

# 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

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

## Welcome

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

## Rotary theme for March

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**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

## Speaker, March 15th

By Edward A Emery

[Shannon M. Miller, ESQ. -](#)  
[The Miller Elder Law Firm](#)

***How to Age Gracefully and Help Family Age Gracefully in Today's Changing World***



**Chessie L. Flanders**  
Assistant Governor

## **Birthdays**

Stephanie Esposito  
March 19th  
William S. Combs  
March 20th



Shannon M. Miller is a Florida Bar board certified attorney specializing in Elder Law, practicing in Gainesville, Florida. In 2012, Shannon served as a drafting member of the Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults Workgroup, led by Florida State Senator Kathleen Passidomo. That statute (§ 825.103) became law in 2014, creating groundbreaking tools for law enforcement, prosecutors and civil practitioners to crack down on the exploitation of our most vulnerable citizens. In 2018, Shannon, as part of the Elder Law Section, created new legislation relating to injunctions against exploitation and freezing stolen assets (Fla. Stat. § 825.1035). Shannon has been instrumental in rolling out the Exploitation Injunction law across the state of Florida and assisted in the drafting of the new Attorney General/Elder Law Section HB 1041 for new and powerful Anti-Exploitation laws effective July 1, 2021.

Shannon served as President of The Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys, currently serves on the Florida Joint Public Policy Task Force for the Elderly and Disabled, served as Chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the Elder Law Section and now serves as Vice Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.

**WELCOME to our newest members!**



**We are so pleased to welcome Haydee Britton and Scott Hansis into our Downtown Gainesville Rotary family!**



**Banking**

**Education**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS!**



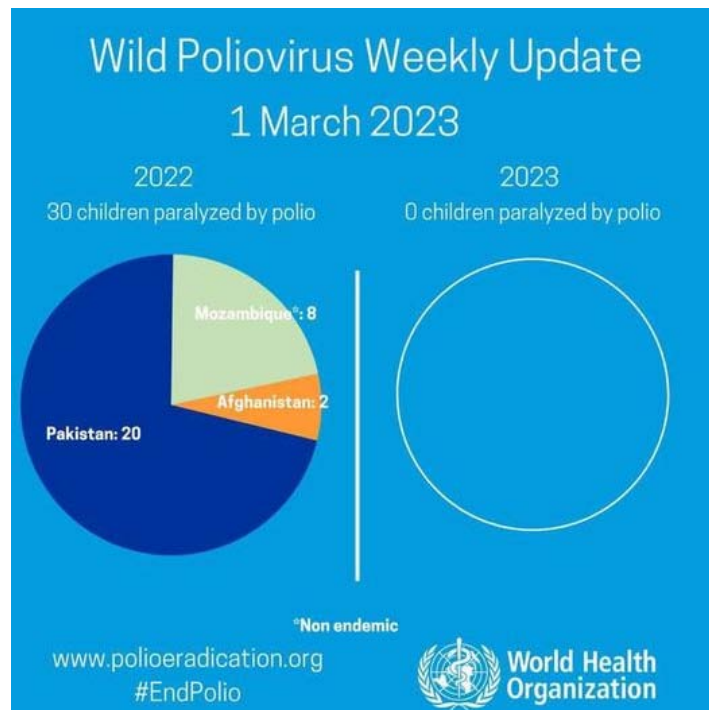
Clay Martin  
March 3rd

Neal Cohen  
March 9th

Stephanie Esposito  
March 19th

William S. Combs  
March 20th

## POLIO PLUS SOCIETY



**THIS IS GREAT NEWS...BUT THE BATTLE IS NOT WON YET.**

**JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY AND LET'S CONTINUE TO**

**WORK TOGETHER TO COMPLETELY ERADICATE THIS DISEASE**

**FROM THE WORLD**

**POLIO PLUS SOCIETY**



- Agree to give \$100 / year toward Polio Eradication until Polio is wiped out
- Receive a PolioPlus Society Pin
- Most importantly, you will be part of eradicating only the 2<sup>nd</sup> disease from the world

Here is the link to sign up:

[https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/PolioSocietyForm1-1\(1\).pdf](https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/PolioSocietyForm1-1(1).pdf)

## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR



	<i>see bulletin for more details on each</i>	
MARCH ALL MONTH	SANTA FE COLLEGE BOOK DRIVE	ED BOOK 352 222 7968
MARCH 18	GOC CAR WASH	Brett Buell 352 872 3232
APRIL 1	Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon One Love Cafe 9 AM	Jimbo Skiles 352 538 0293
APRIL 22	KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL Roadside CleanUp	
MAY 12-13th	DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE <a href="https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm?EventID=77648574">https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm?EventID=77648574</a>	Flagler College St Augustine



Gainesville Opportunity Center

*Food* *Friends* *Fun*

**Car Wash**  
 1210 NW 14th Ave  
 March 18, 2023  
 10 am - 2 pm

Car wash	\$10
Lunch	\$5
Tours of the house	FREE

<http://goclubhouse.org/carwash>

GOC helps people rejoin the worlds of friendship, family, work, and education while providing access to services and support that helps them succeed



GOC uses an evidence-based approach validated at over 300 centers internationally, proven to help individuals with mental illness recover their lives

contact Brett

PRESENTED BY **fromm** Family PET FOOD



Southeastern Guide Dogs  
**WALKATHON**

**GAINESVILLE WALKATHON**  
 April 1 | One Love Cafe

[www.GuideDogsWalkathon.org](http://www.GuideDogsWalkathon.org)



contact Jimbo

## 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!***



# Book Drive 2023



## 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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**SF**  
SANTA FE  
COLLEGE

MC 3-2023

## 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>

## 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
			<b>ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Ed Emery</b>		<b>Water and Sanitation</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Stephanie</b>		<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Brenda</b>		<b>Youth Service</b>
June			Rotary Fellowships
July			Transition Month
<b>August</b>	<b>Lowerys</b>		<b>Membership and Extension</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Marta</b>		<b>Basic Education and Literacy</b>
October			Economic and Community Development
November			Rotary Foundation
<b>December</b>	<b>Al</b>		<b>Disease Prevention and Treatment</b>

## **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.

District Conference & Training Assembly  
May 12 & 13  
Trinity Episcopal Parish & Flagler College  
St Augustine, Florida

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.

We promise that this will be an exciting weekend of fun, fellowship, amazing speakers and stories of doing Good in the World. We hope you will join us to IMAGINE Rotary together.

Our opening of the District Conference will be on Friday night May 12 and our featured speaker will be Retreaded Founder and CEO [Kristin Kean](#). Rethreaded is the intersection of two very important topics to Rotarians, [Human Trafficking](#) and [Empowering Women](#). You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Kristin.

When registering, you may choose to attend both the Training and the Conference sessions or opt to choose one or the other (the sessions are broken down in the registration form)

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<b>District Training Assembly (DTA)</b>	
11:30am	DTA Lunch
12:00pm	DTA Plenary Session
2:15pm	DTA Breakout Sessions Sessions for ALL + Sessions for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Foundation Chairs, Public Image Chairs, Youth Services, Grants etc...
<b>District Conference</b>	
5:00pm	Cocktail Reception / Conference Dinner Friday, May 12th
6:00pm	District Conference Opening Session I, Friday, May 12th
8:00am	Conference Breakfast , Saturday May 13th
9:00am	Conference Session II
12:00pm	Conference Lunch
1:00pm	Conference Session III
5:00pm	Conference Cocktail Party

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](#).

**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***

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**Our District 6970 representatives**

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**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**

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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 McNally, the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT for 2023-24



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





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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)



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**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!**



**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

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.

## 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**  
Charter Member  
9/18/1990

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