

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Upcoming Events

August 17th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Carole Post, City of Tampa

Subject: What is on the horizon for local economic opportunity and development?

August 17th

Learn About Becoming a Rotarian!

August 24th

Tour and Lunch at JC Newman Cigar Co.

Speaker: Eric and Bobby Newman

Subject: JC Newman Cigar Co and the premium cigar craft in Tampa

August 31st

Welcome, District Governor Deborah Williams!

Speaker: Deborah L. Williams

Subject: District Governor Official Visit

Happy Birthday!



Barbara J. Izzi
August 16th



John P. Foster
August 21st

Your Leaders



Linda W. Devine
Ph.D.
President



Christine L. Derr
President-Elect



Malia Powers
Secretary

Charles V. Williams
Treasurer

What's on the horizon for local economic development?



Economic activity, development, and growth management are on the minds of many Tampa residents as we experience explosive growth, and the gifts and challenges it brings. On Tuesday, we meet **Carole Post, Administrator for Tampa's Department of Economic Opportunity**. Her team is developed and manages the City of Tampa's initiatives to promote a comprehensive and strategic approach to economic development. It is also responsible for coordinating with the Community Redevelopment Department and directing other citywide revitalization initiatives and community planning. In addition, they oversee the development of building structures that are compatible and compliant with applicable codes and ordinances.

[Click here to register for the live luncheon.](#) Members attend at no charge, and guests this week only are free (stick around for the prospective member info session too). Space is always limited, so please register in advance so you know there is a meal for you. MASKS are required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status. Thanks for your cooperation!

Or, Join Zoom to catch it on screen!

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Community Service Grant applications are available & due September 10



Each year, our club is proud to partner with local non-profits who serve children and families in our community. Our grants to these organizations range from \$1000 to \$5000, funding projects that create change for good in Hillsborough county. We also welcome the opportunity to partner with these funding partners in hands on service events that allow our members to connect with meaningful causes in our community.

During the 2020-2021 club year, our club awarded grants totaling nearly \$85,000 to 19 worthy local causes, and we are so proud to support our community in this way.

As long as community health and safety guidelines allow it, we will celebrate all of our grant recipients, club and project sponsors, and other partners at our annual community-wide Giving Day event on February 26 at Water Works Park in Tampa Heights, and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Applications are now available for our grant program and are due by September 10. Please share with any interested non-profits with projects close to your heart!

[Click here for more details, our partners from last year, and a complete application package.](#)

Prospective Member Info Event is this Thursday!

Our club Membership Committee leadership is hosting a prospective member meet and greet on August 17 after our weekly club luncheon. Here is your chance to share Rotary with someone that you know could make a difference in our club and the community. Prospects will



Benjamin David
Sergeant-at-Arms



Steve Overton
Assistant Governor



meet club leadership, learn more about our club and Rotary International, be introduced to the application process, and more. Guests are also invited to the luncheon in advance at no charge.

Help us grow our Rotary family by inviting a guest for this event. [Click here to register someone for the seminar.](#) The link is also available on our website and on our Facebook page. Share this with any guest you have brought to a meeting in the past that wants to learn more.

Do you have questions or want to help out? Just contact committee co-chairs [Sunny Alexander](#), [Rod Gaerlan](#), or [Connie Gage](#). Thanks for sharing the good news of Rotary membership with your friends and colleagues!

Waitlist available for tour of the JC Newman Cigar Co.



August 24th, we will gather for a special offsite luncheon. While the event is full at this time, you can contact office@rotarycluboftampa.org to be added to the waitlist.

Experience history with a tour of the JC Newman Cigar Co. This recently renovated landmark is home to America's oldest family owned premium cigar manufacturer. Founded in 1895 by Julius Caesar Newman, J.C. Newman Cigar Company has been handcrafting many of the world's finest cigars for 4 generations and 125 years. Join Rotarians Eric and Bobby Newman for a behind the scenes look inside this

iconic 110-year-old cigar factory in the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District. Lunch provided by Inside the Box catering as well.



No Lunch at Ferguson Law Center on August 24.

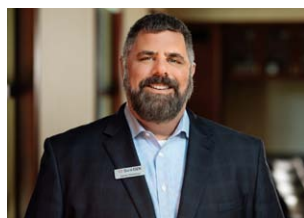
Spotlight Rotarian - Kevin Franzese

Kevin Franzese is a tireless connector of people, sports fanatic, banker, and devoted grandfather. He just joined First Home Bank as a VP/Commercial Lender, serves the South Tampa Chamber as its treasurer, and at our club is a director and the social committee chairman. Here is a little more about Kevin in his own words!



Tell Us About Yourself!

I was born on my mother's 28th birthday as her 5th child. I obviously have a large family and that is a big part of who I am. I lost my oldest brother when he was 10 to Leukemia (I was 2). I have since been a big supporter of the Leukemia society running a triathlon (15 years ago) with Team in Training and then helping my brother Mike take 2nd place in the Man of the Year competition with American Cancer Society about 4 years ago.



I grew up in Town and Country and now live about 5 miles away from my childhood home; in Oldsmar. Mom lives 4 houses down, 2 brothers are in South Tampa and my sister is in NC. I'm a musician having played Tuba through school as well as guitar. My garage band even opened for the Stray Cats at the State Theater in 1985.

My wife, Tammi and I have 2 daughters from previous marriages. Kaitlynn is a nurse here in Tampa and has blessed us with our 5 year old granddaughter, Raelynn who is absolutely perfect! Our Daughter Alyx and her husband Ty have great careers in Orlando. They just sold


their townhome and bought a big house with lots of bedrooms so we expect those rooms to be filled with grandkids soon.

How Long have you Been a Rotarian:

I became a Rotarian originally while working in Lakeland in 2000. When my position as a banker switched back to Tampa (been a banker since I was 17), I joined the Interbay Club here in Tampa and was honored to be Club President in 2005. After taking a few years off, I realized I missed Rotary and had a void in my life. Luckily, the Tampa Rotary Club allowed me to come back to Rotary a few years ago and I work hard every day to reward that privilege. I am a proud Paul

Harris Fellow along with gifting Tammi her Paul Harris Fellow last year.

What do you like most about Rotary?

I am delighted to be a Rotarian! It is the best way to do the most good in the World and here in our community. I get such a sense of accomplishment whenever we do club projects like helping Metropolitan Ministries at Thanksgiving and Christmas, delivering gifts every year, helping Feeding Tampa Bay and in the past helping to build wheelchair ramps for our local home bound citizens. I tell people I m selfish because the feeling I get from helping, WAY outweighs the work.
