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## Via Italia.

Happy Hour On Friday November 25th will be at Via Italia.  
Be there at 5PM and seating will be for 8 people, so come early!

## Wiregrass Turkey Trot

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, November 24, 2022

Another one in the books! A huge thank you to the Turkey Trot team that put together another great event. There is not much you can say when you walk around the course and see Rotarians, Rotaractors and volunteers up before sunrise like little elves putting together one of the biggest events that Wesley Chapel has each year. If you missed it, I can't describe it to you in words, so I decided that pictures would be the best way to show you how great of an event this was. Click the read more to see pictures from today's 10th Annual Wiregrass Turkey Trot.



[Read More](#)

## OASIS "Sock"tober thank you!

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, November 17, 2022

OASIS Opportunities would like to send a HUGE thankyou out to the Rotary Club of New Tampa for supporting our 2022 "Sock"tober donation drive by collecting socks for low-income kids. Our "Sock"tober drive was a resounding success with over 3,000 pairs of socks and 225 pairs of underwear collected for our students. Thank you so much for participating and making sure students have the basics they need to attend school and fully participate every day. We could not serve the 11,000+ students that we do each year without your support!

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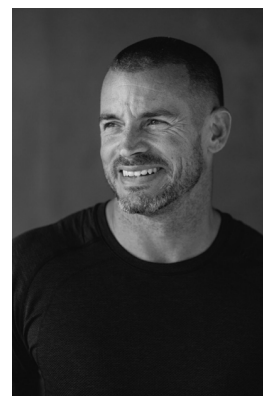


## New Member Bio- Denny Locascio

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, November 10, 2022

### Meet Denny Locascio

Denny Locascio is co-founder and co-owner of Impact Fitness and currently a full-time strength and conditioning coach. Denny is from St. Petersburg, FL and received his B.S. in Exercise Science from USF. While Denny pursued his degree, he worked at the USF rec center as a full-time trainer, and as a strength and conditioning coach with the USF athletic department. It was through these experiences that Denny realized he wanted to turn his passion into a full-time career and lifestyle. Denny's clientele includes NFL and MLB All-Stars, collegiate and high school All-Americans and Olympic medalists. Outside of the weight room, Denny enjoys honing his skill set, continuously learning and building lasting relationships with youth in the community. Denny specializes in overall football development, corporate wellness and mobility training.



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## Birthdays

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November 30th  
Tiffany Love  
December 9th  
Rob Montgomery  
December 10th  
David Schoenblum  
December 17th  
Gerald Jerry Kirk  
McGinty Sr.  
December 18th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Sarah Contino  
November 25th  
Jason M Contino  
November 25th  
Paul V. Suppich  
Esq.  
December 14th  
Karen Tillman-  
Gosselin  
December 14th  
Robert A. Ferrera  
December 21st

## Rotary Club of New Tampa Mission Statement

We promote the development of genuine friendships by helping members build their strengths to apply the ideal of "service above self." We positively impact the lives of others in our community and support Rotary International's global and service efforts.





## What Is Rotary?



We are 1.2 million community and business leaders who create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable. We are [people of action](#).

## Imagine What's Next – 27-31 May 2023 – Melbourne, Australia

By Gary Michael Gunter



### The Melbourne 4 Way test

1. **Is it the truth? Have you registered?** Register at <https://convention.rotary.org> – Take advantage of the early bird pricing up to 15 December 2022 (\$475 for those 31 and older, \$125 for age 30 and under, \$20 for guests aged 5-18, guests under 5 are free). You can also reserve your hotel room once you have registered, and there is no hotel deposit – just give them your credit card info to hold your room. Tip – If you want easy access to the General Sessions, book a hotel close to the Rod Laver Arena.
2. **Have you booked activities for all concerned?** Go to [www.Rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.Rotarymelbourne2023.org) and click on the Events tab for nightly events you can sign up for (Remember that General Sessions are from 10am to noon each day, followed by Breakout Sessions in the afternoon, along with entertainment at the giant House of Friendship).
3. **Will you build goodwill and better friendships by participating in a tour before or after the convention?** Yes! Once you have looked at the Events on the above site, look at the Tours tab and you will find many options. Also, our friend and former RI Director Brad Howard is offering tours just for Rotarians that are quite good – go to [www.HowardTours.net](http://www.HowardTours.net) and check them out. You can also find other tours listed in the Rotary magazine.
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?** It most certainly will be beneficial to those who attend! Melbourne's iconic tram network – the largest operational network in the world – is free for you within the central business district. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Did we mention the nice cool weather?

Need help? Contact Patrick Eakes, Zone 33 Melbourne Promotion Chair at [Patrick.eakes@cpeakes.com](mailto:Patrick.eakes@cpeakes.com), or Gary Gunter, Zone 34 Melbourne Promotion Chair at [gary@garygunter.com](mailto:gary@garygunter.com)

## Create New Clubs and Satellites

By Duane Williams



## NEW CLUB SATELLITE

There are many circumstances that can create the possibility for a new club or satellite. The “good stuff” that makes the group work can be varied, including like-minded individuals, common interests, common purpose, willingness to serve, fellowship, locality, belief in a cause, company, or community grouping, and of course it can be a combination of more than one of these circumstances.

The significant effect of forming New Clubs on our membership figures is undeniable, and opportunities abound when we find someone, or a group, to champion the cause. Creativity and innovation are very evident in our Districts recent deliberations on the creation of Clubs and Satellites.

Corporate clubs, ethnic groupings, common interest clubs, veteran's clubs, alumni, satellites, passport clubs, Rotaract Rotary clubs and caused based clubs. All are actively being formed and pursued within underserved localities or even unserved timeframes where Rotary does or do not already exist.

Now is the time for these efforts to take root. For support contact your District Membership Committee. Efforts are considerable and includes - learning center courses, guidance at [rotary.org/membership](http://rotary.org/membership), and your Innovative Club Advocate. Let's Grow Rotary.



Duane Williams  
District Membership Chair  
Rotary District 6890  
Rotary E-Club of Tampa South

## Rotary Foundation Update for November

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick

### Re-emergence of Polio Underscores the Need for Eradication

The detection of wild and variant poliovirus in places where it hasn't been found for years demonstrates the difficulty of eradicating a human disease, especially in the final stages.

In recent months, an unvaccinated man in the United States was paralyzed by variant polio. In the UK, poliovirus was detected in sewage. In Malawi, a child contracted polio from a wild virus imported from Pakistan. Children in Mozambique have also been infected with wild poliovirus imported from Pakistan, and in recent years the country has had outbreaks of both cVDPV1 and cVDPV2.

But Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative remain confident for several reasons about achieving a polio-free world. [Learn why we are optimistic about polio eradication.](#)

### Polio – A Threat to Every Child

Safia Ibrahim remembers waking up in the morning and watching other children walk to school as she remained behind. Contracting polio as a toddler left her partially paralyzed from the waist down. It wasn't until civil war broke out in Somalia, and she migrated to Canada, that she was fitted with leg braces and allowed to go to school with other children. [Ibrahim shares her story](#) to encourage others of the importance of vaccinations

### The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

### Our Mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality

education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

#### What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

#### [DONATE NOW](#)

#### How To Enroll For Recurring Donations to The Rotary Foundation

1. Go to [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)
2. Click on the **DONATE** Button in the top right corner of your screen
3. Click on the Red **DONATE**
4. Choose **Annual Fund** - This gives our club DDF, District Designated Funds, which means that half your donation will come back to our club after 3 years.
5. Choose **Recurring Donation**
6. **Select Frequency**- choose from Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually
7. Choose Amount- \$10, \$50, \$100, \$200, or Other
8. Personal Information, Payment Details, and Billing Address
9. Click on Submit
10. Print your Confirmation

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## Little Lakes Wales Theatre Invites Rotarians



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# District 6890 Foundation Disaster Relief Update

By Winnie M. Marvel



Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona

This year, although we have had very few storms that effected our Rotary Zone 34, they have been mighty.

The impact of both Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico on September 18<sup>th</sup> and Hurricane Ian in Florida on September 28<sup>th</sup> will be very memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Although the storm was only a category 1, Hurricane Fiona produced up to 30" of rain in some parts of Puerto Rico. All the islands 1.5 million people were without power, hundreds of thousands were without water and 13 people lost their lives. The economic hit will be in the billions. In an area that never fully recovered from Hurricanes Maria and Irma in 2017, the weakened infrastructure could not withstand the force.

When District 6890 made the ask, our members answered. Since that time, we have received \$16,100. The District Foundation matched the first \$5,000, which allows for a total of \$21,100 for distribution to our neighbor island. We are currently in discussion with their District Governor to determine the best way to help.

Only ten days after Fiona, Ian came roaring across Florida and left almost complete destruction in many parts of the state, including our own District. The destruction of the coastline has been well documented and is utterly unimaginable. What we haven't seen so much of is the destruction caused in our own District to our friends and fellow Rotary members. The entire city of Wauchula was without power and underwater in the wake of the storm. Also impacted were many parts of Polk and Highlands counties. To date, the state of Florida has suffered 97 deaths as a result.

I think it is important to mention our District 6890 Disaster relief chair, Kevin Kitto who responded quickly to people in need. He made lists of items that were required, collected those items and was on the scene with other Rotarians and volunteers to assist in clean up and support efforts.

Our generous members were still giving donations for Puerto Rico, when we asked for donations for Florida and District 6890. I am pleased to let you know that we have collected \$21,105. to date and with the District 6890 Foundation match, we have \$26,105 in funds to distribute to causes here in Florida.

Thank you to all our members who had it in their heart to give. An update on projects or funds that we were able to support will be coming soon.



Fort Myers Beach following Hurricane Ian

## District Conference 2023-- AHOY!!!



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Ahoy Mateys!! We are going to set sail on March 27th 2023 and take over the Brilliance of the Seas ship (just kidding!!) We are going to cruise the Caribbean just as the Pirates of the Old did, looking for treasure and fun! We hope you can come along for the adventure as we celebrate our District Conference with our mates aboard the beautiful Royal Caribbean cruise ship, the Brilliance of the Seas. If you hurry and sign up with a paid deposit of 100.00 per person, you will be rewarded with a treasure of 100.00 onboard credit per cabin! The deadline for this opportunity is October 20th. After that you can still register up until December 20th while cabins last! We are planning a Pirate-themed costume contest one night, so don't forget your pirate wear! There will be speakers, fun in the sun, a cocktail party and two stops along the way, one in Cozumel at the next stop. Hurry up so we don't force you to walk the plank! Your Wench in charge, KimTyson, Rotary Club of FishHawk-Riverview.

## DG Debbie's Message for November

By Debbie Meegan

Happy Thanksgiving  
Fellow Rotarians!



**Thankful and Blessed**



In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, which is one day set aside to express our thanks and count our blessings. Instead of just one day, we as Rotarians seem to always be thankful and count our blessings every day. At our meetings we encourage and remind each other of all that we do as Rotarians, the lives we impact, and the positive changes we can and do make. As we reflect at this time, let's think about being...

- **Thankful** we were spared from the ravaging damages of Hurricane Ian.
- **Blessed** that as Rotarians we have the ability to donate time and resources to help those who were affected.
- **Thankful** that we live in a country that is filled with Veterans who defended our freedoms and protected us day and night.
- **Blessed** that as Rotarians we can participate in Veteran’s Day celebrations that show our appreciation for their sacrifices like the four Lakeland Rotary Clubs coming together each year to put on their Veteran’s Celebration Breakfast and The Tampa Rotary Club which hosts the Annual Flags for Heroes Celebration.
- **Thankful** for our fabulous Rotary organization that celebrates November as Rotary Foundation month which brings awareness to the many projects we participate in around the world that stress the 7 areas of focus.
- **Blessed** that our District is filled with Rotarians who generously give to the Foundation so we can be a blessing to people both here at home, and all over the world.

As your District Governor, I am truly **THANKFUL FOR EACH OF YOU**; for your commitment to making our world better and your willingness to share your time, talents and treasures. I am truly **BLESSED** beyond measure to be sharing this journey with **YOU!**

I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we celebrate our Rotary Foundation and recognize our giving clubs and Rotarians at our annual District 6890 Rotary Foundation Gala on Tuesday, 11/15 at 6 pm at the Magnolia Building in Lakeland. To register and select your meal please visit the DACdb Calendar or click on this link: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77626025>

We encourage you all to attend and to sponsor your new members so they can enjoy our fellowship and fun!

**Have a wonderful November.**

Debbie

## Speakers

### Club Meeting

New Tampa  
Meets at Currently meeting via Hybrid format (Zoom and in-person) until further notice. Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club  
5811 Tampa Palms Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33646  
Time: Friday at 07:00 AM