

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Upcoming Events

September 28th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Karen Kress

Subject: Tampa's booming downtown - an update from the Tampa Downtown Partnership

October 5th

Fall Oyster Roast

October 12th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Dorothy Benham

October 14th

Ladies of the RCT Fall Outing

October 19th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Ken Atwater, President

Subject: Hillsborough Community College

Happy Birthday!



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea

September 25th



Lawrence C. Brown

September 26th



Lee E. Nelson

September 27th



John W. Osterweil

September 27th



Jonathan W. Ford

September 30th

Your Leaders



Linda W. Devine
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Tampa's Downtown is the place to be!

Downtown Tampa is a pretty exciting place to visit, work, and live these days! Karen Kress, Director of Transportation and Planning at the Tampa Downtown Partnership, will join us on Tuesday to share updates and what is on the horizon.

[Click here to register for the live luncheon.](#) Members attend at no charge, and guests pay \$20 to join us. 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!



Karen serves as the Director of Transportation and Planning at the Tampa Downtown Partnership. In her role, Karen manages all aspects of transportation, parking and access throughout Downtown Tampa. A true advocate for transit and transportation, Karen leads Tampa Downtown Partnership's Transportation and Urban Design Committees, and its Parking Task Force. Karen has been successful in advocating for and bringing transportation options such as Coast bike share, ZipCar carshare, and Downtowner - an app-based electric ride service. An avid biker, Karen helped found Tampa BayCycle (now called Bike Walk Tampa Bay), a regional cycling education, advocacy and encouragement campaign in 2007 and for over twenty years she has actively volunteered for the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors program. Acknowledging her efforts, Karen was honored by the Suncoast Chapter of the American Planning Association Planner of the Year in 2014 and in 2017 she was appointed as a Planning Commissioner by the City of Tampa. She is also a certified League Cycling Instructor (LCI) and is able to teach bike safety classes. Previously, Karen worked in transportation demand management, marketing, human resources and event planning. A native of Ohio and Political Science graduate of Ohio University, Karen moved to Tampa in the mid-1990's and is raising her three children with her husband in their own little slice of paradise on the Hillsborough River.

Can't attend live? Join Zoom to catch it on screen!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85466963279?pwd=bU5ZbnpQTGZldXNwYnVJc3ZBUW5ydz09>

Meeting ID: 854 6696 3279

Passcode: Rotary2021

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Read with preschoolers via Goodwill Bookworks



The Community Service Committee invites all Rotarians to **read to preschoolers through Goodwill's BookWorks program**. Since schools are not allowing in-person volunteers during the pandemic, our members will do interactive, virtual readings for preschool classes **via Zoom**. A great chance for community service that is virtual, convenient, and rewarding!

Members interested in reading just need a computer with a camera. Goodwill staff will set up zoom readings with preschools that have that capability.

Teachers project the image of the reader on a

whiteboard in the classroom and we read to the preschoolers gathered around the projected image, as pictured here.

After the story time, the teacher will give a book to each child in the class. Goodwill provides the books for the children and for the person reading, unless they have a favorite book they'd prefer to read. Rotarians can pick up the books at Goodwill and deliver them to the school ahead of time, or Goodwill staff can deliver the books to the school.



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Assistant Governor

Interested in participating? Contact club member [Chris Ward here](#). She is our Goodwill contact to coordinate all the readings.

More information about Goodwill's BookWorks program is available at this link: <https://goodwill-suncoast.org/bookworks/>

John Foster - Spotlight Rotarian

By Malia Powers

Past President (2008-9) and current Diversity & Inclusion committee co-chair John Foster has served our club in a wide variety of ways over the years. We are proud to spotlight him this week.

Tell us about yourself! - I am the oldest of ten siblings whose mother is still going strong at 93. Six of us are entrepreneurs. In fact, my first W2 was a couple of years ago when the University of Tampa asked me to teach Family Business in the College of Business. In November I will have been married to Bernadette for 45 years. We'll celebrate with our two sons Ian and Stefan and Daughter in Law, Mandi. No grandkids yet

Some of you know I keep bees, bake bread and make beer so if Armageddon comes, we'll be prepared. I'd have to say I like being either totally alone fishing and wandering OR enjoying exotic foods with wine, friends and stimulating conversation.

How long have you been a Rotarian? Jack Spangler sponsored me into this club in 1996 and I've had the opportunity to meet some extraordinary people and serve in a number of capacities over these last 25 years.

What is your favorite part about Rotary? It is no surprise that I enjoy the people and friendships that have developed over the years and the standing our club enjoys in the community but I am reminded of our mission above self and the words my father always spoke when he was encouraging us as kids to get some series of tasks done. He would remind us that many hands make light work and our club with its size and resources has the potential to leverage many hands to make significant impacts here in our community and abroad.

And check out this photo - "The day we survived the alligator scare." Ask me for the story!



Want your dues drafted automatically? Send in this form

By Brooke Melendi



We have heard your cries! Do you miss your quarterly dues being drafted automatically each quarter? If you do, now is the time to start it up again. [Complete this easy form](#) and [scan it to the club office](#), mail it in, or drop it to Brooke at the September 28 club luncheon. Starting with the October dues invoice, your payments will be drafted automatically.

And just a reminder, if you have not paid your July dues please do so today! Prompt payment of dues ensures a healthy club able to achieve our goals of service and fellowship.

Thank you, Flags for Heroes sponsors!

Who is your hero? Honor them and support our community's most deserving at the second annual **Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes**. The three day celebration will kick off with a moving

ceremony on Veteran's Day, with the field of flags on view at Veterans Memorial Park for three days. Like last year, each flag is individually sponsored in honor of a personal hero, and all proceeds benefit local causes and projects that serve children and families right here in Tampa.

We are so grateful to the following sponsors who have stepped up so far to make this event a success.

\$10,000 Sponsor - Sherloq Foundation (Jack McMullen)

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In-Kind Sponsors: Hillsborough County & Power On Marketing (Malia Powers)

Honor your hero, sponsor the event, and spread the news to your network by visiting the event website, <https://flagsforheroestampa.org/>. You can sponsor a flag right from the home page, visit the Media tab to see the coverage of the 2020 event, share the sponsorship link with your company, and more!

