

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.



Marta M Hartmann

Club Director

Club Director



Rebecca W. Hunt Club Director



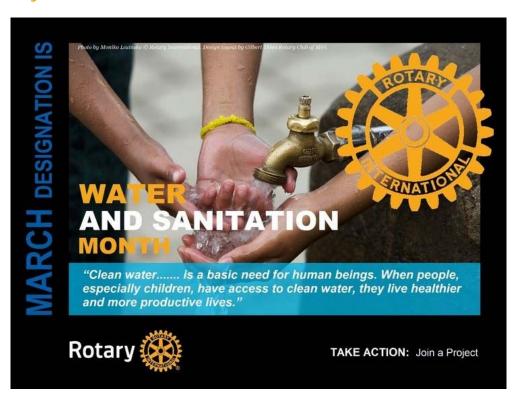
<u>Diane Marie Robar</u> Club Director

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

Welcome

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville

Rotary theme for March



Welcome, Chelsea

By Edward A Emery



Chessie L Flanders Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Neal Peter Cohen March 9th Stephanie Esposito March 19th William S. Combs March 20th



CHELSEA BOWLIN is the Outreach Recruitment Specialist at Partnership for Strong Families. As a UF graduate and longtime Gainesville resident, she is passionate about serving children and families in her community. Chelsea taught 1st grade in Gainesville for the past 5 years and now works to build community relationships across North Central Florida while sharing the need for foster and adoptive parents. Chelsea and her husband have been foster parents since 2021 and have adopted their two children.

The title of her presentation is Supporting Foster Care & Adoption in Your Community

Welcome, Haydee!



Welcome on Board!

We are so pleased to welcome Haydee Britton into our Downtown Gainesville Rotary family!

Haydee is sponsored by Marta Hartmann and will be inducted on March 8th.



Our newest member!





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!







HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!



Clay Martin March 3rd

Neal Cohen March 9th

Stephanie Esposito March 19th

William S. Combs March 20th

We celebrate Wes Skiles



Special birthday note for MARCH 6th! It would have been WES SKILES' 65th birthday! For our newer club members and even some of those who have been in the club for a while but do not know of this amazing man, here is a special video describing his life, his work and dedication to keeping our waters clean.

After watching this, you will understand why we have an award event named after him...our annual Wes Skiles WaterStewardship awards.

The Man Who Swam Inside the Planet

https://youtu.be/IJ4GPG9OpBI

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

PETS

PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING (PETS) SEMINAR MARCH 3 - 5, 2023



If you have been hesitant to take on the role of President for our club, let me share one of the many reasons you should say "yes"! You get to go to PETS! Throughout the PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) weekend seminar, I was surrounded by 600+individuals who share the same goal: to be the best 2023/2024 President for their club and to make an impact in their community and the world. The training featured inspiring speeches from numerous Rotary leaders and was both exciting and energizing.

Stephanie Esposito, President Elect 2023-24



Our District 6970 representatives



Our District 6970 President Elects and Area Governors for 2023-24 There are 12 areas within District 6970. Our club is Area 1 within the District.

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Area 1 (US!) in District 6970. Pictured here
PE from Greater Gainesville club, Christina Ramos
PE from Gainesville Rotary club, Lynda Reinhart
OUR PE, Stephanie Esposito
PE from Sunrise club, Sherry Houston
Area Governor, Diane Robar
PE from Lake Butler club, Tyler Kelley



Stephanie, Christina, Diane, Lynn and Sherry with JOHN TABOR, District Governor 6970 for 2023-24

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There were many engaging speakers over the course of the weekend; however ,the keynote speaker of the event was

Gordon McInally, the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT for 2023-24





And here is our very own Stephanie with 2023-24 RI President McInally



Stephanie receiving her Florida PETS pin after being officially commissioned as Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville President for 2023-24



## wow!!!!!

## Rotary Club of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.

## ~~~WILD GAME FEAST~~~

Done and dusted for another year and might we say, what a night!

Spectacular weather, spectacular food, spectacular people.

Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsors, attendees, volunteers, recipients. We are grateful to each and everyone of you.

Last night you made it possible for us to fully fund our three chosen projects:

Pace Center for Girls, Alachua (improving security)
Grace Healthcare (pharmacy remodel)
Child Advocacy Center, Inc. (a new kitchen)





Special thanks to fellow club members Greg Fleming and Bob Robar for doing the meat prep work AND to Ed Book for his traffic control!



### **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

#### Stephanie's email: Stephanie.esposito319@yahoo com

| Coordinator | Jim Skiles | 352-538-0293                          |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
|             |            | ROTARY THEME FOR<br>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<br>Literacy       |
| October     |            | Economic and Community<br>Development |
| November    |            | Rotary Foundation                     |
| December    | AI         | Disease Prevention and<br>Treatment   |

## **UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR**



| MARCH<br>ALL MONTH | SANTA FE COLLEGE BOOK DRIVE                        | ED BOOK<br>352 222 7968         |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MARCH 18           | GOC CAR WASH                                       | Brett Buell<br>352 872 3232     |
| APRIL 1            | Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon<br>One Love Cafe | Jimbo Skiles<br>352 538 0293    |
| MAY 12-13th        | DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE                   | Flagler College<br>St Augustine |

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND TRAINING

This Year's District Training Assembly and Conference will be held at <u>Trinity Parrish</u> with Friday breakout sessions at <u>Flagler College</u> 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.

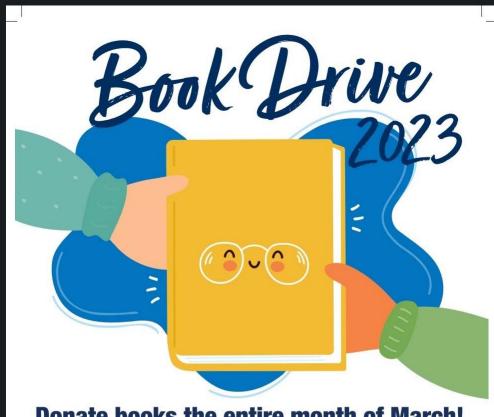
ITS A ROTARY THING!



### Santa Fe PD Book Drive

By Ed Book

Bring the books to a club meeting and we will make sure they get to Santa Fe!



## **Donate books the entire month of March!**

The Santa Fe College Police Department and various departments across SF have teamed up to collect books for children and young adults to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida.

Share the gift of reading by donating new and gently used books at any of these locations:

- · SF Police Department
- · SF Library and Learning Commons
- · SF Little School
- · All SF Center locations

Spring Break Special: Bring a book to the SF Teaching Zoo from March 12-18 and get \$1 off same-day admission.

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### 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

## **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 <u>District 6970</u> 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 <u>District 2430</u>.

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

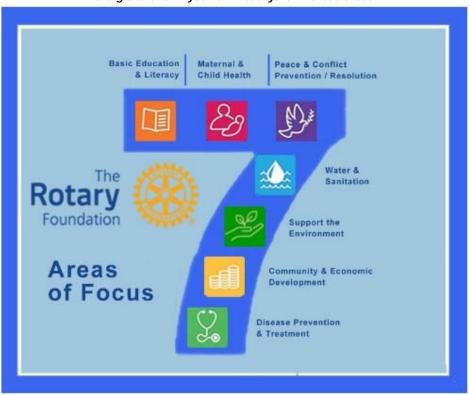
We will now be accepting donations to the York Foundation and will package these donations and send to Rotary District 2430. We will accept donations either on the <u>District 6970 Webpage</u> or

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's 7 areas of focus

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



## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Congratulations to all of the Rotarians who attended <u>Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division</u> at <u>Santa Fe College</u> 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

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



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!



## INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Your generous contributions to <u>The Rotary Foundation</u> 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 <a href="Arch Klumph Society">Arch Klumph Society</a>.

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.

### **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

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## **Downtown Gainesville Rotarians**

| MEMBER<br>John Anderson<br>Walt Barry<br>Shelby Bobbitt                                       | JOINED<br>4/1/2017<br>1/1/2003<br>9/21/2022                                        |                                                            | TRF<br>* PHF<br>* PHF4                                                             | POI<br>Brett Buell<br>Pradeep Kumar<br>Diane Robar                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ed Book                                                                                       | 2/1/2009                                                                           | PP 13-14 AG<br>1,2,AG                                      | * BR PHF2                                                                          | Ed Oehmig                                                                                   |
| Matt Bowman<br>Billy Brame<br>David Bridges<br>Brett Buell                                    | 12/1/2016<br>7/1/1976<br>2/1/2019<br>9/1/2015                                      |                                                            | * PHF<br>* PHF+6<br>*PHF<br>* PHF+1                                                | Walt Barry<br>Neal Cohen<br>Matt Bowman<br>John Anderson                                    |
| Brenda<br>Chamberlain                                                                         | 1/1/2019                                                                           | PP 2021-22                                                 | *PHF                                                                               | Megan Olson                                                                                 |
| Neal Cohen                                                                                    | 7/1/1989                                                                           | DD 07 00                                                   | * PHF3                                                                             | Billy Brame                                                                                 |
| Billy Combs                                                                                   | 4/1/1992                                                                           | PP 97-98,<br>Treasurer                                     | * MD / BR PHF8                                                                     | Greg Fleming                                                                                |
| Pat Craddock Ed Emery                                                                         | 9/1/2006<br>9/1/2015                                                               | PP 10-11                                                   | * MD @ PHF8<br>* PHF                                                               | Al Losch<br>Ray Snook                                                                       |
| Stephanie<br>Esposito                                                                         | 6/12/2020                                                                          | Director                                                   | *PHF                                                                               | Brenda Chamberlain                                                                          |
| Chessie Flanders                                                                              | 4/1/2017                                                                           | PP 19-20, AG 1,<br>AG2, AG                                 | * PHF                                                                              | Jennifer Reddish                                                                            |
| Greg Fleming<br>Megan Forbes<br>Don Frowick                                                   | 3/1/1994<br>1/1/2001                                                               | PP 05-06<br>PP 04-05<br>PP 94-95                           | * PHF3<br>* BR @ PHF6<br>MD / HM                                                   | Billy Combs<br>Joe Lowry Jr.<br>n/a                                                         |
| Scott Hansis<br>Marta Hartmann<br>Becky Hunt                                                  | 2//2023<br>05/2021<br>1/1/1996                                                     | Director<br>Director                                       | * PHF7                                                                             | John Sanchez<br>Marina Jordan<br>Diane Robar                                                |
| Jim Islam<br>Steve Jeppson<br>Marina Jordan<br>Pradeep Kumar<br>Judy Locascio                 | 9/1/1990<br>5/11/2022<br>2/1/2019<br>5/1/2018<br>3/1/2002                          | PP 95-96                                                   | * MD PHF8  *PHF *PHF * PHF+6                                                       | Joe Lowry Sr. Jim Skiles Diane Robar David Bridges Robert Taylor                            |
| Al Losch Jr.                                                                                  | 4/1/1992                                                                           | PP 00-01 LEOM                                              | * MD @ BR<br>PHF8                                                                  | Pat Craddock                                                                                |
| Joe Lowry Jr.                                                                                 | 12/1/2004                                                                          | PP (08-09) (17-<br>18)                                     | * BR @ PHF6                                                                        | Megan Forbes                                                                                |
| Joe Lowry Sr.  Clay Martin  Rob Oglesby  Megan Olson  Cheryl T. Poe  Perry Pursell  Bob Robar | 7/1/2013<br>11/1/2016<br>5/1/2010<br>2/1/2019<br>1/1/2007<br>6/1/2008<br>11/1/1991 | PP 14-15<br>Secretary<br>PP 15-16<br>PP 12-13,<br>PP 01-02 | * MD PHF8<br>* PHF<br>* MD / BR PHF8<br>*PHF<br>* BR PHF6<br>* PHF3<br>* MD @ PHF8 | Jim Islam<br>John Sanchez<br>Bob Robar<br>Brenda Chamberlain<br>Becky Hunt<br>Perry Pursell |
| Diane Robar                                                                                   | 10/1/2014                                                                          | PP 2020-21; AG<br>1, AG2                                   | * PHF+1                                                                            | Marina Jordan                                                                               |
| Ben Rowe (d.)<br>Lauri Schiffbauer                                                            | n/a<br>8 11 2021                                                                   | Charter President                                          |                                                                                    | n/a<br>Brenda Chamberlain                                                                   |
| Jim Skiles                                                                                    | 12/1/1998                                                                          | speakers, un ector                                         | * MD @ BR<br>PHF8                                                                  | Tom Sumrall                                                                                 |
| Carl Smart                                                                                    | 3/1/2019                                                                           | President 2022-<br>23,                                     | *PHF                                                                               | Zachary West                                                                                |
| Ray Snook<br>Robert Taylor<br>Zachary West                                                    | 4/1/2012<br>11/1/2011<br>11/1/2013                                                 | PP16-17 AAG                                                | * PHF3<br>* PHF<br>* PHF                                                           | Cheryl Poe<br>Judy Locascio<br>Carl Smart                                                   |

<sup>\*</sup> 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 ostate plan)

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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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