



Rotary

NEWSLETTER

District 6890



November 2019

Governors Message

By Darren Kipnis on Thursday, October 31, 2019

Halloween came and went in a flash. I remember the days when I would plan activities with the kids and Trick or Treat with them. It was a wonderful time to connect with the family, dress up in silly costumes with neighbors and friends. My kids are grown and in college and high school now and while I miss those times, I am pleased to have developed relationships through Rotary that allow me to create new memories.

As I think back on the last few months, I've had the opportunity to meet many of you on my club visits, to work with my team to try to develop events such as [The Foundation Family Fest](#), our [District Cruise to Cozumel](#) and more. We've had hurricane Dorian destroy our fellow members in the Bahamas in our own Zone 34. The Rotaractor's from Florida Polytechnic led by Jared Nurse and his team threw a fabulous event to raise awareness and funds for relief efforts. Kevin Kitto our District Disaster Relief chair is planning a trip with an advance team in the coming months to assess their needs and will arrange a project for us.

I will be attending a number of events around the District in the coming months and I encourage you all to look on the DACdb calendar or our [Rotary6890.org](#) website to find these events and to come out to support our clubs. I promise you don't have to be a District Governor to attend. We have the greatest clubs with some really amazing events planned. It is a great way to get out of your club, meet your new best friends and get the most out of Rotary.

November is Foundation Month. Do you realize [The Rotary Foundation has a 4 Star rating from Charity Navigator](#) with a perfect score of 100%? We get to invest in the world with people like Bill & Melinda Gates, the World Health Organization, the U.S.. Centers for Disease Control Prevention and UNICEF. It may be worth looking at your current charities other than RI to see where they stand.

I hope you will sign up on DACdb for our [Foundation Family Fest scheduled for Saturday 11/16 at Lupton's Boggy Bottom Ranch](#). As I went around the district many of you requested a good family-oriented event so we created one. We have reserved room for 100. Please register and attend!



Lakeland North Rotary and District 6890 lost a wonderful lady on October 28. Sue Ann Fee was a longtime (2002) Honorary member of Lakeland North who, along with her husband and Charter Member Jeff Fee, served the Lakeland North club faithfully. Visitors to the Lakeland North club will remember her beautiful piano music that welcomed everyone on Wednesday mornings. You may also remember Sue as the lovely Harpist that graced us with such beautiful music at our annual Foundation Gala for several years.

Services were held Saturday, November 2 at College Heights UMC where Sue served as the organist for 37 years. Instead of flowers, her family has suggested donations to College Heights United Methodist Church Organ Fund, 942 South

Bldv, Lakeland, 33803 or Florida Southern College Department of Music (Development Office, 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, 33801). You may access her obituary for more information about her by visiting [Heath Funeral Chapel here](#). Please keep Jeff in your thoughts and prayers.

Best,

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District Foundation Update

By Gary Gunter

Rotary District 6890 Foundation helps Clubs provide disaster relief after Hurricane Dorian devastates Bahamas

Your Rotary District 6890 Foundation was created in 2008 by then District 6890 Governor Doug Andrews in order to assist Clubs who do not have their own Foundations and to support projects that Clubs across the District support. Clubs and members have given generously, and the Foundation regularly donates and assists with the coordination of Disaster Relief throughout the world. Gift of Life projects have been facilitated through the Foundation and saved the lives of many children, thanks to the tireless efforts of our own Heidi Hess, along with the support of many of our Clubs and members.

Recently, our efforts have turned towards relief for the Bahamians affected by Hurricane Dorian. The Foundation agreed to match donations from Clubs and members, up to \$5000, thereby creating a potential pool of \$10,000 or more for disaster relief for the Bahamas. So far, your Clubs and members have donated over \$6000, exceeding that goal. To donate, simply mail a check made out to ♦Rotary District 6890 Foundation♦ to Joyce Gunter, Treasurer, Rotary District 6890 Foundation, 19120 Nature Palm Lane, Tampa, FL 33647. In the memo line of the check, write ♦Hurricane Dorian relief♦.

We are very excited that our Clubs and members are not only donating but are also creating hands-on projects to directly help the Bahamians who are in such dire need. The Rotary Club of Tampa Westchase has put together a meal packing event to feed children in the affected areas of the Bahamas. Your District 6890 Foundation has donated \$3600 to this effort. They just packed over 50,000 meals!

The Rotaract Club of Florida Polytechnic University has 11 members who hail from the Bahamas and they are passionate about helping their friends and family there. They are putting together a trip to go down and work to get people back on their feet with the goal of helping people return to normal life as soon as possible. They are seeking financial assistance, and your District 6890 Foundation has agreed, at the request of District Governor Kip Kipnis, to donate \$2500 towards that effort.

Are you planning a hands-on effort to help? If so, let us know and we will spread the word! Or, join in on a project already underway.

Rotary International has established a fund to assist in disaster relief for the Bahamas as well. A portion of your donations will go directly to this fund so that Rotarians in the Bahamas may help their fellow citizens recover.

Thank you for all you do for Rotary!

Gary Gunter, President

Rotary District 6890 Foundation, Inc.

Family Foundation FEST!

By Darren Kipnis DG



Join your friends in Rotary District 6890 and celebrate our Rotary Foundation on November 16 - We ♦re calling it the Family Foundation Fest!

We want you to bring your family so here is a very Special Offer ♦ bring your children (under 18) for free!!!!!! *

Your whole family can enjoy the Fun, BBQ and Rotary Fellowship at Lupton ♦s Boggy Bottom Ranch.

What ♦s included?

All you can eat & drink

Covered & Cooled Pavilions

DJ/MC



Assistant Governor



Tommy Griffin
Assistant Governor



Clayton Jenkins
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Ping Pong Table

Playground

Tug O War

The event will be catered by Lupton's, one of the oldest restaurants in Florida who is renowned for their BBQ and for never changing a recipe.

It will be held at Lupton's Boggy Bottom Ranch, nearly 200 acres of pure Florida fun.

There will be a Chili Cookoff for our ♦smokin' hot♦ clubs and ♦extra-spicy♦ chili maestros to show off their best! Challenge DG Kip (former NY restaurant chef) for braggin♦ rights on the ♦People♦s Choice♦ best chili in our District! Contact Event Chair Kim Tyson to compete in the Chili Cookoff. Email: hummingbird133@fastmail.com

The proceeds support our awesome Rotary Foundation and you'll learn all about the great work it does while spending time with Rotarian families from all over District 6890.

The Family Foundation Fest will be held on Nov. 16 from 11am ♦ 4pm. Reservations are required. **Deadline to register is Nov. 13th.**

To Register, go to the DacDB calendar. If you encounter any issues, contact the District Communications Officer, Nathan Marvel nmarvel6890@gmail.com



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Giving Tuesday is Decmeber 3, 2019



Giving Tuesday happens once a year, but your gift of Rotary will make a difference for a lifetime.

This Giving Tuesday, consider making a special gift to The Rotary Foundation and together we can continue Doing Good in the World.

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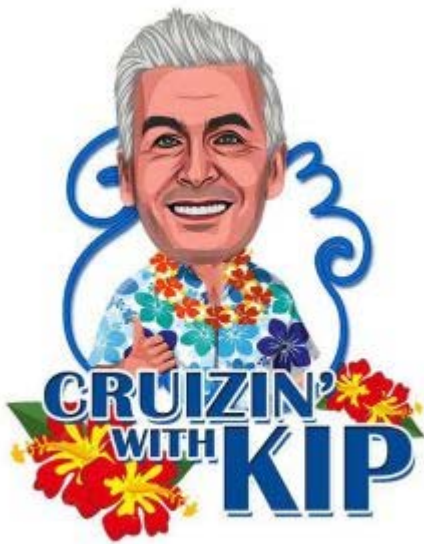
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Please send in your club♦s CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer♦s Research Trust) donations from the first quarter. We're on a mission to shave heads, beards and cure Alzheimer's! Read about this year's fun challenge and learn more at CartFund.org [Read More](#)



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4 nights of sun, fun, service, and fellowship!
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District Newscast October

By Craig Miller



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Remember, if you have news and events from your club that you would like to share with our district, simply send story ready text, photos or video to Sara Grossbarth at sara.grossbarth@wfts.com. Deadline for submissions for the next newscast is November 16th.

If you have a special event, we can even have our news team cover it on location with advance notice.
