

# 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

### Welcome



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the **WORLD**

*Welcome to the  
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

### DON'T FORGET

By Stephanie Esposito



**REMEMBER IT'S GOING TO BE THE**



Director  
 Diane Marie  
 Robar  
 Club  
 Director  
 Membership  
 Chair



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



Diane Marie  
 Robar  
 Assistant  
 Governor



**AND THAT MEANS**

— LET'S GET —  
**SOCIAL**

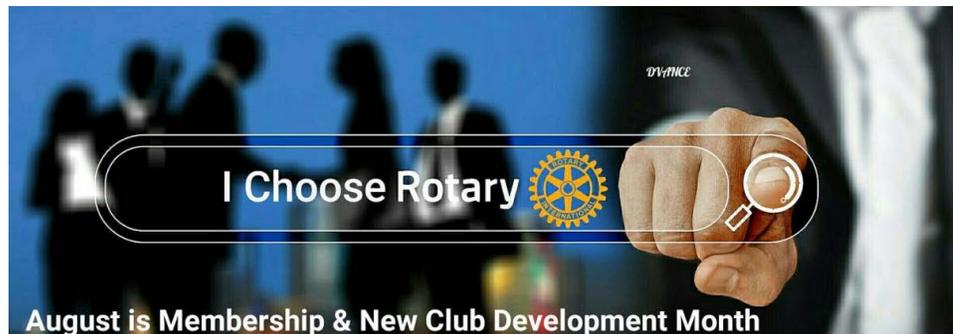
**LET'S SPEND SOME GOOD OLE' ROTARY FELLOWSHIP TIME TOGETHER.** During regular meeting times, we just don't have enough free time to socialize. So, instead of having a regular meeting on the 5th Wednesday of a month, we are going to make it a social gathering.

**Come on out and meet up with your fellow Rotarians. Bring family and friends!**

**LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER**

**See you at First Magnitude , next Wednesday, August 30th, beginning at 5:30**

**August theme**



**In case you missed last week**



**ANOTHER GREAT MEETING WITH A FULL HOUSE!**



*We were honored to present GPD officer Emorie Keimig with an Officer of the Month Award!*



**AI presented Michael with his first Paul Harris Award. What a great way to begin your membership in a club!**

**Congratulations, Michael and a big THANK YOU to AI for this presentation!**

## **Lunch Link Paramount Grill**



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!

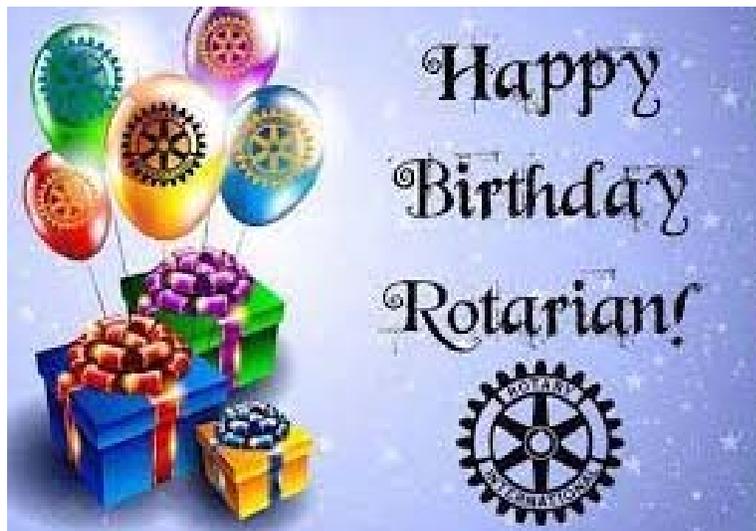
As always, please submit your selection before 9 AM on Wednesdays. This is a request from Chef Ty as he needs sufficient time to prepare our 20+ lunches each week by noon.

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 \$20

LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Y5oBC9n6srh6qhDN8>

## Happy Birthday, fellow Rotarians



MARINA JORDAN  
August 5

JOE LOWRY , JR  
August 5

MEGAN FORBES  
August 13

CARL SMART  
August 20th

## 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>

<b>AUGUST 26</b>	<b>VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR</b>	Orange Park , Fl. <a href="https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77677357">https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm? EventID=77677357</a>
<b>AUGUST 30</b>	<b>NO MEETING.  SOCIAL GATHERING AT FIRST MAGNITUDE</b>	<b>Stephanie Esposito</b>  5:30 - 7:00
<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	<b>UF LADY GATOR BASKETBALL game . Special Rotary seating at the game. \$5.00 tickets.</b>	<a href="https://fevo.me/gainesville-rotary-club-2023">https://fevo.me/gainesville-rotary-club- 2023</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>LUNCH AND TOUR OF new kitchen at GOC. Wild Game Feast funds paid for this new space!</b>	<b>Brett Buell</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>	<b>\ DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR official club visit</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 21st</b>	<b>RIDE TO END POLIO</b>	<b>Gainesville Health &amp; Fitness Center Details TBD</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 8th</b>	<b>Wine to Water</b>	<b>Jimskiles3@gmail.com</b>

## MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

*AUGUST Speakers provided by the Lowry's*

Aug 2 Sherry Houston, Ronald McDonald House

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: PresidentRCDG@gmail.com*

Coordinator	Jim Skiles		352-538-0293
			<b>ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Lowrys</b>		<b>Membership and New Club Development</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Jimbo</b>		<b>Basic Education and Literacy</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Carl</b>		<b>Economic and Community Development</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Marta</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Al</b>		<b>Disease Prevention and Treatment</b>

**ITS A ROTARY THING!**



## Maui



Our thoughts are with those affected by the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii, USA. We'll continue to monitor the situation and determine how we can help. There are 9 Rotary clubs on Maui.

Visit [on.rotary.org/3qsTvMs](https://on.rotary.org/3qsTvMs) to donate to our Disaster Response Fund and learn how

[#Rotary](#) clubs respond in Maui and to ongoing disasters and recovery worldwide.

### [#RotaryResponds](#)

From a post on the ROTARY CLUBS OF MAUI Facebook page:

Today has been a tragic day for our families and friends on the Island of Maui. The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted.

Rotary members are people of action, and we can take immediate action. As we come together to recover and rebuild, we need to support each other. We need to Create Hope for Maui.

Through our Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations. A committee will be organized shortly to find the greatest needs for distribution of monies. A single fund will be the most helpful over time to provide the most significant benefits.

US Civil Air Patrol / County of Maui photos

Images of widespread damage in Lahaina Town were captured today by US Civil Air Patrol.





## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

By Ed Book

**LET's CLEAN UP our road!**

**When: Sat Aug 26, 10-11am**

**Where: South Main St by the [Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention](#)**

**Why: Service!**

**Family friendly, all welcome, materials provided. Wear close-toed footwear & recommend loose comfortable clothing & sunscreen, of course....**

some pics from clean ups in the past >>>







## MAINSTREET SIGN UP



It was a pleasure to have JC from Mainstreet Daily News visit us last week and update us on the progress and success of the Mainstreet News. It does a fine job of reporting on local news of interest to Alachua County and surrounding areas.

If you would like to subscribe to the online daily news, here is the link:



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!!!**

**CONGRATS!**

CONGRATS to Stephanie and Jimbo for completing level 2 of RLI!  
Always informative, interesting and inspiring to learn more about Rotary and most importantly, to share the time with fellow Rotarians!



## 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)

## for your information

By Stephanie Esposito



### Board Meeting Highlights

The recent board meeting was highly productive which reflects the commitment of each member. One of the agenda items discussed was the need to review and revamp our existing marketing materials. The board recognized the importance of having up-to-date materials that accurately portray our club and its mission. It was unanimously agreed upon that updated marketing materials are essential.

Marta presented some exciting volunteer project options during the meeting. These projects were designed to be completed during lunch, allowing members to contribute to the club's mission without demanding too much of their time. This proposal received positive feedback from the rest of the board.

With the successful board meeting behind us, we are confident that we are on the right track to accomplish great things this year.

### 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](mailto: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

## 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//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/>

## 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?