

February 12, 2023 Imaginarian Cycling-Running-Dancing

What do Cycling, Running and Dancing have in common?
They are all successful **Rotary Fundraisers for a Cause.**

- **Running for a Cause:** The **Four Rotary Clubs** in Lakeland recently hosted the Twilight 5K which benefits Common Ground Playground – a park where children of varying abilities can explore and discover with imaginative play experiences. **The Lakeland Rotary Club, the Sunrise Rotary Club, the Lakeland South Rotary Club and the Lakeland Tigertown Rotary Club** have worked together to support this park since its inception and proceeds from this annual race will be used to support the ongoing maintenance.
- **Cycling for a Cause:** The **Tampa Midtown Rotary Club Presented \$22,000 to USF Autism Programs.** These funds were raised at their **11th Annual Cycling for Autism** event. These **Rotarians** have been passionate about supporting programs focused on helping individuals with autism and their families since 2009. USF will use the money for the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD), and the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) educational programs.
- **Dancing for a Cause:** **The Plant City Rotary Club** recently used the proceeds from their **Dancing with the Locals** fundraiser to supply the Plant City Police Department with 52 life-saving AEDs worth \$92,000. These AEDs will be placed in each patrol vehicle. Their wildly successful fundraiser raised over \$125,000. The remaining money coupled with their wildly successful Wild Game Dinner will be used for scholarships and other local community projects. **Plant City Police Department receives donation of new AED units (fox13news.com)**

If your Club has a Cause or an event to share, contact Linda Devine at linda-rotary@ut.edu. And, post it on DACdb so any Rotarian in our District can see it on our shared calendar. Let us know what you have been up to so we can share with our District Rotarians.

Upcoming Opportunities to connect:

Feb 28 - Rotary Club of Tampa -Giving Day Celebration – It's a party with a purpose! 6 - 8 pm Ferguson Law Center. The **Tampa Rotary Club** will be handing our checks to 17 grant recipients totaling \$80,000. Food, live music and **Rotary Fellowship.** This networking opportunity is open to all **Rotarians** and to the community. Register on the DACdb calendar.

Mar 3 - Rotarians from the **Plant City Rotary Club** are hosting the **Strawberry Festival Special Smiles Day** from 9 am to 12 noon. This time slot provides those with special needs a fun, safe, and sensory friendly environment at the Strawberry Festival.

Mar 3 - Brandon Rotary Club Wild Game Dinner – Hillsborough County Fairgrounds 6pm to 10pm. Food, music, door prizes and raffles. For tickets contact Joe Campoamor at 813-748-2076 or email jcampoamor@integritytf.com

Mar 3-5 - Rotary Florida PETS – Doubletree Orlando – Training for all President Elects

Mar 27 - April 1- District 6890 Imagination Cruise District Conference sailing on 3/27/2023.
<https://csherman.dreamvacationsgroups.com/index.html#/groups/10763769>

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -Mahatma Gandhi

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Debbie Meegan
District Governor
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