

February 12, 2023 Imaginarian

It is good to be a Rotarian, especially when we share experiences that remind us that we are a global organization, impacting people around the world. Here are just a few examples of our District's global impact.



Seven members from **The Lakeland Rotary Club**, along with family members and friends recently returned from Honduras where they partnered with **Honduras Compassion Partners** in #TransformingLaPaz. The team built a wood house, installed water filters, constructed latrines, cooked and fed two neighborhoods, built a pila (water storage), painted the outside of an elementary school and refreshed an elementary school library. This library was originally funded by the **FishHawk-Riverview Rotary Club**. TLRC donated \$1000 to purchase 200 new books to add to the library after the team emptied and cleaned everything in the library. A team led by Ed Odom from **FHRRRC** will be going to La Paz on 2.21.23. The Lakeland team collected school supplies and musical instruments that they took with them and donated in La Paz. They will be sharing their Honduras experience at The Lakeland Rotary Club meeting on Feb. 28th.

This week our District hosted 9 **Rotarians from Peru – Rotary District 4455**. It has been wonderful sharing with them the best of District 6890 and learning from them the projects their clubs are working on in their communities. These Rotarians are making an impact by supporting skills training for youth and young mothers so they can obtain jobs. They support projects that teach computer skills, sewing skills, and hair dressing skills to low income individuals. They also support programs to bring modern medical equipment to their clinics so they can provide better medical care. They will be leaving on Feb 19th and we are currently collecting hair dressing equipment for them to transport back to their county. If you can donate items such as curling irons, straightening irons, scissors, hair clippers etc., please contact me. Thank you.



We are also collecting gently used musical instruments to donate to local schools in Cozumel on our **RotaryDistrict Imagination Conference Cruise**. Let Kim Tyson know if you have an instrument to donate by emailing her at hummingbird133@fastmail.com to coordinate pick-up of the musical instruments.

Feb 19 The **Ybor Club** is hosting its 12th **Annual Golf Tournament** which will be played at MacDill Air Force Base. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year, and you can register your foursome for a day of golfing, contests, lunch/dinner, and silent auctions by contacting Leland Baldwin at lelandtoman@gmail.com or 813-245-2776.

Mar 3 **Plant City Rotarians** are hosting the **Strawberry Festival Special Smiles Day** from 9 am to 12 noon, providing those with special needs a fun, safe, and sensory friendly environment. And don't forget these two other opportunities to connect:

- The **District 6890 Imagination Cruise District Conference** sailing on 3/27/2023. <https://csherman.dreamvacationsgroups.com/index.html#/groups/10763769>
- The **Rotary International Convention is in Melbourne, Australia**. <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

