

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

Welcome



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

*Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

August theme



Lunch Link Paramount Grill



[Diane Marie Robar](#)
Club Director



[Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III](#)
Club Director
Speaker
Chair



[Diane Marie Robar](#)
Assistant Governor



We have made some changes to our Paramount Grill lunch menu! Chef Ty is offering these new items from the Paramount Grill lunch menu and we look forward to trying out the new selections. We will still have 6 options. There will be two new vegetarian options (in place of the portobello panini and berry salad) and two new meat options (in place of the chicken Caesar salad and short rib panini). Let us know what you think!

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 \$19.

NEW lunch link: <https://forms.gle/XFr37txzCNk dVuYA9>

Circle of Care



As shared by club members, here are some of our fellow Rotarians who cannot currently attend club meetings. Please take a moment to reach out and let them know they are being thought about..

Rob Ogelsby . Full time caretaker for wife, Carol Anne
roboglesby@cox.net
1503 SE 69th Way
Gainesville, FL 32641
(352) 373 -0350

Brenda Chamberlain Homebound, surgery scheduled for Oct 31st
brendac6970@gmail.com
8401 NW 13th Street
Lot 123
Gainesville, FL 32653
(352) 246- 3914

Neal Cohen Homebound
6415 NW 97th Ct.
Gainesville, FL 32653

Happy Birthday, fellow Rotarians



MARINA JORDAN
August 5

JOE LOWRY , JR
August 5

MEGAN FORBES
August 13

CARL SMART
August 20th

Welcome, Michael!



Welcome, MICHAEL EKBLADH!



We are happy to welcome Michael into our Downtown Gainesville club ! Michael is the Director of Music Ministries at the First United Methodist Church. Thank you, Al, for sponsoring him!

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

AUGUST Speakers provided by the Lowry's

Aug 2 Sherry Houston, Ronald McDonald

Aug 9 JoeJr Economic and Market Update

Aug 16 JC Derrick Mainstreet Daily News

Aug 23 Craft talks

Aug 30 No meeting at Paramount. SOCIAL GET TOGETHER at First Magnitude

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 MONTH
August	Lowrys		Membership and New Club Development
September	Jimbo		Basic Education and Literacy
October	Carl		Economic and Community Development
November	Marta		Rotary Foundation
December	Al		Disease Prevention and Treatment

Thank you, ASO

Honored to present this Officer of the Month award to Deputies Clayton Litzkow and Matthew Bugg.

Thank you, officers, for protecting the citizens of Alachua County.



Pictured here Capt Butscher, Deputy Matthew Bugg, AI, Deputy Clayton Litzkow and Sgt. Chance

Event Calendar



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE BULLETIN** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO ONLINE CLUB CALENDAR AT THE LINK FOR

MOST UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<https://rb.gy/jh7vx>

<p>UNTIL AUGUST 10</p>	<p>UNDERWEAR DRIVE to Alachua County School children</p>	<p>Bring new undies to club meeting or DONATE online Amazon.com (https://www.amazon.com/.../s/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)</p>
<p>AUGUST 26</p>	<p>VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR</p>	<p>Orange Park , Fl. https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77677357</p>
<p>AUGUST 30</p>	<p>NO MEETING.</p>	<p>Details tbd</p>

	SOCIAL GATHERING AT FIRST MAGNITUDE	
SEPT 30	Field trip to GOC for lunch and tour of new kitchen	Details will be announced
OCTOBER 21st	RIDE TO END POLIO	Gainesville Health & Fitness Center Details TBD
NOVEMBER 8th	Wine to Water	Jimskiles3@gmail.com

ITS A ROTARY THING!



can YOU help??



Our fellow Rotary club, the Gainesville Rotary club, is holding their annual drive for underwear.

Yes, UNDERWEAR:

It's for the kids in school who may have one of those unfortunate 'accidents' during school hours. This drive is coordinated with the nurses in the schools.

Let's help them help our kids !

Here's the information:

Underwear isn't the greatest thing in the world...it's really close to it, though.

Let's help by supplying our local school nurses with underwear to help keep kids in school when accidents happen.

While it seems like a small thing in the midst of all that our schools deal with, one of the ACPS Health Services staff told us "underwear is not a small thing, it is essential to our efforts to keep

healthy kids in school."

Donations will be accepted through August 10th (first day of school). It is easy to contribute!

Go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/.../ls/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex) (https://www.amazon.com/.../ls/AKTARZPR5P5R/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex) and make a purchase from the wish list. Your package will be delivered to Kelley Kostamo at the @AlachuaCountyPublicSchools, and she will know it came from our club. Be sure to choose Alachua Schools for shipping address to deliver your package to the Alachua County schools.

Go shopping! Bring donations to the next couple of meetings and we will make sure they will get delivered.

Keeping kids in school significantly impacts their chance for educational success.

With your donation, we can make a difference and [#CreateHopeInTheWorld](#).

FYI

At our August 2nd meeting, Sherry Houston/CEO/ RMH told us about the exciting changes and updates of the Ronald McDonald House.

Several club members expressed an interest in supporting RMH. Please see below for links to that information

WELCOME TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA!



Childhood illness is a tremendously stressful time for a family. At the Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Central Florida, our mission is to keep families close to their children during difficult times.

For more information about Ronald McDonald house , please refer to this link:

<https://www.rmhcncf.org/>

Here are two links which list the supplies and donations that the House is specifically requesting, if you would like to make that type of donation.

<https://l.ead.me/bdz4UI?> (TARGET)

<https://l.ead.me/bdz4Qt?> (AMAZON)

VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR



AUGUST 26th

The Vibrant Club Seminar is our late summer/fall District training. This training is intended for all Rotary members. The training focuses on Membership, The Rotary Foundation and on Rotary's Public Image. Sometimes we refer to these relationships as Rotary's three-legged stool. If one leg is not operational the stool gets unstable; therefore, we will spend this seminar focusing on these three critical areas of your Rotary club. We will also be adding a track on leadership this year.

During this seminar we will have a chance to acknowledge the achievements of the past Rotary year in these same three categories.

So come learn how to grow your membership! Grow your knowledge and outreach to The Rotary Foundation, learn how to communicate these achievements to the public in a significant and meaningful way and celebrate the accomplishments your club made in the previous year with respect to membership, The Rotary Foundation and your club's public image.

Join us in Orange Park for our annual Vibrant Club Seminar at the Thrasher Horne Center, St. Johns River State College
283 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065

register:

<https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77677357>

Mark your calendars!



more details to follow!!!

Our New Trivia master



Who better to be the Trivia Master than our MASTER of Trivia, Al Losch!!

THANK YOU, AL, for taking this role for the upcoming year .

We look forward to learning all kinds of new, interesting things!



Four Way Test



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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 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	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	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

* 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/>