



Governors Message

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Greetings Rotary Clubs of District 6890,



As, I traveled throughout the District, I shared Goals, Objectives, and Initiatives of Shekhar and as well as what I set forth for our District in 2021-2022. All the District Goals are quite relevant particularly during these uncertain times. We are trying to Do More and Grow More through membership (Each One; Bring One) and share the gift of Rotary. Then we want to continue with our Humanitarian Relief because we are here to **◆Serve to Change Lives◆**, but we must continue to give to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) particularly to the Annual Fund. So, we can receive our dividends from TRF in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF). However, the one goal that resonated throughout the clubs was Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). I explained the reality, importance, and significance of DEI for Rotarians, who are considered **◆People of Action◆**.

First the reality is change which is difficult for some individuals but if we follow the Four-Way Test, change can enhance the lives of those within the communities of which we live and serve. So, happen in Rotary our

moment in time is NOW, because the World has changed. Rotary International has recognized that we have an active role in society, and it must include everyone from all walks of life-we should never sit in judgement of anyone.

Second, DEI is important to raise Rotarian◆s awareness of the diverse community; build Rotarian◆s level of support for increasing diversity; and when you diversify your club it is a better representation of leadership and the working professionals in your community.

Lastly, the significance of DEI occurs when, we define the culture which we are living in today. Then, we make a concerted effort to learn, educate (yourself, others, and club members), understand, and recognize the differences and try to accept DEI. By increasing our efforts to put DEI at the core of the Rotary experience, we create an environment that makes everyone feel welcome, included, and valued, and one that represents Rotary at its very best.

Diversity refers to inclusion of people from many groups. It is a source of innovation, as well as one of Rotary◆s core values. Having members with different backgrounds and viewpoints give your club a broader understanding of the community, its problems, and possible solutions. Strive to have a group of members who offer the club diverse skills, talents, and experiences. If your club includes different ethnicities, ages, and cultures, as well as a good gender balance, it will have greater capacity to serve your community and communities around the world. Equally important is creating a culture of inclusion, where these differences are respected, supported, and valued.

So, making Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion a priority is everyone◆s responsibility◆from Club members to Rotary Staff members.

in Rotary Service,
Deborah L Williams
Deborah L. Williams
District Governor 2021-2022

Polio Plus update from Foundation Polio Chair

By Nicholas R. Hall

OCTOBER 24TH, 2022: *WORLD POLIO-FREE DAY*

If we Rotarians are unable to fulfill our obligation to eradicate polio this current Rotary year, the opportunity may be gone forever. Since the end of January 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been detected: one each in Afghanistan and Pakistan. While government health officials in those countries are continuing the effort to stamp out the virus, it won◆t be easy in that unstable corner of the world. Another potential barrier is misinformation about the efficacy of vaccines.

Despite the overwhelming evidence that the benefits of vaccines far outweigh potential adverse effects, a significant number of citizens in some of the most advanced countries on the planet are refusing to be vaccinated against the covid-19 causing SARS virus. Throughout Europe

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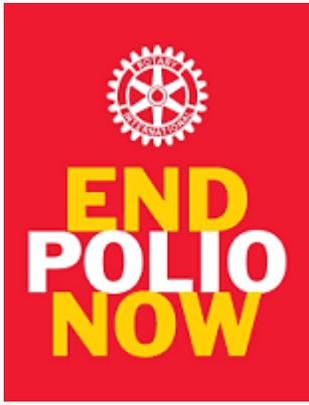


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and in the U.S., there are widely publicized protests by vaccine opponents, which in Florida is prompting some politicians to reconsider long standing mandates to protect children against illnesses such as measles and polio. If influential people in developed countries continue questioning the benefits of vaccines, we will quickly lose the moral authority to urge our global neighbors to accept them. Given the current trend, it may be just a matter of time before the politicization of covid spills into the polio arena. That's why our support of the End Polio Now campaign is more urgent than ever. There are two ways you can help.

1. As an individual, donate at least \$100 per year to the End Polio Now campaign and become a member of the Polio Plus Society. Last month, instructions for doing this were sent to all club presidents. Do so by October 24th (World Polio Day), and you will become a charter member. You will also earn credits toward a Paul Harris fellowship and eventually Major Donor status when the respective criteria have been met. In addition to individual donations, please make sure a portion of your club's fund-raiser is earmarked for the eradication of polio. Find the Polio Plus Society Pledge Form [HERE!](#)
1. Make individual and club donations to the Rotary Foundation. There are seven areas of focus that will indirectly decrease the incidence of polio. One is **water, sanitation, and Hygiene**. (Polio is spread through contact with contaminated water). Another is **Peace and Conflict Resolution**. (It's not easy to vaccinate children while dodging bullets spewing from an AK-47). Money directed toward **Maternal, and Child Health** is highly relevant. (Children are most susceptible to polio). Even the newest focus, **Supporting the Environment** is relevant. (Climate change has already seen the arrival of dengue fever and Zika virus from the tropics to the southern U.S). Large scale migration of populations impacted by natural disasters could see the spread of a variety of diseases, including variants of polio if it's allowed to remain in the population and mutate.

October 24th is World Polio Day. Please plan a community-based activity, preferably on that day, or during the preceding week. The time has never been better to change the designation of October 24th from World Polio Day to World Polio-Free Day! You have an opportunity to become a part of history if you and your club make that happen.



If you would like to know more about the Polio Plus program or need a speaker to share the information with your club, contact TRF District Polio Plus Chair, Nick Hall. RotarianNick@gmail.com



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By Duane Williams



District Membership Update - October 2021

In the last few months there has been a lot going on in District 6890. As the District Membership Chair, I love found myself on the road these last three months with your District Governor, Deborah L. Williams as she made her visits to almost all the Rotary Clubs within her District. While accompanying her on those visits I love had a chance to see, hear and learn what the Clubs are doing regarding membership recruitment.

During the District's Foundation, Membership, and Public Image Seminar that was held on August 28, 2021, at the Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland, Florida, I found time to talk with several Club Membership Chairs and was happy what I discovered. Many of the Clubs have found creative ways of doing great things despite this Pandemic. They are continuously exploring and seeking new and innovative ways to recruit and bring new members into their Clubs.

To further increase Club membership recruitment, induction, and installations the District Governor communicated to all Club Presidents and Club Membership Chairs that she would be honored and make herself available to do new member inductions and installments. The DG stated that her wish to elevate membership ceremonies, therefore making new membership inductions and installations meaningful and special for each candidate and new member. Such special occasions can be another **vehicle to drive** increased membership growth within the Clubs and the District.

Such an occasion occurred at the Lake Wales Breakfast Rotary Club on September 16, 2021. DG Deborah L. Williams was invited by the President of Lake Wales RC to conduct a special installation of Hondurans Melvin Tejada, CPA, and his wife Lorena Tejada, RN, as Associate Members of Lake Wales RC. Both are active members of the El Progreso Rotary Club where Melvin is the outgoing President for 2020-2021.



Under Melvin's leadership, District 6890 Clubs Lakeland, Bartow, Haines City, Sebring, Sun CityCenter, Plant City Noon, Lakeland South, Highlands County, and Lake Wales Breakfast Club all participated in projects for wells, schools, shelters, hurricane, and COVID-19 relief. District 6890 is truly **International**.

Clubs are not here to serve us; we are here to serve the Clubs. If you have any concerns or questions please call, email or text.

Let's grow together.

Duane Williams
DMC, Rotary District 6890



Winnie M. Marvel
Newsletter Editor



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Leadership Institute Here in District 6890

October 16th 2021



Attend in person in your own District!!!

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Keiser University
2400 Interstate Drive
Lakeland, FL 33805**

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Class begins Saturday October 16th, promptly at 8:15 AM and will be completed by 4:00 PM. Breakfast and registration check-in starts at 7:45 AM.

Parts 1, 2, & 3 will be offered along with the Graduate class Facilitation Techniques
Breakfast, Lunch and all materials for \$100

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Comfort Inn and Suites
3520 Hwy 98 N
Lakeland, FL 33809
863-859-0100

Book by 9/15 for special \$129 rate

District 6890 Foundation Report

By Winnie M. Marvel

Haiti Earthquake Relief

On August 14 of this year, Haiti was struck by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. The devastation was enormous. In the following days your District was at work identifying a Rotary Fund directed to Haiti that we could reliably support to assist in disaster relief. On August 20, DG Deborah Williams sent a letter to all Rotarians of District 6890 asking for donations and offering a matching donation from the District 6890 Foundation on the first \$5,000. received. The funds came in quickly from all areas of the District!
Below is a list of all donations



Name	Club Name	Amount
Hastings	Auburndale	\$50.00
Linda Johnson	Auburndale	\$100.00
RC AP Found.	Avon Park	\$500.00
Frisbie	Bartow	\$100.00

Bartow Rotary Foundation	Bartow Rotary	\$500.00
Williams	FishHawk/Riverview	\$50.00
Deborah Williams	FishHawk/Riverview	\$100.00
Ellen Kehoe	Haines City	\$50.00
Sherman DAF	Highlands Co.	\$500.00
Anonymous	Lake Wales	\$100.00
Loudon	Lakeland	\$100.00
James Lovely	Lakeland Sunrise	\$50.00
Carlson	New Tampa	\$50.00
Grinnell	New Tampa	\$100.00
Guidera	New Tampa	\$50.00
Morris	New Tampa	\$25.00
Page	New Tampa	\$20.00
Palmer	New Tampa	\$10.00
Thomas Wade	New Tampa	\$100.00
RC of Highlands Co.	RC of Highlands Co.	\$500.00
Cohen	Tampa	\$5,000.00
Smith, S	Tampa	\$100.00
Linda Devine	Tampa	\$100.00
Lynn Federspiel	Tampa North	\$50.00
Warren	Tampa Westchase	\$500.00
Schwarz	Tampa Westshore	\$15.00
Almeida	Ybor City	\$25.00
Joyce and Gary Gunter	New Tampa	\$155.00
		\$9,000.00

The District matched these donations with \$5,000. and on September 22, a check for \$14,000 was sent to the Haiti Rotary Action Group for Disaster Relief. Since that time, the District 6890 Foundation has received two more donations for this cause; Lake Wales Breakfast Club \$1,000 PDG Ed Odom \$250

So all total, our District has raised \$15,250. for Haiti relief efforts. Thank you to all Rotarians in the District for your generosity!

Veterans Day Flags for Heroes



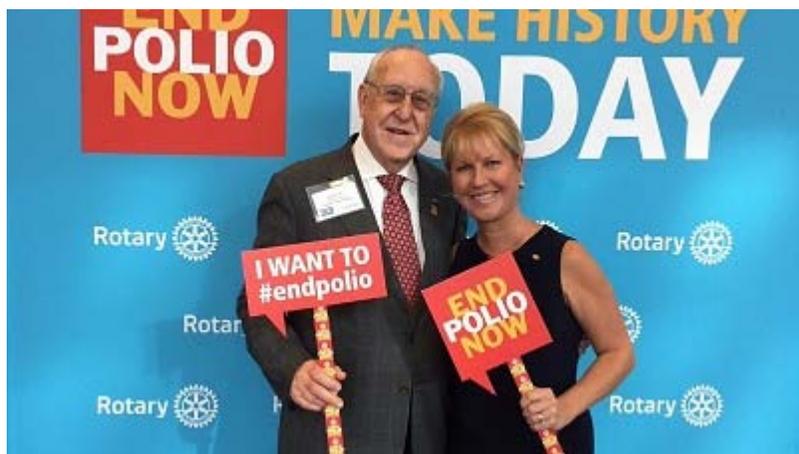
Honor your personal heroes and support our community at the second annual Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes. This spectacular visual honor for our loved ones, military, veterans, first responders, medical staff, teachers, and more will be on November 11 -13, kicking off on Veterans Day in advance of Hillsborough County's official celebration. Over 250 flags will fill Veterans Memorial Park in a patriotic tribute to the strength of our community and to those who make a difference. Each 3x5 flag bears a keepsake medallion with the name of an honoree, their service information, and the sponsor's name. Funds raised through this event support the

community service grants funded by the Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation and serve children and families in Hillsborough County. In 2020, The Rotary Club of Tampa invested over \$85,000 in grants and projects when our community needed it most. This year, the Club hopes to bring local Rotarians together to deepen our impact much further. Flags for Heroes is a national Rotary program, successfully hosted by various Clubs all over the country. We are thrilled to join them in honoring the heroes from our community and beyond.

The event committee is a combined effort of Rotary Club of Tampa members, Hillsborough County government, and community volunteers. An event like this brings everyone together and showcases the best of our community and of Rotary.

You can support this cause and honor your own heroes at the event website, www.flagsforheroestampa.org. Learn more by contacting the event chair, Kevin Beckner, at kevin@kevinbeckner.com. Thank you, Rotarians!

Coffee with Rotary International Past President John Germ



District 6890 is honored to have RIPP John Germ as our zoom guest to discuss The Rotary Foundation and give our members an accurate and timely update.

Polio and Rotary Foundation Update

All Rotarians are invited to Zoom together for a Coffee Hour with our Rotary Foundation Chair, Rotary International Past President John Germ on Saturday, October 9th at 9 am. John will update us all on where we are in our efforts to eradicate Polio and what is happening with The Rotary Foundation. It should be an interesting hour and we hope you can join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87126593215?pwd=cHNINmM1OTNyNVB5emhBNURHZXBrUT09>

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Learn more about RIPP John Germ [Read More](#)

Rotary International Convention June 4-8 2022 Houston

By Winnie M. Marvel



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An International Convention held in the United States is a great opportunity for our American members to easily attend a Convention and experience the magic of this event. Once you attend one, you are always wondering how you can go every year! Each convention is years in the making and hosts dozens of renowned speakers, many special activities and countless opportunities for fellowship and learning.

Now is the time to gather your club members and plan a trip to Houston for what is sure to be the best Rotary experience of your life.

This year's convention will be held in Houston TX, June 4th through 8th of 2022.

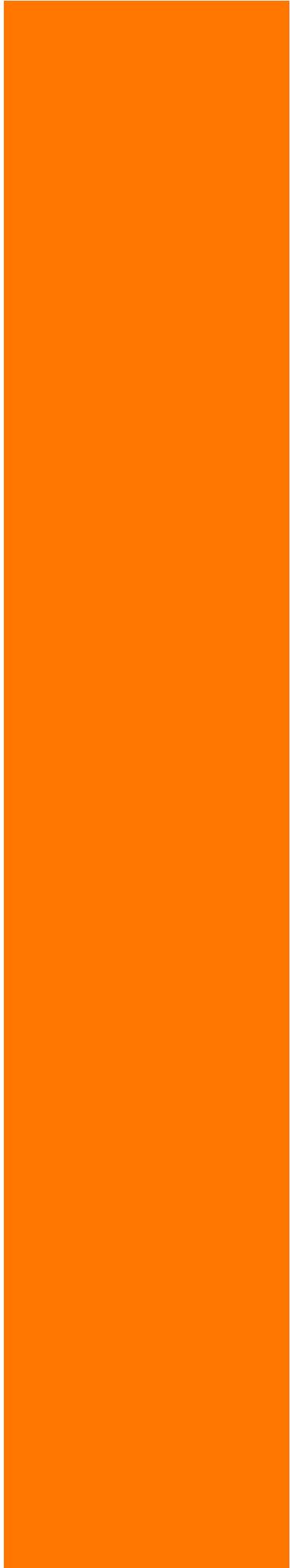
By going to the Rotary.org site you can easily schedule your attendance, your activities and your hotel. Rotary has negotiated with many local hotels and offer members special pricing. The host committee has planned many fun activities including a Rugby or a Soccer game, a museum outing, or tour the space center. But don't wait, as there is limited capacity on events and you don't want to miss out!

[Houston Convention Registration Page](#)

Your Shot at the Moon to End Polio

Be Part of History and Help to raise money for the Polio Plus program at the same time. See below or click the link for the PDF version.

[PDF Version Here](#)





Shoot for the Moon to end Polio

District Governor Barry Gainer and District 6980 Invite You to send your Rotary Club Picture to the Moon and Help Eradicate Polio from the Face of the Earth.

1. Contribute - Pass the hat for Polio Plus, Minimum \$10.00 Contribution. Collect during the week of Oct. 24, World Polio Day.
2. Take Photo - All who contribute are invited to be in a group photo with the club banner.
3. Send photo to the Moon: Go to website "Going to the Moon": <https://vsclunaralliance.com> (Photo must be compressed or resized to 1 MB or less before sending. See Instructions below.)
4. Club Treasurer, Send contributions to: The Rotary Foundation, Polio Fund.
5. To maximize participation, don't forget to remind the club the week before to bring their \$10.00 for the contribution and the picture taking, put it in your club newsletter and website.



Your Club digital photos on the Moon.

Suggest that your club photographer takes group picture with the Club banner included. Collect \$10.00 per person for the Polio Bucket. The Club will forward the donations to The Rotary Foundation, Polio Fund.

The photos must be resized (max. 4" x 6") in "Landscape" format with a max size of 1MB, with a max height of 600 pixels, see instructions below for resizing. Larger Clubs may take more pictures. Each additional picture will require additional website entries.

Only one picture per website entry. The Website address is: www.vsclunaralliance.com
You will receive a certificate by email upon completion of the submission.

Resizing for an Apple Computer:

1. Go to Photos.
2. Select the photo of choice.
3. Select the File.
4. Select Export.
5. Select Export 1 Photo.
6. A pop up window will appear, adjust fields per below image
 - Photo Kind: JPEG
 - JPEG Quality: Maximum
 - Size Custom Max Height of 600 pixels.
7. Select Export.
8. Confirm Desktop is selected (This is where you will be exporting the file to)
9. Select Export.
10. Receive a notification that the export has been completed.

Computers with Microsoft Operating Systems

To resize a photo on a computer with a Microsoft Operating System, choose one of these three free websites: picresize.com, resizeyourimage.com, resizeimage.net

Follow the instructions at the website you chose.

Android Cell Phones:

1. Select the photo in Gallery.
2. Select edit (the pencil under the photo).
3. Tap on the Menu (3 vertical dots in the upper left corner of the screen) select resize.
4. Select the proper percentage. For photos up to 2.5 MB select 40%, for larger photos, select 20%.

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How You Can Get on Board with the Rotary License Plate

By Deborah G Meegan



A new specialty license plate featuring the iconic Rotary symbol is now available to members of Rotary Clubs as well as their families, friends and supporters with proceeds from their sale helping fund youth programs across eight Rotary Districts. We need to pre-sell 3,000 tags before production begins.

Adhering to the branding style of Rotary International, the new Florida Rotary license plate features the Rotary icon over a blue background and a series of multi-color waves at the bottom all symbolizing the water that surrounds the state and the diversity of our residents. The new license plate was signed into law in mid 2020, completing a multi-year effort by Rotary Florida District leaders who worked together to achieve this result. Leaders of Camp Florida, a Rotary-focused campground for children with disabilities, proposed the idea of having a Rotary Florida tag and worked on it from start to finish.

After being signed into law, the Rotary-inspired tag design underwent a process of official reviews by Rotary International and the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, both of which approved the tag for pre-production in late 2020. The Rotary specialty tag now available in Florida shows that the spirit of Service Above Self remains strong among Rotarians, who saw this opportunity to fund youth-oriented programs using the ubiquitous media of a Florida license plate.

Florida Rotary District Governor Nominees in all eight Florida districts launched a website for pre-sales of the Rotary specialty plate at www.FloridaRotaryTag.com. Once on the website, anyone who wishes to purchase a pre-sale voucher can click into an official DMV website to complete the reservation process. Be one of the first 3,000 proud Rotarians to order your plate. Order yours today.



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Nominations for District Governor 2024-25 Now Open!



Please send applications directly to PDG Mark Scolnick via email. You may send email to him directly from this Newsletter by clicking on his name in the District Leaders section on the right sidebar. Please click "See More" to read the details of qualifying and proposing candidates.

STATUS

The Governor is an officer of RI nominated by the clubs of a district and elected by the convention of RI. The governor's term of office begins on 1 July and continues for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified.

QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the qualifications of governor nominee (below), a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly.

DUTIES

The district governor's responsibilities can be found in Lead Your District: Governor (233). This manual is updated annually. ([CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT MANUAL](#)) In addition to fulfilling their responsibilities, district governors are expected to adhere to the Rotary Code of Ethics.

GOVERNOR NOMINEE MUST;

1. At the time of taking office must have been a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for at least seven years.
2. Have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions, and have a classification whose integrity is without question.
3. Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club, having the full term from the date of the charter to June 30, provided that this period is for at least six months.
4. Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 15.090.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its general Secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them. This statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully.

More information on the governor-nominee's responsibilities can be found in the Rotary Learning Center (use the dropdown menu "Rotary Links" at the top of this page to go to the Learning Center).

Clubs who wish to submit the name of a candidate for consideration should, first, vote at a regular meeting to submit the name of the candidate, then complete and forward the District Governor-Nominee Application Form to DG Mark Scolnick before 10/31/21

[CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT APPLICATION](#)