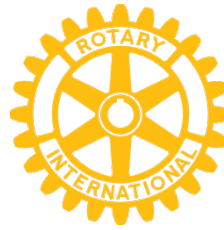


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DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE



Club Meeting

Downtown
Gainesville
Meets at
Paramount Grill
12 SW First
Avenue
Gainesville, FL
32601
Time: Wednesday
at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Brett Buell
President



Diane Marie Robar
President-Elect
Vice President



Haydee Britton
Secretary



William S. Combs
Treasurer



Michael Ekbladh
Sergeant-at-Arms



Stephanie Esposito
iPast President



Shelby Bobbett
Club Director



Marta M. Hartmann
Club Director



Megan Olson
Club Director



Jim Skiles III
Club Director
Speaker

Welcome

***Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville***



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary theme

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

OCTOBER

“The ultimate resource in economic development is people. It is people, not capital or raw materials that develop an economy.”
- Peter Drucker

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Four Way Test

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THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

No meeting Wednesday, Oct 9th



HERE IT IS!!

By Jim "Jimbo" E. Skiles III

YES! We are thankful the storm is still a day away and we will be able to hold our event tonight. Come if you are prepared for the storm, check your local forecast and feel safe driving.

It's always a wonderful evening to spend together and celebrate this year's Wes Skiles Water stewardship winners and learn how to improve the quality of your lawns and reduce your use of water and fertilizer.

Tickets available at the door and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverage.

W2W

WES SKILES WATER STEWARDSHIP AWARDS



Rotary Downtown Gainesville

Tuesday October 8, 2024 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Cade Museum 811 South Main Street

To purchase Tickets or Donate scan the code,
or type link... <https://bitly.cx/6yL7B>



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Allen Skinner
Soil Health Champion



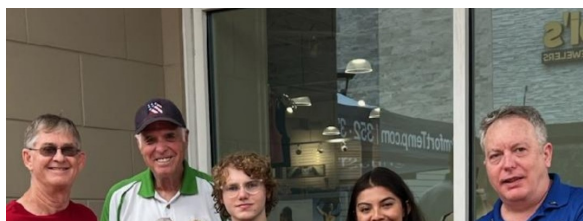
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American Heart Walk

By Shelby Bobbett

After having to reschedule the American Heart Walk due to Helene, the Walk took place on Sunday, October 6th. Fellow club member Shelby coordinated the event. THANKS to Rotarians Brett, Ed, and Bob for coming out. Also great to have a couple of SantaFe Rotaractors join us, too!





Helene disaster relief



The catastrophic devastation of Hurricane Helene and now Hurricane Milford will continue to affect thousands across Florida and the Southeast.

Rotary has already stepped in to help in many areas, both financially and with on-the-ground support. If you're wanting to help, here's how to do it"

- The fastest way we can all help get critical supplies and equipment to the areas in the most need is with our financial support. To contribute, go online to RotaryFL.org, tap on the "Donate Today" button, fill out the

simple form, and your donation will be on its way to the relief effort. Be assured that your contribution will go to help communities address immediate needs.

- Then, if you want to offer additional support of your time, materials, or equipment, go online to RotaryFL.org, tap on the "Give Support" button, fill out the form with the support you are offering, and you will be contacted!

As the situation develops over the coming days and weeks, you will hear much more about how Rotary mobilizes to offer disaster relief and support to Rotary members and their neighbors in need. RotaryFL.org is the best place to start. We appreciate you contributing what you can and sharing this information with friends and family members for their support and for your club's combined relief efforts. Thanks in advance for your part in what I know will be a great "People of Action" response!

Birthday greetings!



Brenda Chamberlain
October 6th

Ed Emery
October 10th

Joe Lowry
October 20th

Pat Craddock
October 28th

Speakers for the month

October SPEAKERS provided by Stephanie Esposito

October 2nd Marjorie Speer, Wine Tasting

October 9th â€" no meeting

October 16th â€" Dr. Jennifer Weeks, Entomology and Nematology Department

October 23rd â€" Jen Homard, Exec Director of Secondary Programs at Santa Fe College

October 30th â€" Tbd

OUR 34TH BIRTHDAY!



September 18th marked the 34th anniversary of our club's charter...aka our BIRTHDAY!

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**Jim Islam, one of the charter members of the club, presented a brief overview of the club's origin**

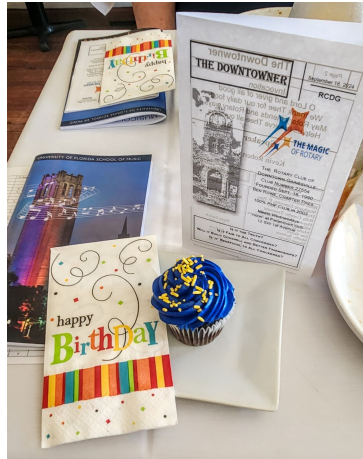


**We also celebrated Al's birthday.. it's not until the 29th but Leslie, who brought the cupcakes and will be out of town on the 29th, wanted to be part of HIS birthday celebration, so we were happy to oblige!**





Thanks, Jim, for your presentation and thanks to Leslie for providing the cupcakes!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



~~ DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE  
NEWSLETTER ~~

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO ONLINE CLUB CALENDAR AT THE LINK  
FOR  
MOST UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<https://rb.gy/jh7vx>

|             |                                                      |                                           |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| OCTOBER 8th | Wes Skiles Wine to Water<br>Water Stewardship Awards | Jimbo Skiles (352) 538 0293               |
| OCTOBER 25  | Car Show                                             | details TBA. volunteers will be<br>needed |
| NOVEMBER 21 | SEAFOOD FESTIVAL                                     |                                           |

ITS A ROTARY THING!



in October



HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A GREAT IDEA!?



THE JAGS and ROTARY are combining efforts to aid in the eradication of polio! Here's your opportunity to join this partnership!

District 6970 has **1,000 discounted tickets** spread over four Jacksonville Jaguars' home games and they available for purchase now ( reservation form attached):

This is a great way to support your club's PolioPlus goals since all but \$15 of the ticket price will go to The Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus in your name!

AND IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND A GAME IN PERSON ,here's another option: Why not donate your tickets to the military, underprivileged children, or Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Over the years so far, this partnership has resulted in over **\$1,305,500** going towards the eradication of polio in the world. Your participation matters!

#### Opponent Date Game Time

**Colts October 6 1:00 PM**

**Vikings November 10 1:00 PM**

**Texans December 1 1:00 PM**

**Titans December 29 1:00 PM**

**Ticket Prices: Upper Bowl . . . . \$55 each**

**Lower Bowl . . . \$65 each (very limited quantities,**

*for Colts and Titans only)*

To order tickets for any of this year's Rotary/Jaguars Polio Partnership games . . .

**1. Print and fill out the attached reservation form,**

**2. E-mail your completed reservation form to [cyndecovington@gmail.com](mailto:cyndecovington@gmail.com),**

**3. Then, you MUST mail the completed form along with your check to:**

**Rotary District 6970, P.O. Box 47195, Jacksonville, FL 32247**

Please note order handling:

I Ticket reservations will be processed in the order checks received, then by date/time email received.

I Clubs wanting blocks of tickets together should submit ONE order form along with ONE check.

I Individuals looking for tickets are welcome to send in individual order forms.



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### Jacksonville Jaguars & Rotary District 6970

#### 2024 Ticket Reservation Form

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



| Rotary Tickets (Available) | Lower Level # Tickets | Upper Level # Tickets |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Colts (50 / 300)           |                       |                       |
| Vikings (150)              | N/A                   |                       |
| Texans (150)               | N/A                   |                       |
| Titans (50 / 300)          |                       |                       |

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Individual will receive PolioPlus credit to The Rotary Foundation for all but \$15 for each ticket purchased.

e-Mail Completed Ticket Reservation Form to: [cyndecovington@gmail.com](mailto:cyndecovington@gmail.com)

**Ticket assignments processed in the order checks received, then by date/time email received. Best seats will go very fast!**

**Mail completed Reservation Forms along with check payable to District 6970 to:  
Rotary District 6970, P.O. Box 47195 Jacksonville, FL 32247**

## 2025 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Dear Rotarians!

We're delighted to announce that the 2025 Rotary International Convention will take place in Calgary, Canada, 21-25 June 2025.

check out this promo video: <https://youtu.be/q7ZDUAWWBo4>

Calgary, along with breathtaking beauty, is a big city with a small-town feel that warmly welcomes visitors. More than 165 languages are spoken in Calgary, making it a perfect destination to bring together Rotary members from around the world.

The 2025 convention theme is "Magic All Around," and from the moment you arrive, you'll feel it. The one-of-a-kind connections and friendships. The people with different backgrounds, experiences, and points of view. The energy of thousands of members with their spirits, hearts, and passions together in one place, creating lasting impact and changing the world. That's magic!

### INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Having an International Meeting so close to us (relatively speaking) presents a unique opportunity for club members to be able to attend this amazing event!

Here's how to register:

Go to **MyRotary.org** (( if you don't have an account, it's easy to establish one)

Choose *Events & Conventions*

Choose *International Conventions*

It should take you to the registration page for Calgary.

### Downtown Gainesville Rotarians

| MEMBER             | JOINED    | CLUB SERVICE            | TRF            |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Walt Barry         | 1/1/2003  | PP 09-10                | * PHF4         |
| Shelby Bobbitt     | 9/21/2022 |                         |                |
| Ed Book            | 2/1/2009  | PP 13-14 AG 1,2,AG      | * BR PHF2      |
| Billy Brame        | 7/1/1976  | PP (RCGG)               | * PHF+6        |
| David Bridges      | 2/1/2019  |                         | *PHF           |
| Haydee Britton     | 03/8/2023 | Secretary               |                |
| Brett Buell        | 9/1/2015  | President 2024-25       | * PHF+1        |
| Brenda Chamberlain | 1/1/2019  | PP 2021-22              | *PHF           |
| Neal Cohen         | 7/1/1989  |                         | * PHF3         |
| Billy Combs        | 4/1/1992  | PP 97-98, Treasurer     | * MD / BR PHF8 |
| Pat Craddock       | 9/1/2006  | PP 10-11                | * MD @ PHF8    |
| Michael Ekbladh    | 7 26 2023 | Sgt At Arms             |                |
| Ed Emery           | 9/1/2015  |                         | * PHF          |
| Stephanie Esposito | 6/12/2020 | PP 2023-24              | *PHF           |
| Randi Feliciano    | 7/24/2024 |                         |                |
| Chessie Flanders   | 4/1/2017  | PP 19-20, AG 1, AG2, AG | * PHF          |
| Greg Fleming       | 3/1/1994  | PP 05-06                | * PHF3         |
| Morgan Forbes      | 1/1/2001  | PP 01-05                | * BR @ PHF6    |

|                       |            |                                 |                |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Megan Forbes          | 1/1/2001   | PP 04-05                        | * BR @ PHF0    |
| Dan Frowick           |            | PP 94-95                        | MD/HM          |
| Scott Hansis          | 2/22//2023 |                                 | PHF 1          |
| <i>Marta Hartmann</i> | 05/2021    | Director                        |                |
| Becky Hunt            | 1/1/1996   |                                 | * PHF 8        |
| Jim Islam             | 9/1/1990   | PP 95-96                        | * MD PHF8      |
| Steve Jeppson         | 5/11/2022  |                                 |                |
| Marina Jordan         | 2/1/2019   |                                 | *PHF           |
| Pradeep Kumar         | 5/1/2018   |                                 | *PHF+1         |
| Judy Locascio         | 3/1/2002   |                                 | * PHF+6        |
| Al Losch Jr.          | 4/1/1992   | PP 00-01                        | * MD @ BR PHF8 |
| Joe Lowry Jr.         | 12/1/2004  | PP (08-09) (17-18)              | * BR @ PHF6    |
| Joe Lowry Sr.         | 7/1/2013   |                                 | * MD PHF8      |
| Clay Martin           | 11/1/2016  |                                 | * PHF          |
| Rob Oglesby           | 5/1/2010   | PP 14-15                        | * MD / BR PHF8 |
| <i>Megan Olson</i>    | 2/1/2019   | Director                        | *PHF+1         |
| Cheryl T. Poe         | 1/1/2007   | PP 15-16                        | * BR PHF6      |
| Perry Pursell         | 6/1/2008   | PP 12-13,                       | * PHF3         |
| Bob Robar             | 11/1/1991  | PP 01-02                        | * MD @ PHF8    |
| <i>Diane Robar</i>    | 10/1/2014  | PP 2020-21; AG 1, 2,<br>,AG, PE | * PHF+1        |
| Ben Rowe (d.)         | n/a        | Charter President               | * MD           |
| Lauri Schiffbauer     | 8 11 2021  |                                 |                |
| <i>Jim Skiles</i>     | 12/1/1998  | PP 03-04;<br>Speakers,director  | * MD @ BR PHF8 |
| Carl Smart            | 3/1/2019   | PP 2022-23                      | *PHF           |
| Ray Snook             | 4/1/2012   | PP16-17 AAG                     | * PHF3         |
| Francine Vincent      | 07/24/2024 |                                 |                |
| Zachary West          | 11/1/2025  |                                 |                |
| Leslie Wooten         | 10/1/2023  |                                 | PHF3           |

\* 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/>