



## Governors Message, Your Rotary Foundation



Greetings Rotary Clubs of District 6890,

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The seed for the Rotary Foundation was planted in 1917 when outgoing Rotary President Arch Klump proposed the setting up of an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. The initial contribution of US\$26.50 looks small. However, when we look back at the last 100 years, most of us, if not all, will begin to appreciate the impact that the initial contribution of US\$26.50 (which is US\$2,650 in today's term) has made to humanity. This amount initiated and galvanized a movement which continue to transform millions of lives around the world. We are now benefitting from a seed which was sown about 100 years ago.

To recapitulate, the mission of the Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. During the last 100 years the Foundation has spent US\$3 billion + on sustainable projects that has benefitted the lives of many, and we continue to serve humanity.

With the support of many generous Rotarians and Non-Rotarians, our 35,000+ Rotary Clubs can continue to carry out sustainable service projects that support Rotary's seven (7) Areas of Focus.

Through your donations and persisted efforts, Polio will become the second deadly human disease to be eradicated after Smallpox. We are ALMOST THERE.

So, when we, Rotarians are united in supporting our Foundation, we can proudly note that much of the good that Rotary does now and will do in the future is because of the Foundation and its promises to transform gifts into projects that change lives.

Our Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta, has invited us to Serve to Change Lives. Let us connect to meaningfully produce a positive impact within our communities of which we live and serve. The joy in service is sweet and the opportunity to recognize what we have done motivates us to forage forth to do more and give more. As for District 6890, we are certainly stronger together.

Thank you for all that you do in the name of Rotary.

Whatever Rotary May Mean To Us, To The World It Will Be Known By The Results It Achieves.  
Paul Harris, 1914

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

## District Membership Update

By Duane Williams

### Let's Continue to Embrace Each One, Bring One to Grow Rotary

We have come to expect and understand, that when RI issues the Semi-Annual Dues invoices, our membership will show a reduction at the same time. Now this is not because members suddenly decide to leave rather than pay, but more a feature created by Clubs clearing their rolls in preparation for the invoice, quite sensibly, not wishing to pay for non-members on their rolls. This could be done contemporaneously, but is often left until the last moment, causing the apparent bigger drop. And so it is that our apparent healthy growth over the past few months gets eroded as seen from the latest figures. This is not a time for us to drop our heads and bemoan the lost growth, but more should inspire us

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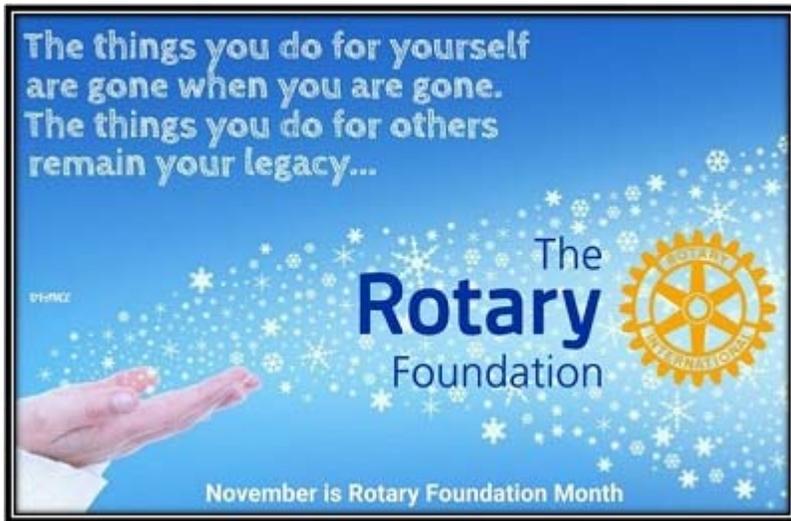
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to create even more growth so that we can sustain the next 'purge' in December, and as a result end the year positively and successfully.  
[Read More](#)

## The Rotary Foundation News for District 6890

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



November is **The Rotary Foundation Month**, although I personally think every month should be a celebration of our fantastic Rotary Foundation! There are few other charities that can boast the record we have for putting our donations to work doing good in the world. That said, this is the time to inspire Rotarians and Rotaractors through stories of impact in our seven areas of focus.

You are encouraged to invite a **speaker** to join your club meeting in November and share their experience with a Foundation program. The options are endless and could include featuring a Peace Fellow, grant recipient, grant partner, member, or donor who have been touched by The Rotary Foundation.

There are some short **Rotary Foundation videos** you can share at: <https://vimeo.com/rotary/trf>

This is new- **Rotary Showcase**: this is where you can go to find project ideas.  
[https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_showcase.aspx](https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx)

Also this month, be sure to promote **Giving Tuesday**, which falls in Foundation Month on November 30th. **Holiday Giving** and **End of Year Giving** are right around the corner too. Did you know that nearly 1/3 of all charitable giving occurs in December?

Does your club have a Rotary Foundation Giving Goal? Can you inspire each Rotarian to reach their philanthropic goals? Current district giving to the Foundation is about 26% of the goal. This is based on our fiscal year ending June 2022.

There are resources available to assist in planning on how a donor will give their gift to The Rotary Foundation and do more good in the world. These include:

- [IRA Rollover forms](#)
- [Publicly Traded Securities](#)

Finally, thank you to all of you who are supporting The Rotary Foundation regularly! To all others, please consider enrolling in automatic giving to The Rotary Foundation. It is easy to do and can be set up on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. The program is called **EREY - Every Rotarian, Every Year**. Less than 12% of our district members are participating at this point. You can do an amount that works for you and donations will go to TRF Annual Fund. Learn more here:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/annual-fund-and-share>



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Feel free to reach out to me with questions or to chat about additional resources. Thank you!  
Yours in Rotary Service -  
iPDG Mark G. Scolnick, District 6890 Foundation Chair  
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## District Conference Save the Date

*Save The Date*  
*May 13-15, 2022*  
*All Rotarians, Families and Guests are cordially invited to District 6890's Annual Conference at RP Funding Center of Lakeland*

Rotary  |  **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

*Rotary District 6890 Conference 2022*

*Spring Hill Suites - Lakeland*  
*511 W Lime St, Lakeland, FL 33815*  
*Rotary Group Rate \$119 USD per night*  
*Rotarians call: Marriott Central Reservations*  
*1-888-236-2427 and mention "Rotary District Conference"*  
*Last day to book at this rate : Thursday, April 14, 2022*



## Rotary Works-Shark Infested Waters!



There are many reasons that Rotary Membership is valuable, as you know. We cherish our fellowship and friends and enjoy the opportunity for service. Now there is yet another value added proposition with Rotary in the form of Rotary Works. This initiative from Rotary International offers educational and interesting material not just for navigating your Rotary Club, but also your career.

Rotary Works has recently refocused from Career Transition to **Career Development**. The [November Newsletter](#) has more info on Rotary Works, Career Coaching, Impact Grants and MORE.

Don't miss the November program, *"Navigating the Shark-Infested Waters of the Workplace"* on **WEDNESDAY, November 10 at 5:30 pm EDT** - here's the rundown:

Politics in the workplace can be challenging to deal with, but it is something that you may encounter at some point and understanding how to deal with it appropriately is important. Are there others who are competing with you for promotions or assignments? Do you find yourself unsure of whether you're succeeding in the eyes of your boss? From managing professional relationships in an organization, to dealing with culture change, this webinar will teach you how to be aware of certain situations, and how to handle them the right way.

[Register NOW](#)

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## District 6890 Haiti Relief Update

By Winnie M. Marvel

*Since this article was published in October, there has been an update;*

In October a check was received from The Rotary Club of New Tampa in the amount of \$2,000, which brings the total donations from District 6890 to \$17,250. These donations were sent to PDG Phil Lustig who is handling the contributions for the Disaster Network of Relief Rotary Action Group. (DNA-RAG). These funds are directed to District 7020 (Haiti) and 100% of your dollars will benefit those in need there.

Thank you everyone that supported this effort. Continue reading below for the original article and a list of all who assisted in this effort!

## 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!

## 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](#)

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## October News Broadcast



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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](http://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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