

# Rotary



# Club of Tampa

Friday, June 25, 2021

## Upcoming Events

June 29th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Club President Joe Hunt

**Subject:** President Joe's Swan Song

## Happy Birthday!



Dan Pepper  
June 25th



Lance Kimball  
June 26th



George Lackey  
June 27th



Terry E. Carter  
June 28th



Joseph Marshburn  
June 28th



Christine H. Ward  
June 29th



Gary Dolgin  
July 1st



Jean M. Yadley  
July 1st



Matthew H. Lane  
July 1st

## Your Leaders

Joseph D. Hunt  
President

## Celebrate a special year with President Joe at his last meeting at the podium



President Joe Hunt made sure that civil unrest and Covid-19 did not define the club this year. Instead, the club accomplished its goals, supporting the community and maintaining fellowship and service. Our newest fundraiser and community celebration, Flags for Heroes, launched in November and our Gasparilla Bash went virtual. We gave over \$90k in grants and thousands of service hours. We hosted creative social events, both live and online. We sponsored an award winning new Rotaract club. And more!!

Tuesday's luncheon is a celebration of a successful Rotary year in very challenging times, and a look to the future.

Thank you, President Joe, and the club board, committee chairs, and all volunteers who helped build a memorable 2020-2021! At this luncheon, we will share highlights of the year, and "pass the gavel" to incoming president Linda Devine. We hope to see you there, either live or via Zoom!

[Click here TODAY to register for the live luncheon if you have not already.](#) We expect a full house and space will be limited. Remember to specify if you want a vegetarian or regular meal that day. If you are unvaccinated from Covid-19 or otherwise compromised, 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 to catch it on screen!

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

Meeting ID: 859 4953 9742

Passcode: Rotary2020

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## Jamie Adair is the 2020-2021 Rotarian of the Year!

Rotary is an organization that is only as strong as its members. Our club is blessed to have a strong backbone of volunteers who lead with a steady hand and can be counted on to step up and do what is needed and more. This year, President Joe has chosen one of those volunteers to be celebrated as the club's Rotarian of the Year.

**Jamie Adair** has been pivotal in the success of the club in this unique year. His creativity and dedication were the vision behind the virtual version of the Gasparilla Bash, he is one of the three Tech committee members who made our hybrid meetings so professional, he chaired the Holiday Gift Project, putting gifts in 150 children's hands, he served on the Board as our sergeant at arms, he generously supports our Foundation as a Silver level 1914 Club member, and more. For his efforts, President Joe awarded Jamie a Paul Harris Fellow. Jamie will be taking a much deserved vacation this week so his recognition came a week early.



Thank you, Jamie, for inspiring us all!

## Our Scholarship Award Winners have #BrightFutures!

Our scholarship committee is proud to introduce this year's honorees. These high school graduates and Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay members are looking ahead to college and to successful futures! Our club is proud to continue supporting BGC students and can't wait to see what lies ahead for each of them. Each year, we distribute \$5000+ to new and past winners, and have been



Linda W. Devine  
Ph.D.  
President - Elect



Hanisha Patel  
Secretary



Charles V. Williams  
Treasurer



Jamie Adair  
Sergeant - at - Arms



Steve Overton  
Assistant Governor

doing so since 1998.



**LUZ ORTIZ** is this year's Joe Reineman/Leo Diaz Service Above Self Scholarship recipient, earning \$4000 over 4 years from our club. Luz Ortiz graduated from Strawberry Crest High School in Dover. She has been a member of the Dover Boys and Girls Club for six years. She is one of 8 children of her parents, Benito and Emiliana Ortiz and is the first from her family to attend college. Luz said her biggest inspiration in her life has been her parents, who hailed from Mexico and are proud farmworkers. She has been inspired by her parents' devotion to the family and the many sacrifices they have made in their lives to provide Luz and her siblings better opportunities.

Luz will attend Hillsborough Community College and then transfer to the University of South Florida where she plans to pursue a career in a medical field. Luz was in the top 20% in her class, earning a district GPA of 5.41 with many AP and honors classes.

**JOEL FERNANDEZ** is the Honorable Mention honoree (\$500 winner). He is a graduate of Leto High School and Boys and Girls Club member since 2018. Joel said his mother, Yocasta Fernandez, is the person in his life he most admires. His mother is a Boys and Girls Club coach, and Joel has been earning a lot of volunteer hours at the Town and Country Boys and Girls Club helping out the youngest students. Joel will be attending Hillsborough Community College and plans to transfer to University of South Florida to pursue a career in software engineering.

