

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*

Social cancelled



**JIM CANTORE says NO SOCIAL AT FIRST MAG on WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 30TH**

STAY HOME! STAY SAFE!

See you next week, September 6th, for our regular club meeting at Paramount

August theme



Director
Diane Marie
Robar
 Club
 Director
 Membership
 Chair



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



Diane Marie
Robar
 Assistant
 Governor



In memory

We are sad to hear of the passing of Mr. James Rowe. His father, Ben, was a founder of our club and his mother, Connie, was a beloved and valued member of the club until her passing. The family has asked that we share this information with our club :

Please join our family as we gather together to remember James Ben Rowe III. Jim passed away unexpectedly on August 13th, 2023. We hope that coming together to share wonderful memories of Jim will help everyone dealing with his loss. We will have food in the fellowship hall after the service.



VIBRANT CLUB



The VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR was held Saturday, August 26th. What a GREAT gathering of Rotarians from around District 6970! Cannot beat the fellowship and of course, the interesting and informative speakers!

150 District 6970 Rotarians gathered at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center in Orange Park for a day of fun, fellowship, good food and inspiration.

We were treated to presentations on Intentional Membership Development by Chris Casella, District Governor, D6950 and Making Your Club Irresistible by the always entertaining George Robertson Burnett, PDG, D6890.

Rotarians attended breakout sessions in the three key areas of Membership, Public Image and the Rotary Foundation.

PDG and current Foundation Chair Rich Turnbull presented Foundation awards and announced that combined District 6970 Foundation giving for last year exceeded an amazing \$920,000 and \$295 per capita! District 6970 continues to set the bar ever higher and maintains our place as one of the most giving Districts in all of Rotary worldwide!

Brett, Bob and Diane attended and are pictured here with members of the Gainesville and Greater Gainesville Rotary clubs.

ROAD CLEAN UP

OUR ROAD, which is MAIN STREET, from in front of Cade Museum south to Winn Dixie, on SW 16th Avenue, is once again all cleaned up!

NEXT Road cleanup is going to be in couple of months ... so let's make some plans to help out!



And a BIG THANKS to the SF Rotaractors!



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>

SEPTEMBER 17	UF LADY GATOR BASKETBALL game . Special Rotary seating at the game. \$5.00 tickets.	https://fevo.me/gainesville-ro tary-club-2023
SEPTEMBER 20	LUNCH AND TOUR OF new kitchen at GOC. Wild Game Feast funds paid for this new space!	Brett Buell
SEPTEMBER 27	\ DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR official club visit	
OCTOBER 21st	RIDE TO END POLIO	Gainesville Health & Fitness Center Details TBD

NOVEMBER 8th	Wine to Water	Jimskiles3@gmail.com
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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.

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
			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

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 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.





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2023

FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL

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PENN STATE <small>FRI DAY AUGUST 25 TAMPA, FL</small> SOUTH FLORIDA <small>SATURDAY AUGUST 26 TAMPA, FL</small> STANFORD <small>TUESDAY AUGUST 29 WALD ALTO, CA</small> MINNESOTA <small>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> SACRAMENTO STATE <small>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> CLEMSON <small>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> WINTHROP <small>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> FLORIDA STATE <small>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19 TALLAHASSEE, FL</small> WISCONSIN <small>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> AUBURN <small>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22 AUBURN, AL</small> GEORGIA <small>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> TEXAS A&M <small>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> SOUTH CAROLINA <small>SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 COLUMBIA, SC</small> AUBURN <small>FRIDAY OCTOBER 6 GAINESVILLE, FL</small>	ALABAMA <small>SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> MISSISSIPPI STATE <small>FRI DAY OCTOBER 13 STARVULLE, MS</small> TEXAS A&M <small>FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 COLLEGE STATION, TX</small> OLE MISS <small>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 OXFORD, MS</small> ARKANSAS <small>THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> TENNESSEE <small>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> KENTUCKY <small>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> LSU <small>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 LEXINGTON, KY</small> ALABAMA <small>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 TUSCALOOSA, AL</small> MISSOURI <small>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17 COLUMBIA, MO</small> ARKANSAS <small>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 FAYETTEVILLE, AR</small> SOUTH CAROLINA <small>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22 GAINESVILLE, FL</small> KENTUCKY <small>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 LEXINGTON, KY</small>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> HOME AWAY NEUTRAL </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;"> ALL HOME MATCHES AND AWAYS IN THE GATOR VIBRANT ARENA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL. THE ONLY MATCHES EXCEPTED TO TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE GATOR VIBRANT ARENA ARE PENN STATE VS SOUTH FLORIDA AND TEXAS A&M VS SOUTH CAROLINA. *SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. © 2023 PEPSI INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. </div>
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Gainesville Rotary is inviting all Rotarians to share in an upcoming Fun and Fellowship event. They are extending an invitation for us to join them to support Coach Mary Wise and the 2023 Lady Gator volleyball team on Sunday, September 17 at 3 :30 pm as the Gators take on Wisconsin.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased through the following link:

<https://fevo.me/gainesville-rotary-club-2023>

Thank you for your support of Florida Gators Athletics. GO GATORS!

Mark your calendars!



more details to follow!!!

Circle of Care

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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

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/>