

# Rotary



# Club of Tampa

Thursday, May 13, 2021

## Upcoming Events

May 18th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:**

Vivekanand Jayakumar, Ph.D., UT Associate Professor of Economics

**Subject:** Bitcoin and Other

Cryptocurrencies ♦

Are they Inflation Hedges or Just Speculative Assets?

May 19th

### Rotary Club of Tampa Board of Directors meeting

May 25th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Mike

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**Subject:** Bad News for You is Good News for Me

May 27th

### Spring Gala for Rotary Club of Tampa

## Happy Birthday!

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## Your Leaders



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## Cryptocurrencies - Inflation Hedges or Speculative Assets?



We have heard of it, perhaps some of us have invested with it. Bitcoin is considered by some to be the investment asset of the future, by others to be an alternative currency, and to still others it is just a speculative gamble. Let's dig in and learn more with a University of Tampa economics instructor at Tuesday's luncheon.

Vivekanand Jayakumar, Ph.D.'s research areas include macroeconomics, monetary economics, and international finance. Over the past year, Prof. Jayakumar has written nearly two dozen opinion pieces for The Hill. He is also a regular contributor to the Tampa Bay Economy, the in-house publication of the Department of Economics at the University of Tampa.

Prof. Jayakumar received his Ph.D. in Economics from Purdue University in 2004. Prior to joining the University of Tampa, he was a Visiting Professor at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

[Click here to register for the live luncheon.](#)

Please remember to bring a mask or other face covering for fellowship time. If you are unable to attend, please email the club office in case there is a wait list. Thank you!

### Or, Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85949539742?pwd=cERNRE1xcmwvTmhSMU0xQXNTb0NuZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 4953 9742

Passcode: Rotary2020

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## 21 projects and \$90,000 in grants this year!

The Rotary Club of Tampa has invested nearly \$90k in the community this year, both supporting new initiatives by local non-profits that understand niche needs, and building our own legacy projects. Highlights include a \$10,000 grant for a computer lab at the Belmont Heights Boys and Girls Club, \$5,000 for mental health therapy programs for veterans at Veterans Alternative, and \$6500 for social and emotional learning tools for homebound students with Frameworks of Tampa Bay. Here is the full list of our grant recipients:



Academy Prep of Tampa	Exalted Warrior Foundation	Metropolitan Ministries
Aging Solutions	Frameworks of Tampa Bay	Tampa Crossroads
A Kids Place	Goodwill Suncoast	Telehealth Access for Seniors
Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa	H.B Plant Museum	Veterans Alternative
Centre for Women	Heart Gallery of Tampa	Wheels of Success
Clothes to Kids	Icon Preparatory School	Where Love Grows
Crisis Center of Tampa Bay		

In addition to these grants, we give through our own projects as well, include scholarships for several high achieving college bound students from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, holiday clothing gifts for over 100 students referred from Hillsborough County Public Schools, support for Polio Plus via Rotary International, and more.

It's both a privilege and an obligation to give back in this way, and we look forward to building our impact in the years to come!



Jamie Adair  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Steve Overton  
Assistant Governor

## Rotary Cares a TON - Many tons, that is!

By Carolyn V. Wilkinson



*Hello all my Fellow do-gooders and massive donators! Don't let up on the gas pedal. Fishhawk is still in the lead, but we moved up from 138/lbs per capita to 156/ with many new donations in the last few days. We still have Kevin, Marty, Charles, Chris and John all being lined up for Salvation Army truck pick ups. But we still need YOU to pitch-in and pitch-out that large and very heavy stuff collecting dust. How about a car? How about another weight-lifting set (thank you Rod!) or how about an old boat? We are in this to WIN so I need your help. We are having a "Fill-the-bag" drive on both May 18 and 25 during our normal lunch meeting. I will have a LARGE bag at be in the lobby waiting on you all to fill the bag with very heavy items. I promise I can lift it.*

## Spring Gala - click to RSVP!



# SPRING MEMBER GALA

FOR ROTARIANS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Thursday, May 27 6-9 pm  
Santo's Drinkeria at Casa Santo Stefano  
1607 N 22nd St. in Ybor City

RSVP VIA THE CLUB CALENDAR  
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