

October 31, 2022 Imaginarian

This is a busy season for Rotarians as we come together for fellowship and to serve our communities. It has been heartwarming to see our clubs raise funds for polio, plan and execute activities to support local causes and respond to our Disaster Relief appeal.

In just a few weeks, we collected **\$16,000 for Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief** and **\$26,000 for Florida Disaster Relief**. Each of these funds will receive a **\$5000 match** from our District Rotary Foundation. Our Rotary volunteers made an impact by cleaning up debris, pulling carpet from homes, cutting out flood damaged drywall and coming to the aid of many, many Floridians. There is still much work to be done. Please contact Disaster Relief District Chair Kevin Kitto of the Winter Haven Rotary Club, if you can lend a hand to help with our ongoing disaster relief efforts. **Cell/Text: 863-207-7770 and Email <u>kevin@gokitto.com</u>**

The Rotary Foundation Gala is just around the corner on November 15 in Lakeland. This will be a fun evening celebrating the Foundation, our clubs and our donors. It is the perfect event for new Rotarians to attend and learn about the good things our Foundation does. If you have not registered, please do so today via the DACdb Calendar.

Upcoming November Events:

11/05 - Brandon 86 Seafood Festival at Rotary's Camp Florida – Best seafood this side of the Mississippi!

11/05 - Lake Wales Breakfast Club's Annual Reel 'Em in for Rotary Fishing Tournament- Hook-Line & Winner!

11/11 - Tampa Rotary Club's Flags for Hillsborough Heroes - Veterans Memorial Park from 9 to 10 am.

11/12 – Westchase Rotary hosts its 5th Annual Hunger Project. Meal packers and donations needed..PLEASE.

11/15 - Rotary Foundation Gala in Lakeland. (Sponsors and Silent Auction items needed please! Contact PDG Mark Scolnick) Register at: https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77626025

11/24 - New Tampa Rotary Club's 10th Annual Wiregrass Turkey Trot - Walk -Run - Wobble

Don't forget to register for the **District 6890 Imagination Cruise** sailing on 3/27/2023. You don't want to be left behind!

https://csherman.dreamvacationsgroups.com/index.html#/groups/10763769

If your Club has 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.

I hope that you have time this week to reflect on Rotary and invite a friend to an event.

Together we are doing great things – just Imagine what could be next!

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

Debbie Meegan District Governor 2022-2023

