

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*

FIELD TRIP!!

By Brett Buell

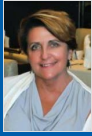
reminder

WE ARE NOT MEETING AT PARAMOUNT NEXT WEEK (SEPTEMBER 20th)

INSTEAD ,



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



Diane Marie
Robar
Assistant
Governor



WE WILL BE MEETING AT GAINESVILLE OPPORTUNITY CENTER 1210 NW 14TH AVENUE FOR LUNCH AND A TOUR OF THE NEWLY REMODELED KITCHEN.

THIS IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR US BECAUSE FUNDS FROM THE ROTARY WILD GAME FEAST WERE AWARDED TO GOC TO TRANSFORM THE ORIGINAL SPACE INTO A MORE FUNCTIONAL AND MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE KITCHEN.

BRETT AND HIS GOC MEMBERS WILL MAKE AND SERVE LUNCH .

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR GOC FRIENDS!!

did you know **coral reefs** cover less than one percent of the ocean floor, yet support an estimated 25 percent of all known marine species?

September Theme

SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

The
National
Rotarians
World

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL**

"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

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action

WELCOME !

Have you seen our WELCOME sign by the entrance to Paramount Grill ?



GPD officer Michael Henderson

We are always honored to present a Law Enforcement Officer with an Officer of the Month award.

Thank you, GPD Officer Michael Henderson, for all you do to keep our city safe!



TRIVIA winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRIVIA WINNERS!!



Al and Joe Jr selected Haydee's non profit OKAPI, which serves children in the war torn Democratic Republic of the Congo



Megan played on behalf of the Micanopy Pet Food Pantry



Becky presented Teresa Hunter a check for the Southern Scholarship Foundation



Tia Paul accepted a check on behalf of the Education Foundation, the non profit that Stephanie designated for her trivia award.

SAVE THE DATE

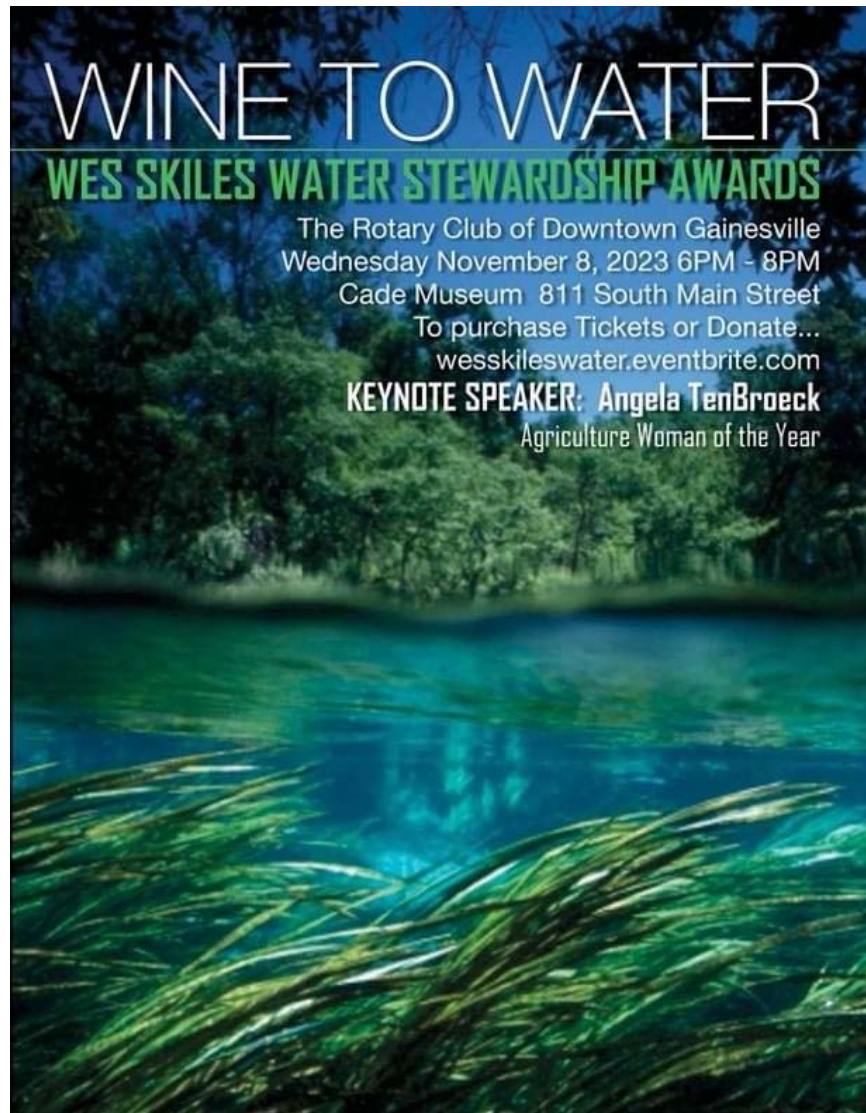
By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III



Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville proudly presents our annual
Wes Skiles Water Stewardship Awards
~Wine to Water Event~
November 8, 2023

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 100 Paul Harris points.

- Deadline to submit nominations is Oct 2, 2023. Return nomination and supporting materials to 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.



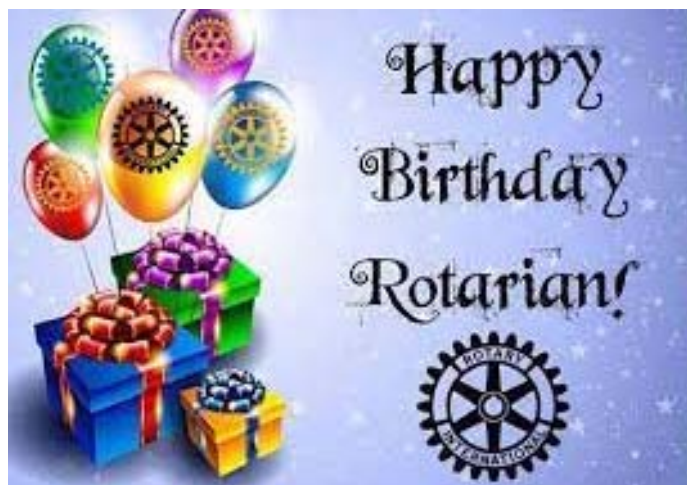
In addition to recognizing this year's winners, our keynote speaker will be the 2021 Woman of the Year in Agriculture, *Angela Tenbroeck*.

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 or members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville. All members who secure a sponsor for the event will be given a free ticket, in addition to the one they purchase. See attached file <https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6970/Club/27554/2023%20ws-sponsorship%20LETTER.docx>

Happy Birthday, fellow Rotarians

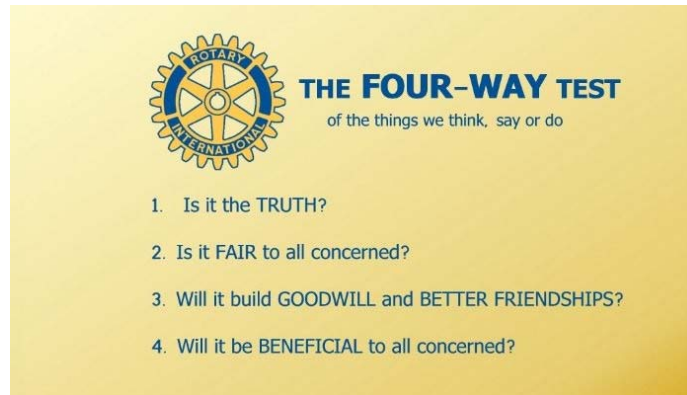


CHERYL POE
SEPTEMBER 23

PERRY PURSELL
SEPTEMBER 25

ED BOOK
SEPTEMBER 27

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>

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>

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER 17 | UF LADY GATOR BASKETBALL game .<br>Special Rotary seating at the game.<br>\$5.00 tickets.                             | <a href="https://fevo.me/gainesville-ro">https://fevo.me/gainesville-ro</a> tary-club-2023 |
| SEPTEMBER 20 | LUNCH AND TOUR OF new kitchen at GOC. Wild Game Feast funds paid for this new space! NO MEETING AT PARAMOUNT this day | Brett Buell                                                                                |
| SEPTEMBER 27 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN TABOR official club visit                                                                      |                                                                                            |
| OCTOBER 21st | RIDE TO END POLIO                                                                                                     | Gainesville Health & Fitness Center<br>Details TBD                                         |
| NOVEMBER 8th | Wine to Water                                                                                                         | Jimskiles3@gmail.com                                                                       |

## MONTHLY SPEAKERS

By Jim "Jimbo " E. Skiles III

*SEPTEMBER Speakers provided by 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*

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|-------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Coordinator | Jim Skiles |  | 352-538-0293                       |
|             |            |  | <b>ROTARY THEME FOR MONTH</b>      |
| September   | Jimbo      |  | Basic Education and Literacy       |
| October     | Carl       |  | Economic and Community Development |
| November    | Marta      |  | Rotary Foundation                  |

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| December | AI |  | Disease Prevention and Treatment |
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**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.



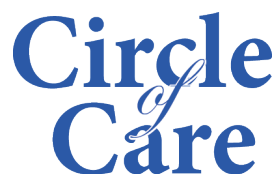
**Mark your calendars!**





more details to follow!!!

## 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

## 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<br>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,<br>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/>**