

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, July 16, 2021

Upcoming Events

July 17th

The Big Backpack Build!

July 20th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Mayor Jane Castor

Subject: News from the City of Tampa

July 27th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Brian Ford, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Subject: The Lombardi Trophy comes to Rotary!

August 3rd

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Stuart Wingate & Clovey

Subject: Guide Dog Foundation

August 5th

Club Social at Cheese

Please

August 10th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Alex Sanchez, Pres & CEO, Florida Bankers Association

Subject: The state of banking in Florida

Happy Birthday!



Michael O. Abdoney
July 17th



Felipe Ramirez
July 21st

Your Leaders



Linda W. Devine
Ph.D.
President



Christine L. Derr
President-Elect

We are honored to welcome Mayor Jane Castor!



Mayor Jane Castor is the 59th Mayor of the City of Tampa. Born and raised in Tampa, Jane has spent a lifetime in service to the community, first as a police officer, then as Tampa's first female Chief of Police, and finally as the city's 59th Mayor. She graduated from Chamberlain High School and attended the University of Tampa on an athletic scholarship. Jane spent 31 years with the Tampa Police Department, serving in nearly every capacity and in nearly every neighborhood of the city.

Since taking office, Mayor Castor has continued to achieve major accomplishments under the Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow vision while gaining praise for her exemplary leadership in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. She took swift action to prioritize the health and safety of the community, leading the region with a mask mandate that played a critical role in reducing the number of COVID-19 cases in Tampa Bay by a projected 1.4 million. Under her leadership, the City

of Tampa also quickly organized relief efforts to help families and businesses impacted by the crisis, including One Tampa, which offered financial relief to individuals, families and businesses, and Lift Up Local, a program that supported business efforts to reopen responsibly and allowed restaurants and retail store to expand outdoor seating onto public right of ways.

Jane Castor is a proud Seminole Heights resident where she lives with her longtime partner Ana Cruz, both Tampa natives who enjoy fishing, Lightning hockey games, and family time with their two boys Sergei and Seely.

[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!

Or, Join Zoom to catch it on screen!

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Spotlight Rotarian - Ron Meyers

This week, we take a minute to share more about a member of the club that we see every single week at club lunches. **Ron Meyers** adds so much to our club's Rotary experience, but how well do you know him? Here are some answers....

Tell us about yourself: Ron was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His father played the violin and mother played the piano. At an early age they began playing music together. His parents even provided him with accordion lessons at age 5. Ron's mother was his musical inspiration, and perhaps this was because her last name was BACH (yes, that's right, Johann Sebastian Bach). Although his mother passed away when he was 8, his father supported and encouraged him to keep up with his music studies. As the years passed, in his freshman year he was losing interest and needed a change which is when he started teaching himself how to play the base guitar. Soon after he was playing with a band in bars and parties throughout Chicago, he was only 14. At the age of 17 he started teaching piano lessons.

Ron attended Elmhurst College while building up his teaching schedule and continuing to perform with different bands which is where he met his wife while performing in a club. Ron has been married for 49 years, has 2 daughters, and 4 grandchildren. Ron has been living in the Tampa Bay area for several years.





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How long have you been with Rotary? We could say that Rotary found Ron Meyers - and how lucky Rotary Tampa would then be! Back in 2015, a fellow Rotarian was at a retirement home in north Tampa where Ron had been entertaining the audience with his piano skills. Quickly, Dave Luhrsen asked if Ron would be interested in playing the piano for the Rotary luncheons, and he started coming every week. Two years later Ron joined Rotary in 2016-17. Ron has been an official Rotarian for 5 years, but part of our family even longer!

What is your favorite piece about the club? The community! I like the way that the club welcomes you into the fold. They embrace you for who you are, not for your business or social status.

Exciting News About 6 Rotarians!

MEMBER Milestones

It is always a thrill to be able to share great news about our members with the club. Take a minute to share your congratulations and support with these Rotarians.....

Sunny Alexander and her husband Jordan have formed [PMI South Tampa](#), a full service property management company specializing in vacation rental management. We wish them much success in their new endeavor!

Lohuwa Mamudu has been working hard on his doctoral studies and teaching at USF. He recently earned his Ph.D in statistics and accepted a tenure-track position at Cal State-Fullerton. He will leave us at the end of the month. We will miss him but are excited for his bright future!

Bobby and Eric Newman were awarded the 2021 Gonzmart Family Tourism Ambassador of the Year award by Visit Tampa Bay. This top honor celebrates the JC Newman Cigar Family's contributions to promoting tourism in our community. Congratulations!

John Neukamm is now a retiree! He recently closed the books on a long and successful legal career, and can now dedicate himself even further to travel, his grandchildren, and to taking photos for the many organizations he supports. Enjoy your many vacations!

Lisa Reeves has been appointed to two new leadership boards in our community, highlighting her dedication to diverse causes and the talent to make a difference. USF Public Media and Artspace Tampa Initiative are lucky to have her!

Do you have news to share? [Let the club office know!](#)

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