

# Rotary



Club of  
Downtown Gainesville



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### 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



Megan Olson  
Club Director  
Secretary



Brett Buell  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Brenda Chamberlain  
iPast President



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.  
Club Director



Marta M. Hartmann  
Club Director



Rebecca W. Hunt  
Club Director



Diane Marie Robar  
Club Director

### Welcome

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

### Rotary theme for March

**MARCH DESIGNATION IS**

**WATER AND SANITATION MONTH**

*"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."*

**Rotary**

**TAKE ACTION: Join a Project**

### March 1 Speaker

By Edward A Emery

**Stephen Griffin**



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



Chessie L. Flanders  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

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



### Living' the Dream

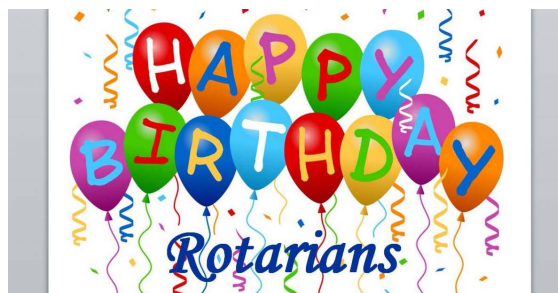
I was born and raised here in Alachua County, attending Terwilliger, Lawton Chiles, Kanapaha and graduated from Buchholz in 2007. ,

After working at Brasington's Trail Shop and the Alachua County Take Stock in Children program, I began my career out West. Over the past nine years I have lived and worked in Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Alaska and now Montana. I am currently in my third year as General Manager of Firehole Ranch, which is a fly fishing guest ranch in West Yellowstone, MT. From May through October, my girlfriend Kelsie and I live on a 470 acre ranch, surrounded by National Forest land and within eyesight of Yellowstone National Park.

As Fall sets in, we return to Alachua County and dive back into the community as I serve on the Board of Directors for the GROW Hub. Grow Hub is a local nonprofit with a mission to provide meaningful employment for adults with disabilities. It is at the Grow Hub that I realize I am truly at my best and my skills have found a home!

*Fishing and Farming - what do they have in common?*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!



Clay Martin  
March 3rd

Neal Cohen  
March 9th

Stephanie Esposito  
March 19th

William S. Combs  
March 20th

## 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>

**Our newest member!**



*Welcome on Board !*



***Fellow Downtown Rotarians, please welcome Scott Hansis to our family, inducted on February 22nd. Here John Sanchez, his sponsor, does the honor of placing the Rotary pin on Scott.***

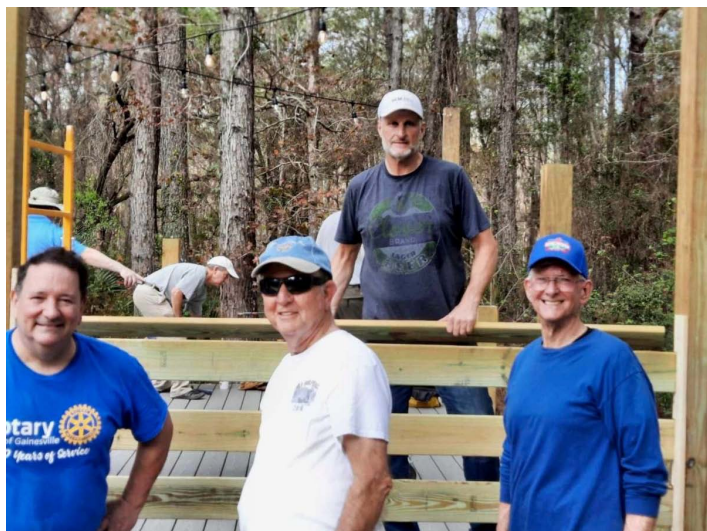
***We are so very happy to have you join us !***





and, only 4 days after joining the club, Scott is already involved in his first service project! Spent Saturday the 25th helping to clean up the site for the upcoming Wild Game Feast with fellow Rotarians and club members, Ed Book and Brett Buell.

THANKS, GUYS!



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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.

Billy Brame is handling the ticket sales for our club, for both the event and the raffle. Sponsorships are also available. And **DON'T FORGET** about those **RAFFLE TICKETS!!** 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.](#)

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



## Officers of the Month

### FEBRUARY 15th OFFICER RECOGNITION

We are always honored to present an Officer of the Month award to a deserving officer. Pictured here are Rotarian Al Losch, Honored ASO Deputy Shelaine Smith, Sgt. Taylor Redding, Captain Chris Sims and Club President Carl Smart.





## FEBRUARY 1st OFFICER RECOGNITION



Club president Carl Smart, Lt. LaLonde, Rotarian Al Losch, honored Deputy Rob Townsend, Major Yaeger

## MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

March Speakers provided by Ed Emery

### March 1st Stephan Griffin fishing and farming, what do these two have in common?

March 8th Chelsea Bowlin, Outreach Recruitment Specialist, Partnership for Strong Families

March 16th Shannon Miller, Esq., Miller Elder Law Firm

March 22nd Robert Crow, Author of Nudge and Boost

March 29th Anna Sampson, We Are Carbon Neutral

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](mailto:jimskiles3@gmail.com)

Stephanie's email: [Stephanie.esposito319@yahoo.com](mailto:Stephanie.esposito319@yahoo.com)

Coordinator	Jim Skiles		352-538-0293
			ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH
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

**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



## 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.

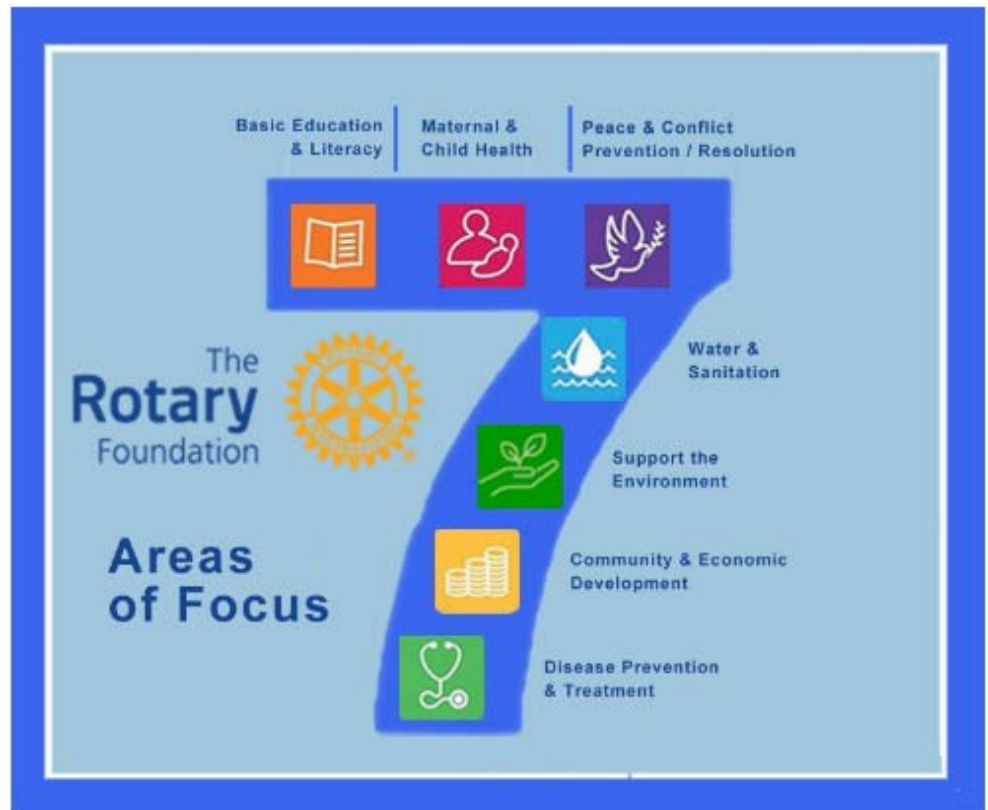
## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR



	<i>see bulletin for more details on each</i>	
MARCH 2nd 5:00 pm	Wild Game Feast	tickets: Billy Brame 352 538 7099 billybrame@aol.com
MARCH 18	GOC CAR WASH	Brett Buell 352 872 3232
APRIL 1	Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon One Love Cafe	Jimbo Skiles 352 538 0293
MAY 12-13th	DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE	Flagler College St Augustine

## Rotary's 7 areas of focus

*The Rotary Foundation* is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard in these areas:



## INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. We recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment, offering individual and club recognition as well as naming opportunities that enable you to honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

Did you know that there are many different levels of individual participation



to the Rotary Foundation that are available to all Rotarians? Here are descriptions of each type of contribution and links for further information / enrollment

## Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member

When you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund. Everyone in our club is a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member as we each contribute \$25 per quarter

## Benefactor

When you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of \$1,000 or more in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin. For more information or to enroll, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-endowment>

## Paul Harris Fellow

When you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. Several members in our club have honored family, friends and business acquaintances with this recognition. Learn more <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

## Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

When you give additional gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant, you will receive recognition for each gift. Several members of our club are recipients of multiple Paul Harris Fellow awards.

## Paul Harris Society member

When you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Learn more about the Paul Harris Society at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history/paul-harris-society>.

## Bequest Society

When you make a commitment for future gifts of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation, you'll be invited to join the Bequest Society.

- \$10,000: Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece suitable for framing
- \$25,000: Rotary's Promise crystal and named endowed fund, plus all of the above
- \$50,000: Separate named endowed funds directed to two areas of focus or districts, plus all of the above
- \$100,000: Customized Rotary's Promise crystal, plus all of the above
- \$250,000: Posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society, plus all of the above
- \$500,000: Special seating and registration benefits at the Rotary International Convention, plus all of the above

## Major Donor

When your cumulative donations reach \$10,000. Major Donors can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. NOTE: Name recognition is not automatic and needs to be reported to [RI staff](#). Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

- Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999
- Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999
- Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999
- Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999

## Arch Klumph Society

When your cumulative donations reach \$250,000. Recognition includes an induction ceremony and your picture and biography in the Arch Klumph Society interactive gallery at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. You also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at the following levels. Learn more about the [Arch Klumph Society](#).

- Trustees Circle: \$250,000 to \$499,999
- Chair's Circle: \$500,000 to \$999,999
- Foundation Circle: \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999
- Platinum Trustees Circle: \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999
- Platinum Chair's Circle: \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999
- Platinum Foundation Circle: \$10,000,000 and above

## Legacy Society

When you promise a gift of \$1 million or more to the Endowment, you'll be listed in Rotary's annual report and invited to exclusive Rotary International and Foundation events. Legacy Society members also receive special recognition items and all the benefits provided to Bequest Society members.

## 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.

## 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>

## 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!**



## 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
<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	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
Scott Hansis	2//2023			John Sanchez
<b>Marta Hartmann</b>	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
<b>Becky Hunt</b>	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
<b>Joe Lowry Jr.</b>	12/1/2004	PP (08-09) (17-18)	* 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, AG2	* 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	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**  
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