



# BULLETIN

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Meeting ID: 829 2916 6203 Passcode: 591913 Mobile: 305-224-1968

## 2022-2023 Meeting Agenda

7:15 am - 8:30 am  
Social Time and Breakfast  
Call to Order 6:45am - 7:15 am  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
The Four Way Test  
Song of the Week  
Guest Recognition  
Club Announcements  
President's Comments  
Guest Speaker  
Happy Dollars

## You are my Sunshine

You are my sunshine,  
My only sunshine  
You make me happy  
when skies are grey.  
You'll never know dear  
How much I love you  
Please don't take my sunshine away

## Pin Chasers

Support the Krewe of Sant'Yago Education Foundation.

Gather your "Krewe" of 5 bowlers and join us for a night of fun to support KSY Education Foundation scholarships. Enjoy Cyber Bowling, with music and lights, food, two drink tickets per person and a cash bar available.

## [Register Here!](#)

## Events

February 3rd  
[Happy Hour at Pin Chasers!](#)

February 4th  
[Road Cleanup](#)

February 8th  
[New Tampa Board of Directors Meeting](#)

February 15th  
[Oasis Sorting at Tampa Palms Elementary.](#)

February 17th  
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Speech Contest.

February 18th  
[Community Pantry - Food Drive Ruck](#)

## Club Leaders



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# 12th Annual Knight Bowl

Support the  
Krewe of Saint Yago  
Education Foundation

Gather your "Krewe" of  
5 bowlers and join us for a  
night of fun to support  
KSY Education Foundation  
scholarships. Enjoy Cyber  
Bowling, with music and  
lights, food, two drink tickets  
per person and cash bar  
available.

When: February 3, 2023  
Where: Pin Chasers Midtown  
4847 N. Armenia Avenue  
Time: 7pm-10pm  
Check in at 6:30pm  
Cost: \$60 per person or  
\$275 per team of 5  
Sponsor: \$400 per team of 5 and banner  
(Order by January 18, 2023)

Register online at  
<https://pinchasers.ticketleap.com/knightbowl23>  
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## Birthdays

Ann C. Wade  
January 31st  
Kyle Flischel  
February 3rd  
Nikki Smith  
February 10th  
Gerard A. Perret Jr.  
February 13th  
Al Kasahara  
February 16th  
Valerie Anne Andrews  
February 19th  
Lynn Grinnell  
February 22nd  
Sarah Contino  
February 24th

## Wedding Anniversaries

David Cotten  
January 26th  
Karen Frashier

**District Conference 2023-- AHOY!!!**



IMAGINE ROTARY DISTRICT 6890 CONFERENCE  
BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS  
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line  
5-NIGHT WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE  
SAILING MARCH 27, 2023 FROM TAMPA

Cruise Itinerary:

March 27 Depart Tampa, FL  
March 28 At Sea  
March 29 Cozumel, Mexico  
March 30 Grand Cayman  
March 31 At Sea  
April 1 Arrive Tampa



Brilliance of the Seas

Find Your Way to Fun

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January 26th  
Nikki Smith  
February 17th  
John M. Thompson  
February 22nd



IMAGINE  
ROTARY

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.

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

By Gary Michael Gunter



MELBOURNE  
2023

### 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)

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## DGND Has been Selected!



The nominating committee of District 6890 convened on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the office of PDG Tom Wagner to interview four very deserving candidates for the position of District Governor Nominee Designate for the Rotary year 2025-26. It's always very uplifting to have so many willing members in the leadership process, but it also makes the decision that much harder. The final vote was cast for Rotarian Linda Devine from The Rotary Club of Tampa.

Linda has been a member of the Tampa Club since 1995 and served in many capacities, including Club Foundation Chair, Sergeant at Arms, Board of Directors, planning committee and more. She most recently served as club President and then immediately moved to the role of Assistant Governor for Group 3 in our District. Her status as recently retired from her 40+ years with the University of Tampa, the last 27 of that as the Vice President of Operations and Planning, makes the timing of her pursuit of District leadership especially advantageous.

Linda lives in Tampa with her husband of 35 years, Dave. She has three grown children, Robbie (Heather), Kelly (Ian) and Danny (Kayla) and one fur baby, Pizza Marie.

To view Linda's complete resume, Go here; [RESUME](#)

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## Foundation Update

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick

The Rotary Foundation - PDG Mark G. Scolnick, District Foundation Chair



As we start the new year we begin the second half of the Rotary year! Wow, time flies! We're thankful for members like you, who make Doing Good in the World possible. Because of you, The Rotary Foundation can support our members' wide-ranging efforts to improve people's lives through meaningful and sustainable projects all around the world.

With your support and by working with our partners, we've been able to accomplish amazing things to help communities thrive.

Your gifts are more than donations. They bring health, peace, and opportunities to people in need. We remain dedicated to [eradicating polio](#) and raised over \$2.2 million for World Polio Day to help keep children protected. Rotary members

continue to find ways to [send humanitarian aid to Ukraine](#) even after using 440 disaster response grants to provide relief to people in and around the war zone. Thank you for your dedication to helping people through service and through your generous gifts to The Rotary Foundation. You make these projects possible, and we are truly grateful for your support.

Have you developed a plan to support the Rotary Foundation in 2023? 80% of those who only think about it don't follow through because they get involved with life, but if you sign up for periodic payments, it happens. It's easy and support becomes painless. So make your plan and share with your club members how to enroll. Let's up our numbers this year of those who are giving via automatic deductions! Want to know where your club is at? Reach out to me - let's talk!

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

1. Go to [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)
2. Click on DONATE Button in the top right corner of your screen
3. Click on the Red DONATE
4. Choose Annual Fund - This gives your club DDF, District Designated Funds, which means that half your donation will come

back to your 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

#### FROM THE LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT:

Who is missing their 100% member participation Banner for 2021-2022? One was left behind when they were handed out. Let me know who it belongs to, and we will get it to you!

**POLIO UPDATE:** As of 12/13/22, total cases of wild poliovirus type 1 for 2022 = 30.

Afghanistan 2, Pakistan 20, and Mozambique 8. We haven't conquered this disease yet but when we started the world would have 350K new crippled children each year! Rotarians have made the difference in leading the world in the eradication effort. We will eliminate this disease soon! Remember there is no cure, but it is preventable. Vaccines work! Go to: <https://polioeradication.org/news/> for more information about the efforts and strides being made towards eradication of this awful disease.

**SPEAKERS AVAILABLE:** Let us help you schedule speakers to talk to your club about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. Contact [MarkScolnickDistrict6890@gmail.com](mailto:MarkScolnickDistrict6890@gmail.com)



## Governor Debbie's Message for January

By Debbie Meegan

### Happy New Year!

As Rotarians we celebrate the New Year twice; first in July when we celebrate the beginning of our new Rotary Year, and again in January when we celebrate the beginning of our new calendar year. Both celebrations are filled with goals for things we want to accomplish and excitement for new beginnings as we **Imagine** what the future will bring.

As we look back on the first half of this Rotary Year, we should be filled with pride for all we have accomplished:

- We visited with each other on the **Imagination Tour** and got to know each other better as we learned about your club's goals and commitment to community and the District's goal to SEE You: Support-Educate-Engage.
- We watched our membership grow as we added so 81 new Rotarians and 146 Rotaractors to our District.
- We celebrated together our amazing Rotary Foundation and Donors at our Rotary Foundation Gala.
- We showcased our District's hospitality and local sites with visiting Rotarians from Egypt.
- We raised money and awareness for Polio Eradication as we celebrated World Polio Day and continue to work towards our goal of \$1500.00 per club to insure the Gates Foundation 2 to 1 match.
- We supported the Clubs in our District's many fundraisers which has already raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that will directly impact local community programs.
- And we came together to raise over \$47,000 in Disaster Relief Donations and worked physically side by side to help those affected by the devastating Hurricanes.



Well done Rotarians! I can only **Imagine** what the next 6 months will bring.

As we head into 2023, I want to remind everyone that January is designated by Rotary International as **Vocational Service Month**. During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities.

More information about Vocational Service can be found on the Rotary International website [Global Outlook | My Rotary](#)

Looking forward to **Imagining** Rotary with all of you in 2023!



**Debbie Meegan**  
**District Governor**  
**2022-2023**



## Membership Action Plan

By Duane Williams



The four elements of Rotary's Strategic Plan, or Membership Action Plan (MAP) as we prefer to call it, all unsurprisingly have Membership implications. However, two of the priorities speak more loudly.

"Expand our Reach" encourages us to increase membership by seeking out those individuals who share our "service" ethic, but also to seek out new areas, new circumstances, or new timeframes, which are currently underserved. The possibility to try new types of membership or new meeting formats also afford us the capability to reach new and previously untapped markets.

In recognition of the fact that member retention is an equally important membership growth component, the enhancement of participant engagement deserves our close attention, particularly in those early years of membership, when Rotary understanding and relationships are at their most vulnerable. Keeping Rotary relevant to its members is just as important as keeping Rotary relevant to our mission and our communities.

Our four priorities rank up there with our four-way test in guiding our actions and for formulating our plans to develop our fellowship and to grow "Our Rotary".



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

## Update from PDG Nick Hall

By Nicholas R. Hall

**WHAT THE EYE SEES AND WHAT THE EAR HEARS, IS WHAT IS ALREADY IN THE MIND** (Chinese Proverb)  
by PDG Nick Hall, Zone 34 End Polio Now Coordinator

After spending more than three weeks last summer cycling from Seattle along the winding and hilly Pacific Coast Highway, I decided to celebrate with a breakfast of crab eggs benedict paired with a delicious local craft beer. Upon seeing my fully loaded bike propped against the Oceanside, CA restaurant, a customer struck up a conversation during which I mentioned I was raising awareness and funds to support Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. On previous rides dating from 2015, such a conversation would likely have resulted in the person whipping out their smart phone and making a donation. Not this time. "Vaccines don't prevent polio or anything else. Polio and most other diseases are caused by antibiotics", the customer claimed. "You should be campaigning against antibiotics!" There was no point in arguing with her. Instead, I took another swig of a very tasty IPA then quickly changed the subject. She had made up her mind and nothing I could say would change it.

Sadly, it was not the first time during this most recent ride that I heard arguments against vaccines: *vaccines cause autism, the m-RNA vaccines have not been properly researched, the CDC is lying, Bill Gates is profiting from the vaccines he promotes, vaccines are causing people to be sicker.*

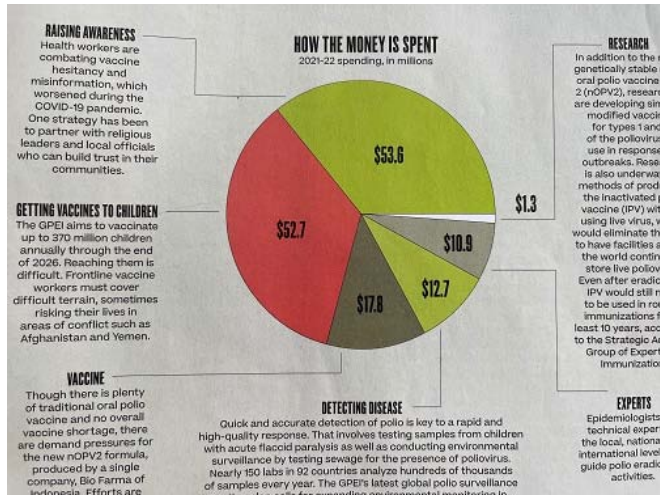
(Instead of offering my opinion, I would encourage anyone who has been influenced by these assertions to employ critical thinking skills and decide for yourself. If you decide not to, then you've justified my use of the title).

Covid related anti-vaccine claims are also influencing the judgement of influential Rotarians who believe it's wrong to even discuss such matters. When I first raised concerns more than a year ago that anti-vaccine beliefs directed at covid could spill over and influence attitudes towards our campaign to eradicate polio, I was admonished by two former district governors and instructed to omit this concern from Zone hosted webinar presentation. *"In today's political climate, we recognize there currently are many perspectives on vaccines. As Rotarians, we must rise above all of that".*

In my opinion, there is only one valid perspective, which is that vaccination, along with sanitation and clean drinking water, are public health interventions that are undeniably responsible for improved health outcomes globally. It is estimated that vaccines have prevented 6 million deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases annually. That is the one and only scientific perspective, although there are others grounded in superstition, hearsay, and beliefs. These anti-vaccine 'perspectives' have spilled over to polio, as I have discovered during the course of recent cross-country cycling trips. Politicization surrounding COVID-19 vaccines has contributed to hesitancy, resistance, and opinion polarization. Instead of rising above this, we should dive headlong into the issue because it's preventing millions of dollars from being used to vaccinate children. Check it out for yourself.

A pie-chart published in the October, 2022 Rotarian magazine, depicts how funds raised to combat polio were spent the previous Rotary year. All the listed expenditures are important and essential. However, the largest portion of the spending was spent on something that should not be necessary. Of the \$149 million total, the largest expenditure comprising more than one third of the total was the \$53.6 million to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation. As noted in the accompanying article, the situation has worsened since the covid pandemic. When considering the 2:1 Gates Foundation match, it means Rotary's entire 1 third portion was spent to counter misinformation! In other words, not a dime of our contribution was spent on polio vaccines.

I agree Rotarians should rise above politics, but not when the politicization of vaccines necessitates that one third of polio funds be spent combatting vaccine hesitancy and misinformation. Just as polio vaccines use an attenuated form of the virus to fight paralysis, we need to use an attenuated form of politics to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation.



## 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](#).

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## Speakers

February 17th  
[Speech Contest.](#)

## 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