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**“No challenge is too big for us.”**

I read that statement on the RI website and thought of all of you and the work that we do to make our communities more resilient. This past week I asked for your help in providing disaster relief for Puerto Rico. We know what the aftermath of hurricanes looks like, and together we can make a difference helping Puerto Rico regain its balance. Our District 6890 Foundation Trustees, under the leadership of Foundation President PDG Winnie Marvel, have voted to match the first \$5000 in contributions from Rotarians and Clubs in our District. We will partner with a Rotary Club in Puerto Rico who will determine the areas of greatest need and manage fund distribution.

Now, let me add a few new shout outs this week:

- Thank you, **Westchase Rotary Club**, for your Sept. 24 Road Cleanup to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful! This Club also supports New Life Warehouse, providing household resources to families looking to improve their lives. They can always use help on delivery Saturdays. See DACdb for dates.
- Thank you, **Lakeland Rotary Club**, for your Sept. 24 Cleanup at Lake Wire.
- On Sept. 27 the **Hardee County Rotary Club** will host a social: Let's Freeze Out Polio. It will be held at the Wauchula Train Depot. Proceeds will benefit Polio Plus.
- The **Tampa Rotary Club** is raising funds for its annual Flags for Hillsborough Heroes event that will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on Nov. 11 from 9 to 10 am. Local charities are the beneficiaries, and the event includes a powerful display of over 200 U.S. flags honoring the heroes in our lives.

And, coming soon:

- 10/08 - **Tampa Carrollwood Rotary** Car and Truck Show from 10 am - 4 pm at Carrollwood Village Park
- 10/09 - **Rotary Game Day at the Bucs** is back!
- 10/14 - The **Ybor Rotary Club's** The Bourbon Ball at Grand Cathedral Cigars from 7 to 10 pm
- 10/21 - **The Lakeland Rotary Club's** 5th Annual Golf Championship at the Club at Eaglebrooke
- 10/22 - **Tampa Midtown Rotary Club's** 11th Annual Cycling For Autism on the Courtney Campbell Causeway
- 10/24 - **The Lakeland Rotary Club** is hosting **“Pints To End Polio”** at Swan Brewing on 10/24 starting at 5:30 pm. **Wear your Red!**
- 11/05 - **Brandon 86** Seafood Festival at Rotary's Camp Florida
- 11/ 15 - **District Rotary Foundation Gala** in Lakeland. Registration is open on DACdb.
- 11/24 - The **New Tampa Rotary Club's** 10th Annual Wiregrass Turkey Trot
- 02/03 - **The 4 Lakeland Rotary Clubs** are hosting the 14th Annual 5 Run for Common Ground
- 03/27 - **District 6890 Imagination District Conference Cruise!**

Keep sending us your service and social information and be sure to post it on DACdb. It is so good to know that together we can face any challenge!

On behalf of your District  
Leadership Team  
We are yours in Rotary  
Service

*Debbie Meegan*  
District Governor  
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