



# BULLETIN

## Club Meeting

New Tampa  
Meets at Currently meeting via Hybrid format (Zoom and in-person) until further notice. Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club  
5811 Tampa Palms Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33646  
Time: Friday at 07:00 AM

## Events

January 19th  
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
January 26th  
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
February 2nd  
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
February 9th  
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
February 13th  
[New Tampa BOD Meeting](#)

## Birthdays



Lesley S. Zajac  
January 21st



Gerry Cecci  
January 24th



Ann C. Wade  
January 31st



Nikki Smith  
February 10th



Gerard A. Perret Jr.  
February 13th



Al Kasahara  
February 16th

## Wedding Anniversaries



Karen Mess Frashier  
January 26th

## Club Leaders



Ken Guidera  
President



Alfred Allen  
President-Elect



Gerry Cecci  
Vice President



Walter Oles Jr.  
Treasurer

## Three F's and an S

By Jozsef Toth on Thursday, July 27, 2023

Focus of Rotary International, New Tampa

**FUN, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, and SERVICE**

## Zoom Link for Friday Club Meetings

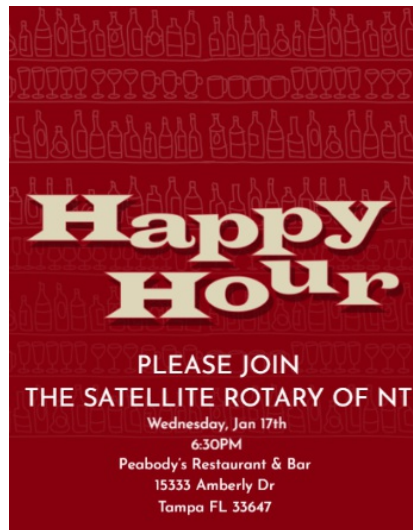
By Jozsef Toth on Thursday, August 17, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83781892870?pwd=WTR5RDE3b0NOWHhRTlva0JM5DFVz09>

This does not change, so it is good every week.

## 6:30 PM Wed, Jan 17 at Peabody's Restaurant



## Song of the Week - This Land is Your Land

### This Land is Your Land Song by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, and this land is my land

From California to the New York island.

From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream  
wa-ters.

This land was made for you and me.



As I went walking that ribbon of  
highway.





Matthew Palmer  
Secretary



Lesley S. Zajac  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Karen Mess Frashier  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcer  
Club Public Image Chair



Peter Paul Gambacorta  
Senior Director



John Preston Longmire  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Michael Berthelette  
Satellite Club Membership Chair



Laura Calco  
Satellite Club Serv Proj Chair



Cam Caudle  
Satellite Club Sergeant-at-Arms



Kyle Fischel  
Satellite Club Treasurer



David Graff  
Satellite Club Chair



Tom Gruber  
Satellite Club Chair Elect



Colin S. Beach  
Membership Chair



Paul V. Suppich Esg.  
Club Admin Chair



Debby L. Amon  
Club Service Chair



Constance F. Bladon CFRE  
Club Fundraising Chair



Ashvin Maharaj  
Past President



William Frank Moore  
Club Strategic Planning



#### Account Leaders



Steve Overton  
District Governor



Chevon Thompson Baccus  
DG-Elect



Linda W. Devine Ph.D.  
DG-Nominee & AG



Deborah G Meegan  
PDG



Mark Gilbert Scolnick  
District Rotary Foundation Chair



Chad M. Norgard  
District Public Image Chair



And I saw above me that endless  
skyway.

I saw below me that golden  
valley.

This land was made for you and  
me...

This land is your land, and this land is my land

From California to the New York island. From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream  
wa-ters.

This land was made for you and me.



### Guest Speaker: Conversation regarding military history



### Text Ram to attend Friday Jan 19, Potluck Happy Hour

#### ROTARY POTLUCK HAPPY HOUR at Ram's Place



Important Information:

**RSVP Ram Directly via text 813-313-7527 (asap)**

**BYOB & Appetizer to Share**

Friday January 19, 2024  
6 pm to 8 pm

16179 Colchester Palms Drive

(Tampa Palms "Buckingham Neighborhood")

**Gate Code \*0092**

### High School Students are required to have volunteer service hours

The Rotary Club of New Tampa and USF Rotaract have an upcoming service opportunity ideal for the Interact members.

Feeding Tampa Bay Warehouse Volunteering  
Sat, Jan 27, 2024

9 AM - 12 PM EST

Additional information and sign-up available through USF Rotaract Bulls Connect <https://cmlink.me/2k5/>

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Sue Birge  
Assistant Governor



John M. Eason  
Assistant Governor



Charles Harris  
Assistant Governor



Connie Huber  
Assistant Governor



Walter Oles Jr.  
Assistant Governor



Clarice Roth  
Assistant Governor



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Assistant Governor



Carol J. Wallace  
Assistant Governor



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District Secretary



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Sunava Rahman  
District Rotaract Representative



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Rotary Leadership Institute Chair



Michael Broussard  
Training Coordinator



Winnie M. Marvel  
Newsletter Editor



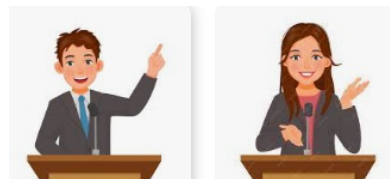
Nathan D. Marvel  
DCO-District Comm. Officer



### Save the Date Friday, February 2; 10 am to 2 pm

More details coming soon.

### Speech Contest - Feb 9th



Please encourage any high school students in the area to participate in the annual Rotary Speech contest. Please speak with Colin Beach or Craig DiCecco if you have any questions. This is a great opportunity for our youth and community.

### Family of Rotarian Rick Borgstrom from Tampa Midtown dealing with Tragedy

Our friend and PDG from 1998 and faithful Rotarian Rick Borgstrom from Tampa Midtown is facing a tragic occurrence in his family. A fire burned down the home where his stepdaughter and husband were staying in North Tampa, and he says they have been left with nothing. It happened on New Year's Eve. The husband, Dennis received terrible burns trying to rescue the family pets, to no avail. He had been hospitalized. Now they're trying to pick up the pieces. No insurance; both on public assistance. Here's Dennis's GoFundMe link:

[Fundraiser by Dennis West : Please help us \(gofundme.com\)](#)

This is a sad situation and it's important that we Rotarians, respond when we can for one of us who is in need. That's one way we Create Hope in the World.

### Prospective Member: T. Damo Damodaran with extensive involvement with Rotary International

#### T. Damo Damodaran: Prospective Member

Damo started out as a participant in Rotary Youth Camp (now known as RYLA). He was a founding charter member of the Rotaract Club of Coimbatore (India) in 1974. He was sponsored by Rotary International District 320 as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar to study at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA in 1976.



Upon further scholarship and graduation, Damo began his career in the financial industry. He was invited to, and joined Heights of Greater Cleveland Rotary Club and the following year he transferred to Berea (Ohio) Rotary Club, where he served as Club President in 1983-84. He served in District Rotary Foundation and World Community Service committees prior to being elected as District 6630 Governor in 1988-89. At the Zone level, he served in various committees, including multi-district PETS and as chair of Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) program. At the International level, Damo has served as RI President's Representative, as a member of Preserve Planet Earth Committee, as USCB Coordinator for Rotaract Task Force, and as a delegate to the Council on Legislation. In 2006, Damo moved to Southern California and joined Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club where he served as Club President (2019-20) and as member orientation coordinator. He had the pleasure of hosting Youth Exchange students, Group Study Exchange team (GSE), Vocational Training Team (VTT), Friendship Exchange team members. He served as District 5330 Chairman of Rotaract Committee, Rotary Foundation Alumni Association, and Strategic Planning Committee. Damo is a retired Financial Advisor.

### Spring River Fest on Hillsborough River



### Rotary Club of New Tampa Mission Statement

We promote the development of genuine friendships by helping members build their strengths to apply the ideal of "service above self." We positively impact the lives of others in our community and support Rotary International's global and service efforts.



### What Is Rotary?



We are 1.2 million community and business leaders who create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable. We are [people of action](#).

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## DGND Selected for D6890

By Steve Overton



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## Rotary Foundation News in District 6890

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



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## January 2024 Message from DG Steve

By Steve Overton

There is an old expression, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Peace and conflict resolution is one of RI's seven areas of focus, and it would be good if all Rotarians, all the time, considered themselves peacemakers. There are opportunities all around us to fulfill that role, and if we are looking, we will find them. The next time a Rotarian talks out of turn, spreads a rumor, or says something that could divide us we have a burden, a real responsibility, not to contribute to that kind of negativity. It's much easier to be critical, to take shots from the back of the room, and to be disgruntled, than it is to build up, to support, and encourage.

Of course, when people are involved, there will be some imperfect moments. A president whose ideas you don't like, a fellow Rotarian you are not a fan of, or even dues you don't want to pay.

But what's our responsibility? To make togetherness more likely, not less.

To cooperate and to promote cooperation.

To be forgiving, understanding, and accepting, realizing that folks are the way they are for a reason. And not everyone can



suddenly cure themselves. After all, how are we going to be effective servants "creating hope and good in the world, if we are distracted by personality issues? There will always be the potential for conflict. Let's do all we can to resolve such matters, so that we can serve the greater good. That will build goodwill and better friendships and will be beneficial to all concerned.

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## Let's Focus on Membership

By Duane Williams

Monthly Membership Update from District Membership Chair  
Duane Williams



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## Bay Area Renaissance Festival Opportunity

The upcoming Renaissance Festival is in Dade City, Feb. 17th thru March 31st. The event offers non-profits opportunities for fundraising - either concessions, parking or group sales. It seems like a great way to showcase Rotary! This might be a good idea for a youth services fundraiser as it would take many volunteers. It's 7 weekends.

[Download the flier here if you are interested!](#)

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