

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**

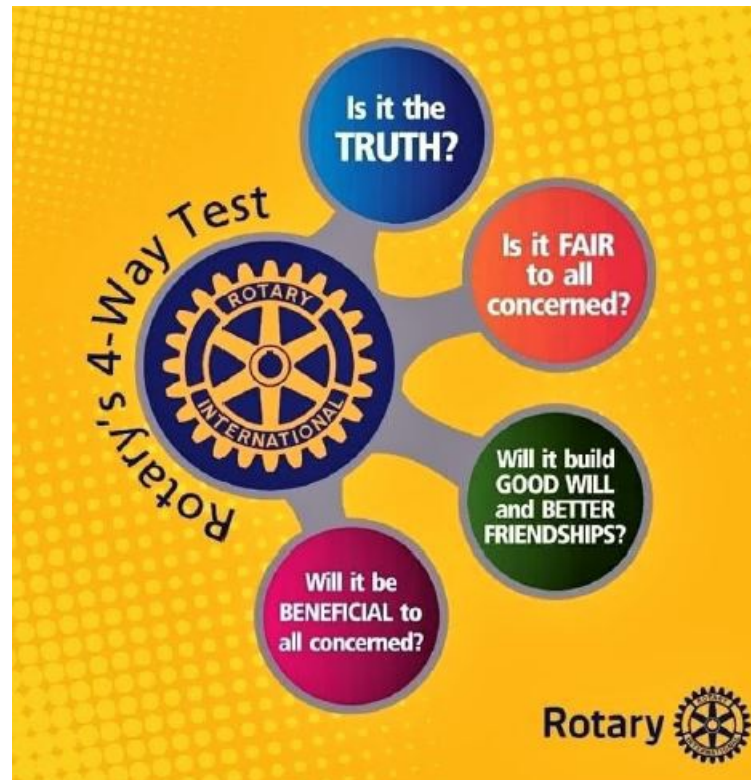
***Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville***





Jim
Skiles III
Club
Director
Speaker
Chair

Four Way Test



May Rotary theme

Rotary

YOUTH SERVICE

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPOWERING YOUTH AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS THROUGH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS ROTARACT, INTERACT, ROTARY YOUTH

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MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



There are four main youth oriented programs.

Interact Clubs-

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities. Clubs are in the middle and high school settings.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)-

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to week-long camps. This opportunity is offered to rising juniors and seniors in high school.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

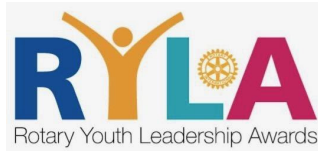
Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

New Generations Service Exchange -

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

We are fortunate to have great youth programs and many dedicated volunteers in our District. A substantial number of new and renewed Interact clubs have been established this year. The District Youth Exchange Program was successfully restarted after the COVID hiatus. And we are looking forward to an outstanding RYLA event at Stetson University in June

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), which will be held on June 21, 22, and 23 at Stetson University.

RYLA is a premier leadership conference designed to foster youth development and is a key initiative under the Rotary International banner. This year, we anticipate welcoming 100-125 high school students who have completed their freshman or sophomore years.

These students, selected by Rotary Clubs within District 6970 covering northeast Florida, will participate in a series of leadership workshops, activities, and lectures at no cost, thanks to the support of our clubs. As Rotarians, we have the privilege of shaping these young leaders by sharing our experiences and skills.

We are seeking volunteers for various roles throughout the weekend, from overseeing activities to facilitating sessions. Whether you can spare a few hours or can commit to the entire weekend, your involvement would be invaluable. For those able to stay for the full event, accommodations will be provided at Stetson University. All Rotarians are welcome and Youth Services Committee Chairs, Interact Chairs, or committee members in particular are encouraged to participate.

Volunteering at RYLA not only supports our youth but also strengthens our Rotary community. It's an excellent opportunity to engage with fellow Rotarians and make a positive impact on the lives of young people. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause.

?If you are interested in volunteering, please visit: www.rotarydistrict6970.org/

ryla/volunteers,

or contact District Youth Services Director, Claudia Dencer at cldencer@leonards.com.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help nurture the next generation of leaders.

Together, we can make a significant impact

Welcome to our speaker



We look forward to hearing from Ed Bierlarski this week!

As an author and public speaker, I share my insights and perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the energy sector and the communities that depend on it. With an MBA in Strategic Management and over 30 years of experience in leading and transforming regional utilities, I have a wealth of knowledge and experience to offer to diverse audiences and stakeholders

PLEASE NOTE:

**Since we have the Auction on the 23rd,
there will be NO regular club meeting on the 22nd**

NOTE: Jimbo is arranging a visit to the Fla Museum to see the WATERSHAPES exhibit on the 22nd, at noon. Please contact him if you would like to join (352 538 0293)



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THE ROTARY CLUB,
DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE
PRESENTS

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Rotary 

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ROWE
AUCTION
& SOCIAL**

GUEST AUCTIONEER CHAD "CRACKER" JOHNSON

ENTRANCE FEE THURSDAY, MAY
\$25 FOR 1 23
\$40 FOR 2 5:30 PM

ENJOY DINNER & BID ON AUCTION ITEMS FOR A

GREAT CAUSE. WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ARBOR
GREENS CLUBHOUSE.

TO RESERVE NOW VISIT: [HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/EILPC](https://shorturl.at/eilpc)

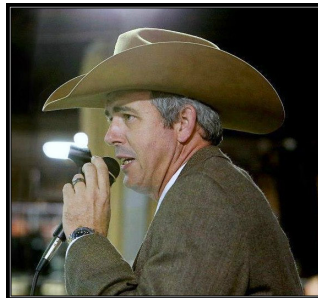
Yep, it's getting to be that time of year!
Our club's annual auction!
An evening of fun, food, fellowship to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation

DATE: MAY 23, 2024

HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN YOUR AUCTION ITEMS??
PLEASE be sure to bring all items in to this weeks
meeting (MAY 15th)
or

contact Diane (352-318-4917) or Stephanie (352-575-4677) to arrange a pickup
Remember that we will NOT be having a regular meeting next Wednesday, the 22nd, as it is the day before our auction. For members who would like to tour the new WaterShapes exhibit at the Museum, Jimbo is arranging a field trip on that day ((22nd) at noon.

If you would like to bring your items on that day, that would be helpful.



CRACKER, our auctioneer!!

Tickets are \$25 for 1, \$40 for 2



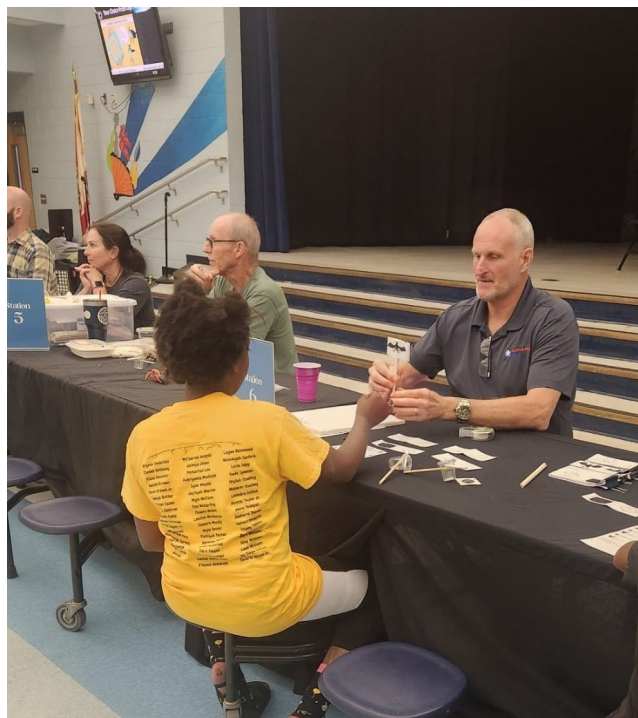
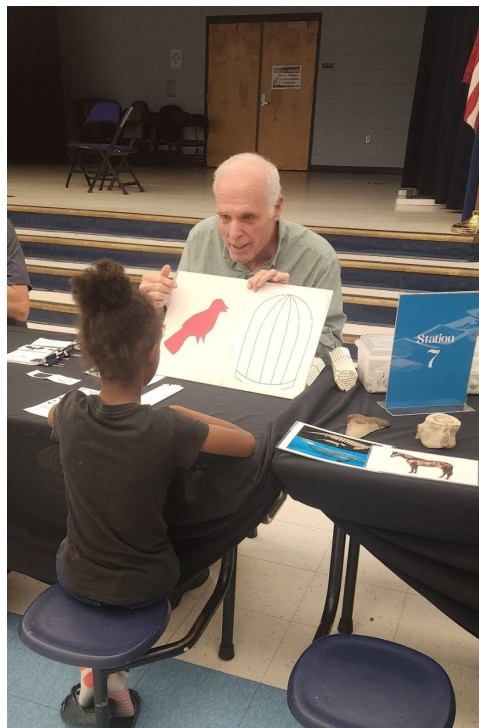
Not sure how or what to contribute? Here are some ideas! Vacation packages, massages (Do you get monthly massages? Ask them to donate!), fun places you frequent (theaters, parks, social venues), facials, pedicures, wine/food gift baskets, car services, handmade blankets, restaurant gift certificates, home decor, plants, Rotary merchandise, and more! (Do you go somewhere weekly? Ask for a gift card!),

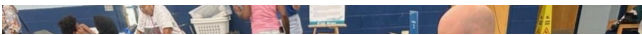
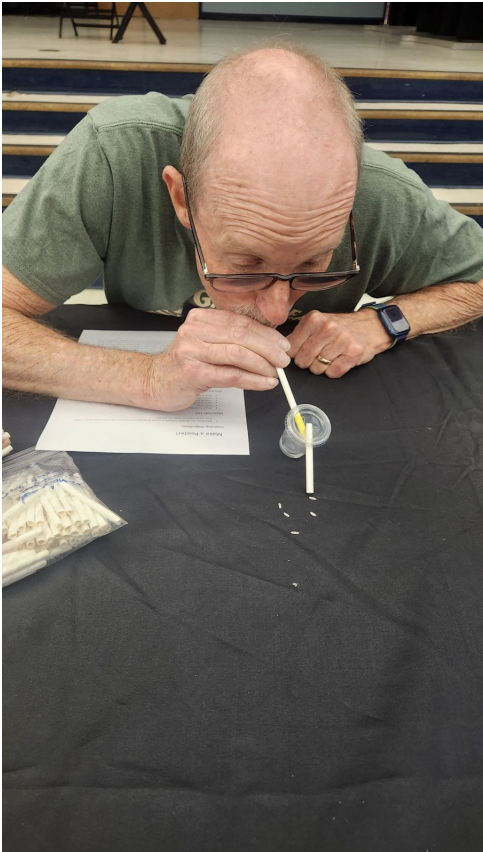
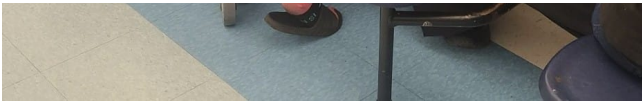


It takes more than one person to make this event happen. We will need volunteers to help make our auction a success... and that includes everything from setting up, coordinating food and drinks, helping to gather and store items until the auction and probably a few other things we haven't thought about. INTERESTED in helping?? Contact Diane (352- 318 4917)

FUN EVENT!

On Thursday, May 9th, fellow club members assisted team members from The Fla. Museum of Natural History as they brought SCIENCE NIGHT to Rawlings Elementary. Each volunteer manned a "science" station, where the student learned something interesting about a wide variety of topics. HUGE THANKS to LESLIE for bringing this volunteer opportunity to our club! Thanks to club members Stephanie and husband Mike, Jimbo, Scott, Haydee, the Robars and Leslie's husband, Mark for helping to make the evening so fun and informative for the students who participated.







Thank you, ASO

We were honored to present these ASO Field Service Technicians the Officers of the Month awards, Field Service Technicians are available to assist citizens with non-emergency calls for service, which frees up the Deputies to respond to the many emergency calls which come into the department.



ASO Captain Becky Butscher informing club members of the duties and role of the Field Service Technicians in the Sheriff's Department. FST present were Officers Williams, O'Donnell and Fulton.

Going to be a GREAT event!!

By Brett Buell



May 18, 2024 | 8:30 AM
First Magnitude Brewing Co.

*Registration at 8:30 AM Ride at 9:30 AM
Questions? Contact Brett at (352) 872-3232 brett@gocclubhouse.org

Join us in promoting awareness and support
for people living with chronic mental illness
by riding with us on the Hawthorne Trail.

- Option 1) Circle Depot Park (Beginner)
- Option 2) First Magnitude to LaChua Trail
(Intermediate)
- Option 3) First Magnitude to Hawthorne,
Florida (Advanced)



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>

Birthday wishes!



Matt Bowman
May 1st

Megan Olson
May 9th

Steve Jeppson
May 10th

Ray Snook
May 11th

Becky Hunt
May 13th

Shelby Bobbett
May 28th

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>**

May 18	GOC Bike Day 8:30	Brett Buell 352 872 3232
May 22	NO MEETING (Auction on the 23rd) HOWEVER: Optional field trip to the new WATERSHAPES exhibit at the Museum, 12 pm - 1 pm.	Jimbo- (352)538-0293
MAY 23	ANNUAL AUCTION Arbor Greens Clubhouse 5:30 - 8 pm.	
JUNE 27	TRANSITION DINNER	

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim & Jimbo & E. Skiles III

MAY SPEAKERS provided by Scott Hansis

May 1st Brooke Beers- Child Advocacy Center

May 8th Michael Chriszt- Atlanta Federal Reserve

May 15th: Ed Bielarski Jr.

May 22nd: No Meeting / AUCTION on May 23rd

May 29th: RD Bonnaghan- Rebuilding Gainesville Together

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
<i>Brenda Chamberlain</i>	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
<i>Billy Combs</i>	4/1/1992	PP 97-98, Treasurer	* MD / BR PHF8	Greg Fleming
Pat Craddock	9/1/2006	PP 10-11	* MD @ PHF8	Al Losch
Michael Ekblad	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	2/22//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)

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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/>