicated her career to geriatric care in the home health setting. Currently she is serving as the Director of Dementia care and Occupational Therapy services for one of the largest home care companies in Florida USA, Concierge Home Care.

Sira created, and developed the first unique evidence based, healthcare assessment tool to address the loss of executive function in persons living with dementia. This tool captures and defines executive function as it relates to functional independence in the home, as well as aging in place. The Botes Analysis of Functional Cognition™, as well as the BQOL-T (Botes Quality of Life assessment tools) are used to empower persons living with dementia as well as those involved in their care through the use of the Memory Bouquet™ decision pathway.

The Botes Memory Method has been successfully implemented since January of 2019, throughout the state of Florida, including customers such as Concierge Home Care and Baptist Health Care Systems. Multiple Senior Living facilities across

the state of Florida utilize this approach to memory care as their preferred platform for dementia intervention. Sira is a public speaker, and educator traveling across the state of Florida. She serves as a University of Florida Capstone mentor, and UF guest lecturer as well as a clinical fieldwork educator. She frequently presents workshops, and lectures for peers and dementia stake holders.

February is Black History Month



Lewis Howard Latimer (1848-1928) was an African-American inventor, electrical pioneer, and a son of two formerly enslaved Virginians who self-liberated. With no access to formal education, Latimer taught himself mechanical drawing while in the Union Navy, and eventually became a chief draftsman, patent expert, and inventor.

Latimer worked with three of the most celebrated scientific inventors in American history, Alexander Graham Bell, Hiram S. Maxim, and Thomas Alva Edison. He played a critical role in the development of the telephone, significantly improved the production of carbon filament, and made important contributions to the commercialization of the incandescent light bulb.

Outside his professional career, Latimer developed a passion for visual art, creative writing, and music. Some products of his artistic endeavors can be viewed at the Lewis Latimer House Museum. Latimer was a Unitarian and a family man.

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>

AID to Turkey and Syria



On February 6th, a devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake and a powerful aftershock caused thousands of buildings in Turkey and Syria to collapse, killing more than 33,000 people and leaving millions homeless.

Our [District 6970](#) has stepped up to raise funds for those impacted by this horrible earthquake. We will be sending contributions directly to the Disaster Relief Fund in [District 2430](#).

Rotary always stands ready to provide help for the helpless. Our process is so much easier when we can coordinate district to district.

We will now be accepting donations to the York Foundation and will package these donations and send to Rotary District 2430. We will accept donations either on the [District 6970 Webpage](#) or

BY CHECK Payable to: The York Foundation, Inc.
Send to: ROTARY DISTRICT
6970 YORK FOUNDATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 47195
JACKSONVILLE FL 32247

We will also accept donations at RLI on Saturday February 18, 2023 at RLI with our plan to send all funds received by Monday February 20, on to District 2430.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Congratulations to all of the Rotarians who attended [Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division](#) at [Santa Fe College](#) in Gainesville!

We had well over 100 Rotarians sharing fellowship and learning how each of us can get more out of Rotary as we serve our communities. Thank you to all Gainesville Rotarians for supporting RLI and to all the others who drove to get to Gainesville; we hope we have given you a return on your investment." — DG Jeff Michelman

RLI offers Rotary knowledge courses in three sessions (Parts I, II, and III.). The courses are designed to provide leadership skills while advancing Rotary knowledge and understanding. Part 1 is *The Rotarian*, Part II is *The Rotary Club* and Part III is *The Rotary Journey*. Those completing each course are eligible for the next. There are Graduate courses available to those who have completed the three-part RLI curriculum. The Graduate courses focus on one Rotary topic for the session .

This event was very well attended by all local Rotary clubs. Members from our club who attended were Carl Smart, Stephanie Esposito, Brenda Chamberlain, Brett Buell, Marta Hartmann, Marina Jordan, Ed Emery, Steve Jeppson and Diane Robar. Ed Book was in charge of coordinating the event with RLI at the NW Santa Fe Campus and judging by comments from attendees, it was quite a successful event!



Part 1 - Steve and Brett



Part 1 Marina and Ed

Marina's comment: that was my first RLI, I learned a lot about the history of Rotary , ethics , grants , etc. I found interesting the way other clubs do fundraising .



Part 1 Stephanie

Stephanie's comment: I enjoyed learning the history of Rotary and the impact we've made together around the world.

Part 1 Carl . Through no fault of his own, there was a slight admin mixup which caused him to not be included in the pic with his fellow



classmates. So they took a special pic of him with RLI director Mickey Ulmer and current District Governor Jeff Michelman .

Carl's comment: Very informative sessions, lots of sharing great ideas and valuable networking with members from other clubs.



Part 2 Marta

Marta's comment: The RI training provided me with valuable knowledge about RI and its remarkable undertakings in improving people's life. In addition, I gained ideas and learned of possibilities available to assist in strengthening my Club. Through the training I acquired skills and tools that will enable me to become a more effective RI member. I enjoyed meeting great people and learning from them. The RI is a pleasingly practical training, both personally and professionally.



Brenda Graduate course - Public Speaking

Brenda's comment: After attending several sessions, it is great to be able to socialize and learn with fellow Rotarians from around the state.



Diane Graduate Course - Membership

Diane's comment: I have attended several RLI conferences and every time i do, I walk away with some new bits of knowledge , helpful suggestions and several new Rotary friends.

THANK YOU, ED, for helping to coordinate all logistical aspects of the RLI training at Santa Fe! Great event!



UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR



	<i>see bulletin for more details on each</i>	
FEBRUARY 22th	Non Profit Committee meeting	Brett Buell
FEBRUARY 25th	WORKDAY at Hatchett Creek to get site ready for the WILD GAME FEAST 8:30 AM (you can come out anytime). lunch provided	
MARCH 2nd 5:00 pm	Wild Game Feast	tickets: Billy Brame 352 538 7099 billybrame@aol.com
MAY 12-13th	DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE	Flagler College St Augustine

WILD GAME FEAST

By William Brame



It's hard to believe that it's that time of the year again, but this years 38th Annual Wild Game Feast (March 2nd) will be here before we know it.

Single tickets are \$85 until our meeting on March 1st (\$10 increase from last year).

Day of event price is \$100.

Through February 20th, for each 5 tickets purchased, buyer will receive a 6th ticket for free... known as 645. Price \$425.

Billy Brame is handling the ticket sales for our club, for both the event and the raffle. Sponsorships are also available. Raffle tickets are for this year's Adventure of a Lifetime. Winner will receive two roundtrip airfares and one week's accommodation to a location of your choice in Western Europe, Iceland, Hawaii or Alaska. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 6 for \$50 and 14 for \$100. Drawing will be at the Wild Game Feast at 8 PM. Winner need not be present to win.

Our Feast location is in Hatchet Creek Conservation Area , [4841 NE 118th Drive](#). It's going to need a bit of tidying up before March 2nd. There are plenty of things to do, ranging from major to minor clean ups. We can use YOUR help. The next workday will be Feb 25th... beginning at 8:30, lasting til lunch (included) . The workday scheduled for the 11th has been canceled since there was so much accomplished on the first workday (4th), that it is not necessary to have another one this weekend. HOWEVER, THE WORKDAY ON THE 25TH IS STILL A GO AS WE DO NEED TO DO A LITTLE MORE CLEANUP BEFORE THE FEAST. We will be happy for any time you can come out to help.

Please make plans to join us for this signature Rotary event full of fun and fellowship, but most importantly to raise funds for our three great recipients.:

Pace Center for Girls
Child Advocacy Center
Grace Healthcare

See you at Hatchet Creek



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.

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](#).

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. Registration in DacDB will become live over the next week.

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III
February Speakers provided by Diane Robar
Feb 1st Terry Martin-Back Toastmasters
Feb 8th Todd Martin Crimestoppers
Feb 15th Rich and Marie Turnbull/ Rotary District 6970

Feb 22nd Sira Botes Botes Memory Method LLC.

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
February	Diane		Peace and Conflict Resolution
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	AI		Disease Prevention and Treatment

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>



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
<i>Brenda Chamberlain</i>	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
<i>Billy Combs</i>	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
<i>Stephanie Esposito</i>	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
Marta Hartmann	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
<i>Becky Hunt</i>	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
<i>Joe Lowry Jr.</i>	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)	* BR @ PHF6	Megan Forbes
Joe Lowry Sr.	7/1/2013		* MD PHF8	Jim Islam
<i>Clay Martin</i>	11/1/2016		* PHF	John Sanchez
Rob Oglesby	5/1/2010	PP 14-15	* MD / BR PHF8	Bob Robar
<i>Megan Olson</i>	2/1/2019	Director	*PHF	Brenda Chamberlain
Cheryl T. Poe	1/1/2007	PP 15-16	* BR PHF6	Becky Hunt
<i>Perry Pursell</i>	6/1/2008	PP 12-13,	* PHF3	
Bob Robar	11/1/1991	PP 01-02	* MD @ PHF8	Perry Pursell
<i>Diane Robar</i>	10/1/2014	PP 2020-21; AG 1, AG2	* PHF+1	Marina Jordan
Ben Rowe (d.)	n/a	Charter President	* MD	n/a
John Sanchez	10/1/2016		* PHF	Clay Martin
Lauri Schiffbauer	8 11 2021			Brenda Chamberlain
Jim Skiles	12/1/1998	PP 03-04; Speakers,director	* MD @ BR PHF8	Tom Sumrall
<i>Carl Smart</i>	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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