

# 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



Diane Marie Robar  
Club Director Membership

### Welcome



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

*Welcome to the  
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville*

### September Theme

# SEPTEMBER IS

## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

The  
National  
Rotarians  
World

The Rotary International logo, a yellow gear-like wheel with eight spokes, with "ROTARY" at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" at the bottom.

A photograph of a woman and two children sitting on the floor, reading books together. The woman is pointing at a book, and the children are looking at the pages.

"To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live."  
Jane Evershed

The Rotary International logo, a yellow gear-like wheel with eight spokes, with "ROTARY" at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" at the bottom.

## Rotary

A small icon of a hand holding a heart.

A small icon of a heart with a pulse line.

A small icon of a person with a speech bubble.

A small icon of a person with a gear.

A small icon of a person with a book.

A small icon of a person with a bar chart.

**TAKE ACTION:** Get Involved, Be a People of Action



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



Diane Marie  
Robar  
Assistant  
Governor

## Happy Birthday, fellow Rotarians



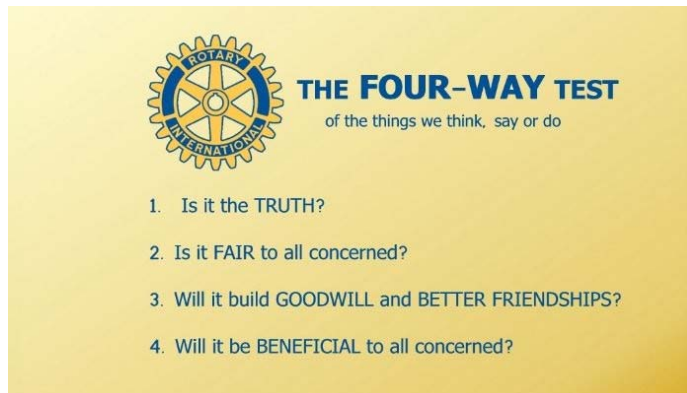
*CHERYL POE*  
*SEPTEMBER 23*

*PERRY PURSELL*  
*SEPTEMBER 25*

*ED BOOK*  
*SEPTEMBER 27*

*AL LOSCH*  
*SEPTEMBER 29*

## Four Way Test



## Lunch Link Paramount Grill



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.

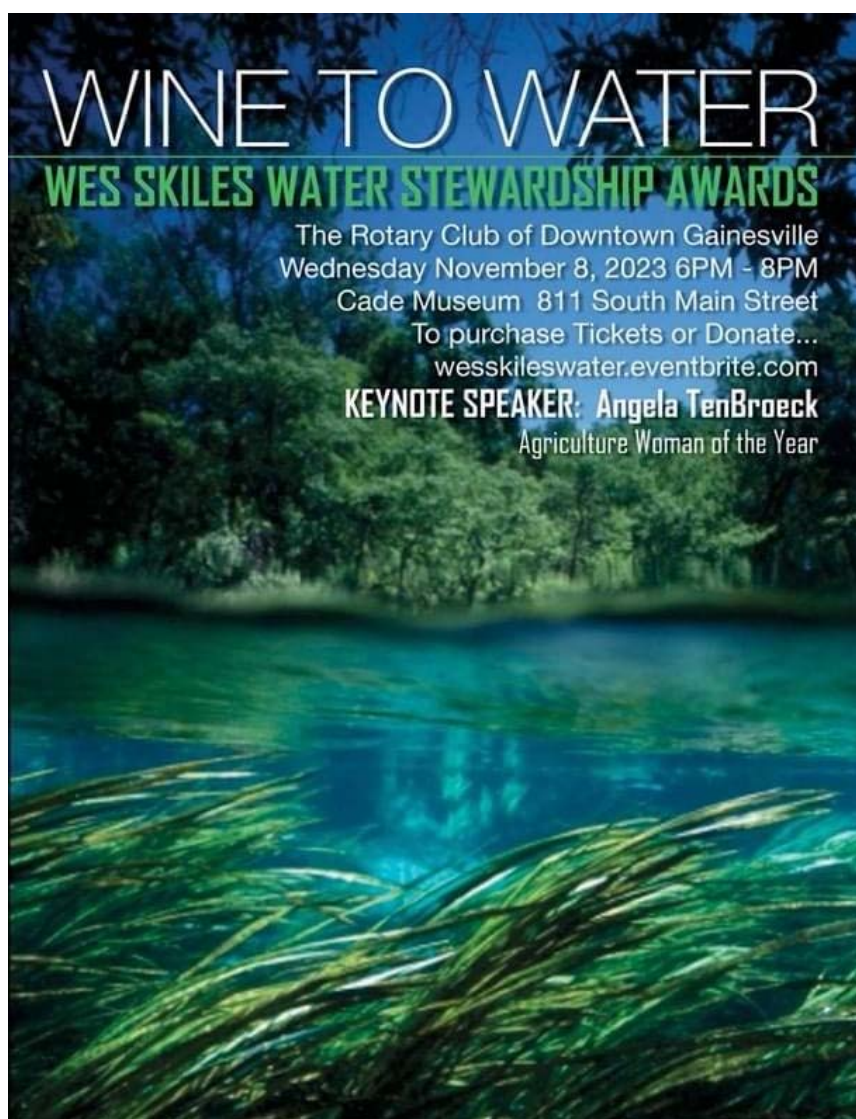
And just to clarify our club's present policy regarding lunches for visitors: If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to have their lunch orders submitted either with yours or by the 9 AM deadline. *Guests* are expected to pay for their lunch or you may opt to be invoiced for their lunches. *Visiting 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>

## W2W NOMINATIONS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III



### CLUB MEMBERS:

Time to start thinking about a business or individual you would like to nominate for one of the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards

Call for Nominations:

Named in honor Wes Skiles whose mission was to educate and to inspire the people of Florida; to



show

us and teach us about our remarkable array of water resources and how each of us has a role to play in safeguarding this precious resource.

The Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards recognize exceptional efforts in improving water quality and conservation in the North Florida area. An individual, an organization, and a business or other entity that demonstrates exceptional achievements in water stewardship may be nominated.

All active members of the Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6970 and past recipients of the award may submit

nominations in one or more categories. All club members who submit a nomination will receive free event ticket if they purchase one, a BOGO deal.

- Deadline to submit nominations is Oct 2, 2023. Return nomination and supporting materials to [cheryltonipoe@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltonipoe@gmail.com) or mail to: RCDG Wine to Water Committee, C/O of C. Poe, 4016 NW 23rd Circle, Gainesville, Florida.

Link to nomination form:

<https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/NOMINATION%20FORM%20W2W%202023.docx>

- Amount of cash awards will be determined after nominations are submitted.

Awards will be presented at the 11th Annual Wine to Water Event on Wednesday Nov 8, 2023 6 – 8:30 PM  
at the Cade Museum.



In addition to recognizing this year's winners, our keynote speaker will be the 2021 Woman of the Year in Agriculture, *Angela Tenbroeck*.

Angela, a fourth-generation farmer, and her family have been hydroponic farmers in North Florida since the 1970s. In 2012, she helped launch Traders Hill Farm, a commercial aquaponics farm in Hilliard, Florida, that seeks to increase crop yield and grow year-round without harmful chemicals or waste. A closed-loop system that integrates hydroponic gardening with farm-raised fish, the aquaponic facility was the first to receive a SQF Certification for Safe Quality Food.

Angela then went on to establish her current hydroponic/aquaculture venture, Worldwide Aquaponics and as a Rotarian, will be using her experience and knowledge to assist the Downtown Rotary Club in a WASH Global Grant to benefit our local partner Southern Sudan Health Care Organization.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards are available through [Jimskiles3@gmail.com](mailto:Jimskiles3@gmail.com) or members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville., See attached file <https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/2023%20ws-sponsorship%20LETTER.docx>

## 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.

## 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.

[https://fevo.me/gainesville-ro  
tary-club-2023](https://fevo.me/gainesville-ro-tary-club-2023)

	\$5.00 tickets.	
<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>LUNCH AND TOUR OF new kitchen at GOC. Wild Game Feast funds paid for this new space! NO MEETING AT PARAMOUNT this day</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>

Did YOU KNOW? In 1996, Google co-founders Larry Page & Sergey Brin originally named the company "BackRub"

## MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

*SEPTEMBER Speakers provided by the JIMBO*

**SEPT 6 TRIVIA WINNERS**

**SEPT 13 HAYDEE BRITTON**

**SEPT 20 FIELD TRIP LUNCH AND TOUR OF NEW GOC KITCHEN**

**SEPT 27 OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR**

**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>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.







**YOU'RE INVITED!**

# 2023 FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL

<b>PENN STATE</b> FRIDAY, AUGUST 25   TAMPA, FL	<b>ALABAMA</b> SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>SOUTH FLORIDA</b> SATURDAY, AUGUST 26   TAMPA, FL	<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11   TAMPA, FL
<b>STANFORD</b> THURSDAY, AUGUST 31   PALO ALTO, CA	<b>TEXAS A&amp;M</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20   COLLEGE STATION, TX
<b>MINNESOTA</b> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>OLE MISS</b> WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25   OXFORD, MS
<b>SACRAMENTO STATE</b> THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>ARKANSAS</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>CLEMSON</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>TENNESSEE</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>WINTHROP</b> SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>KENTUCKY</b> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>FLORIDA STATE</b> TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12   TALLAHASSEE, FL	<b>LSU</b> FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>WISCONSIN</b> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>ALABAMA</b> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12   TUSCALOOSA, AL
<b>AUBURN</b> THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21   AUBURN, AL	<b>MISSOURI</b> FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17   COLUMBIA, MO
<b>GEORGIA</b> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>ARKANSAS</b> TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19   FAYETTEVILLE, AR
<b>TEXAS A&amp;M</b> WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27   GAINESVILLE, FL	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b> WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22   GAINESVILLE, FL
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b> SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1   COLUMBIA, SC	<b>KENTUCKY</b> SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25   LEXINGTON, KY
<b>AUBURN</b> FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6   GAINESVILLE, FL	

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ALL GATOR MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE AT THE EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE STORES OF THE FLORIDA GATORS. VISIT [FLORIDAGATORS.COM](#) FOR THE LATEST ON THE GATORS' JOURNEY & TRAVEL. GATOR MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE AT THE EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE STORES OF THE FLORIDA GATORS. VISIT [FLORIDAGATORS.COM](#) FOR THE LATEST ON THE GATORS' JOURNEY & TRAVEL. GATOR MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE AT THE EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE STORES OF THE FLORIDA GATORS. VISIT [FLORIDAGATORS.COM](#) FOR THE LATEST ON THE GATORS' JOURNEY & TRAVEL.

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-ro> tary-club-2023

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

## Mark your calendars!



more details to follow!!!

## Circle of Care

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](mailto: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

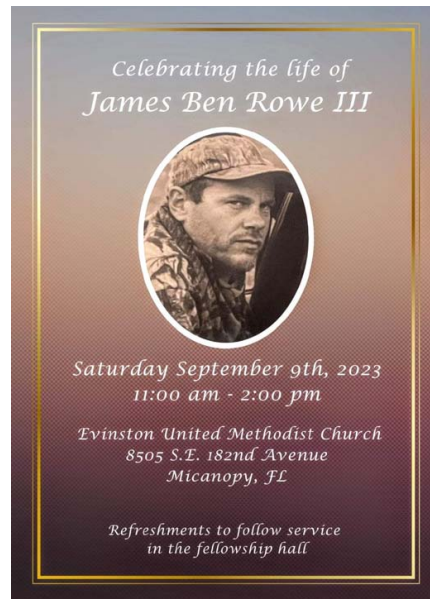
**Neal Cohen** Homebound

6415 NW 97th Ct.  
Gainesville, FL 32653

## In memory

We are sad to share the news 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.*



## 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
Brenda Chamberlain	1/1/2019	PP 2021-22	*PHF	Megan Olson
Neal Cohen	7/1/1989		* PHF3	Billy Brame
Billy Combs	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
Stephanie Esposito	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
Marta Hartmann	05/2021	Director		Marina Jordan
Becky Hunt	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/>