

Rotary



Club of
Downtown Gainesville



IMAGINE ROTARY

Welcome

Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown
Gainesville

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

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Theme of the Month

Here is your Rotary theme for May!



Meet James Mill, this week's speaker!



In 2022, Mirror Image Leadership Academy welcomed James Miller as the organization's first Executive Director. James is a lover of people, a visionary, and a transformational leader. He expresses his love for service and community through membership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. James graduated from Alabama A&M University with a BS. in Animal Science and a minor in chemistry. James also matriculated at Howard University, where he received his Master of Divinity. He is the owner of the Miller Consulting Agency and most recently served as the Executive and Associate Pastor at Northview Christian Church in Montgomery, AL. Additionally, James served as a chaplain in healthcare and



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



Chessie L Flanders
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

- Matt Bowman
May 1st
- Megan Olson
May 9th
- Steven Jeppson
May 10th
- Ray Snook
May 11th
- Rebecca W. Hunt
May 13th
- Shelby Bobbett
May 28th

funeral industries, assisting patients and families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. James' nonprofit experience started as a youth and young adult program director in Houston, TX. He enjoys reading, writing, spending time with family, adventure, and nature in his downtime. His ultimate passion is leading, pouring, and cultivating the next generation of leaders.

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>

CONNIE ROWE ANNUAL AUCTION - WE NEED ITEMS!

Help make this event a success. Bring in your auction donations NOW!

*It's our annual CONNIE ROWE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB auction!!
MAY 19th!*

Help with the success of the event. We need items to start promoting!

**Who will be the first to donate?
Bring your item to this week's meeting!**



Not sure how to contribute? Here are some ideas! Vacation packages, massages (Do you get monthly massages? Ask them to donate!), facials, pedicures, wine gift baskets, car services, handmade blankets, restaurant gift certificates (Do you go somewhere weekly? Ask for a gift card!), Rotary merchandise, and more!



It takes more than one person to make this event happen. We will need volunteers to help make our auction a success... and that includes everything from setting up, coordinating food and drinks, helping to gather and store items until the auction and probably a few other things we haven't thought about. More details and volunteer sign up opportunities will be shared soon.

Officer of the Month

Every month we honor local law enforcement for the brave duties they perform routinely. We honored Deputy David Visconti of the [Alachua County Sheriff's Office](#) for some spot on investigation that led him to save a man's life.

Photo includes: Sgt. Taylor Redding, Deputy David Visconti, Sheriff Clovis Watson, Captain Chris Sims along with Rotary President Carl Smart who also serves as Deputy County Manager.



Community Day was a SUCCESS!

A great morning was had by all to celebrate Earth Day and supporting [Keep Alachua County Beautiful](#) while cleaning our road. Thanks to the [Gainesville Opportunity Center](#) and [Rotary Club of Greater Gainesville](#) for joining in on the fun too!



UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR



	<i>see bulletin for more details on each</i>	
APRIL 22	KEEP ALACHUA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL Roadside CleanUp volunteers needed!	BRETT BUELL 352 872 3232
MAY 12-13th	DISTRICT TRAINING AND CONFERENCE Registration link in article	Flagler College St August
MAY 19	ANNUAL AUCTION	TBA

Restructuring of Dues: Effective April 1, 2023

Please note the following restructuring of dues:

- Does not apply to members who are currently billed for dues without meals included (rule of 85)
- It does not affect the amount that members have pledged for PHF sustaining pledges or trivia contributions. Those charges will still be included on your invoice.
- **CURRENT MEMBERS:** dues reduced from the current \$287 per quarter to \$225
- **NEW MEMBERS:** dues reduced for new members to \$200 per quarter for 1st year and waive the \$50 new member fee
- **NON PROFITS:** Dues reduced to \$200 per quarter and waive the \$50 new member fee for future members employed by non-profits
- The above changes are effective 04/01/2023. If members want to "opt out" of the dues decrease and maintain their current billing amount, they should have that option or apply the difference to Paul Harris.