

Rotary

DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE



Club Meeting

Downtown
Gainesville
Meets at Paramount
Grill
12 SW First Avenue
Gainesville, FL
32601
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Stephanie Esposito
President



Brett Buell
President-Elect



William S. Combs
Treasurer



Megan Olson
Secretary



Steven Jeppson
Sergeant-at-Arms



Carl Smart
iPast President



Shelby Bobbett
Club Director



Marta M Hartmann
Club Director



Joseph E. Lowry Jr.
Club Director



Diane Marie Robar
Club Director
Membership Chair

Welcome



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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





Jim
Skiles III
Club
Director
Speaker
Chair

Four Way Test



Rotary theme for March



from DG John Tabor:

Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

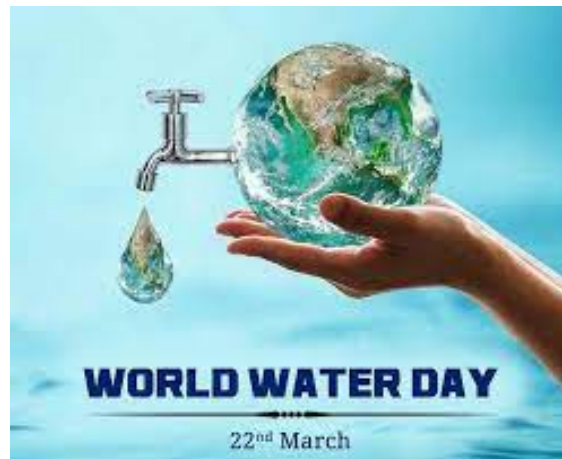
When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

[The Rotary Foundation](#) is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

\$148 million!

The Rotary Foundation has invested in water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource management interventions globally.

Did you know...?



World Water Day is March 22nd

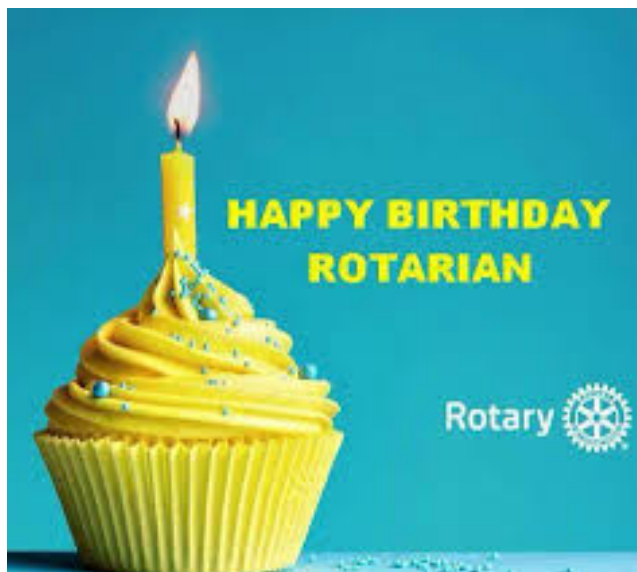
World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater.

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Every year, UN-Water – the UN’s coordination mechanism on water and sanitation – sets the theme for World Water Day. In 2023, the focus was on Accelerating Change. In 2024, the theme will be Leveraging Water for Peace.

<https://nationaltoday.com/world-water-day/>

Birthday wishes!



Haydee Britton
March 2nd

Clay Martin
March 3rd

Neal Cohen
March 9th

Stephanie Esposito
March 19th

Billy Combs
March 20th

welcome, Sheriff Gainey

By Brett Buell



We look forward to having Alachua County Sheriff Emery Gainey speak to our club this Wednesday, March 20th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!!

By Ed Book



ROTARIANS!!

C'mon down and help with the annual Keep Alachua County Beautiful Great AM Cleanup!!

Where: "OUR" road, Main Street, from Cade Museum to Winn Dixie. (cleanup materials provided)

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 9 AM - 10 AM

This event is part of the KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL day. In addition to our road cleanup, there will also be an opportunity to help refresh the VFW area at 1150 NE Waldo Road (painting sign, cleaning area and planting). This VFW service opportunity will run from 9 AM - 11 AM.

Both of these 2 projects are part of the

2024 Great American Cleanup, sponsored by Keep Alachua County Beautiful

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. There will be lunch, swag and music at noon, following the clean up, if you would like to head over to the park at noon

Albert Ray Massey (Westside) Park, 3100-3346 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605, USA

KACB will be able to accept tires at no charge on Sat., 4/13/23 at Massey Park, 1001 NW 34th St., Gainesville, from 9 a.m. until noon as part of our Great American Cleanup for litter.

CONGRATS!!



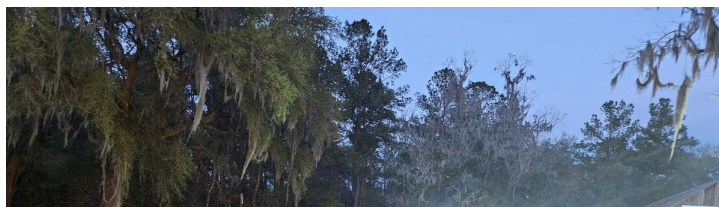
**LESLIE WOOTEN, OUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBER,
IS THE WINNER OF THE RAFFLE AT THE WILD GAME FEAST.
HER PRIZE IS A WEEK'S ACCOMMODATIONS AND AIRFARE TO A
VACATION LOCATION OF HER CHOOSING IN THE US OR EUROPE!
CONGRATULATIONS, LESLIE!!!**

WILD GAME FEAST!

FABULOUS EVENING AT THE 2024 WILD GAME FEAST!

So much fun to mingle with fellow Rotarians and friends, not to mention the delicious food!
!

If you missed it this year, you'd better mark your calendars for next year's event (always the 1st Thursday in March). Downtown Gainesville was well represented by several club members including Ed Book, Jimbo Skiles, Stephanie Esposito, Brett Buell, Leslie Wooten, Billy Brame, Diane & Bob Robar, Megan Olson, Haydee Britton, Steve Jeppson, Ray Snook, April Green, Scott Hansis, Chessie Flanders, and Greg Fleming,







Lunch Link Paramount Grill



Lets do lunch!!

As always, please submit your selection before 9 AM on Wednesdays. This is a request from Chef Ty as he needs sufficient time to prepare our 20+ lunches each week by noon.

And just to clarify our club's present policy regarding lunches for visitors: If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to have their lunch orders submitted either with yours or by the 9 AM deadline. *Guests* are expected to pay for their lunch or you may opt to be invoiced for their lunches. *Visiting Rotarians* are expected to pay for their lunch. If you bring a *potential member*, their lunches will be covered for 3 meetings by the club. Speakers and Law Enforcement lunches are covered by the club. Lunch cost is \$20

LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Y5oBC9n6srh6qhDN8>

Event Calendar 2024



~~ 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>

April 6	SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOG WALKATHON	Jimbo
April 13	KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL clean up	Ed Book
April 20	RLI (rotary Leadership Institute) Daytona State College/Palm Coast	
May 3 -4	District Conference University Center UNF, Jacksonville	
May 18	GOC Bike Day 8:30	Brett Buell

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

By Jim & Jimbo E. Skiles III



Gainesville Walkathon

April 06 | Trinity United Methodist Church

Gates Open: 9:00 a.m. • Let's Walk! 10:00 a.m. • Raffle Drawing: 11:30 a.m.

Join us for fun, FREE, dog-friendly festivities

We're gearing up for Walkathon 2024, and it's paws down, the BEST day ever. Your furry pal has been waiting all year for Dog's Day Out. So grab the leash and say your pup's favorite phrase: "You wanna go?!" and join us for a tail-wagging good time to support our largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds benefit our amazing dogs and the people who need them.



Bring your pack and celebrate while making an impact for people with vision loss, veterans with disabilities, and children who need a best friend.

A Dog Lover's Dream! 3K Walk ♦ Paw-ty in the park for all ages! ♦ Doggy friends of all shapes and sizes ♦ Southeastern Guide Dogs puppies in training ♦ Guide dog instructor demos ♦ Exciting raffle drawing ♦ Music, food trucks, and a doggone good time!



Raise funds and sell raffle tickets to earn exciting incentive items!

\$5 per raffle ticket or 5 for \$20

\$1,000 Cash Prize Raffle

Drawn at the Gainesville Walkathon at 11:30 a.m.



\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Drawing May 31, 2024. Watch live at 1 p.m. on Southeastern Guide Dogs' Facebook page

Visit GuideDogsWalkathon.org/raffle for official rules & regulations.



Southeastern Guide Dogs WALKATHON

Sign up online at GuideDogsWalkathon.org



JIMBO WILL BE LOOKING FOR SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT! CAN YOU??

PETS 2024

PETS 2024 was held this past weekend in Orlando. Our own President Elect, Brett Buell, attended along with fellow PE's from the Gainesville clubs, as well as the incoming Santa Fe Rotaract club President, Brett Rhoden.





From Brett: *We had a productive time at Rotary PETS. There were 600 Rotary President Elects from Florida and the Bahamas. Our group of Gainesville PE's sat together as much as possible. We discussed ways that our Clubs could support each other better. The Presidents decided we will meet regularly to keep each other informed on club projects. We talked about having quarterly socials for fun and networking opportunities. Our incoming District Governor, Mickie Ulmer, and the next DG Bo Norton say they intend to be involved with some of our big events. If you are in Rotary to serve, network, and have fun, your Presidents hope to support you with an outstanding year.*



Representing Area 1 Rotary clubs were Brett Buell/Downtown Gainesville, Jody Read/Lake Butler, Ryan Thompson/Gainesville Rotary, Kevin Golden/Sunrise, Brett Rhoden/SF Rotaract, Incoming AG Dorothy Zimmerman/Sunrise and Kimberly Clawson from Greater Gainesville.



Rotary get together

To celebrate Rotary's 119th birthday, all local clubs were invited to a get together at First Magnitude.

ALWAYS great to meet and mingle with fellow Rotarians from your own and other clubs!







help needed

By Jim æœJimbo æœ E. Skiles III



Thanks to all members who have signed up to help provide speakers. We have almost all months covered... just need May and the latter half of June (22nd and 29th).

Please select one (or more!!) of the available dates listed below and either text 352 538 0293 or email Jimbo jimskiles3@gmail.com or talk with him at club meeting.

Here are the open dates:

**May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29**

**June 19
June 26**

speaker sign up

By Jim & Jimbo & E. Skiles III

		ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES
JANUARY	Jimbo	Vocational Services
FEBRUARY	Haydee	Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
MARCH	Brett Marta	Water, Sanitation, Hygiene
APRIL	Clay	Maternal and Child Health
MAY	Scott Hansis	Youth Services
JUNE	Megan (5 th &12 th) need 19th&26th	Rotary Fellowships
JULY	Shelby	New Leadership
AUGUST	Michael	Membership and New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	Cheryl	Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	Stephanie	Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Joe Jr	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	Al	Disease Prevention And Treatment

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim & Jimbo & E. Skiles III

MARCH SPEAKERS provided by BRETT BUELL and MARTA HARTMAN

MARCH 6 Dr. Benjamin Anderson UF College of Public Health and Health Professions.

MARCH 13 Kristen Sealey Supervising Engineer, Water/Wastewater Planning, GRU

Title of her presentation: *GRU Southwest Nature Park - Constructed Wetlands Replenishing the Aquifer*

MARCH 20 Sheriff Emery Gainey

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	Sgt At Arms		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
Haydee Britton	03/8/2023			Marta Hartman
Brett Buell	9/1/2015	President Elect	* PHF+1	John Anderson
Brenda Chamberlain	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
Billy Combs	4/1/1992	PP 97-98, Treasurer	* MD / BR PHF8	Greg Fleming
Pat Cuddahy	6/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD / BR PHF8	Al Book

Pat Craddock	9/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD @ PHF8	Al Losch
Michael Ekbladh	7 26 2023			Al Losch
Ed Emery	9/1/2015		* PHF	Ray Snook
<i>Stephanie Esposito</i>	6/12/2020	President 2023-24	*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.
Dan Frowick		PP 94-95	MD/HM	n/a
April Green	6/21/2023			Jim Skiles
Scott Hansis	2//2023			John Sanchez
<i>Marta Hartmann</i>	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
<i>Becky Hunt</i>	1/1/1996		* PHF7	Diane Robar
Jim Islam	9/1/1990	PP 95-96	* MD PHF8	Joe Lowry Sr.
Steve Jeppson	5/11/2022	Sgt at Arms		Jim Skiles
Marina Jordan	2/1/2019		*PHF	Diane Robar
Pradeep Kumar	5/1/2018		*PHF+1	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)Director	* 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	Secretary	*PHF+1	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
<i>Diane Robar</i>	10/1/2014	PP 2020-21; AG 1, 2, ,AG	* 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
<i>Carl Smart</i>	3/1/2019	IPP, 2022-23,	*PHF	Zachary West
Ray Snook	4/1/2012	PP16-17 AAG	* PHF3	Cheryl Poe
Zachary West	11/1/2013		* PHF	Carl Smart
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 meet on Wednesdays at Noon at the
Paramount Grill,
12 SW First Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

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