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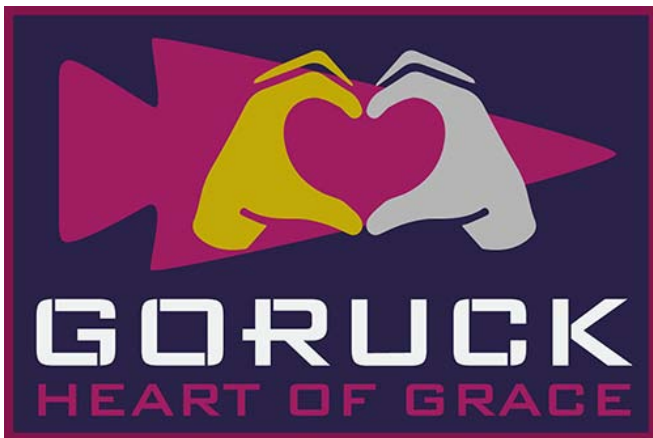
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Song of the week - Put on a Happy Face

Gray skies are gonna clear up,
Put on a happy face;
Brush off the clouds and cheer up,
Put on a happy face.
Take off the gloomy mask of tragedy,
It's not your style
You'll look so good that you'll be glad
Ya' decide to smile!

Ruck & Ruck & Food Drive for Community Pantry Food Drive for Community Pantry

By Karen Frashier on Monday, January 30, 2023



Member Denny Locasio says the point of a ruck is to hike and carry some weight, increasing the challenge for us Florida flatlanders. Fill your backpack or rucksack with 5, 10 or 20 pounds of non-perishable food items and meet us in the Shops at Wiregrass parking lot near 5/3 Bank.

Go Ruck offers a Heart of Grace patch for \$5. When you register, tell us you want to order a patch and bring your \$5 cash payment to the event.

Event sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Tampa After Hours Satellite group. Denny is our newest member.

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Rotary Friendship Exchange

Events

February 17th

[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting--Speech Contest 2023](#)

Speaker: Imagine
Rotary Speech Contest

February 18th

[Ruck & Food Drive for Community Pantry](#)

March 8th

[New Tampa Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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[Cam Caudle](#)

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, February 16, 2023

This past week, a few of us at the club had the privilege of hosting fellow Rotarians from Peru. Every time we host, we realize more and more that there is so much that Florida and Tampa have to offer that we didn't even know existed or have never been to. We were able to have some great events, meet fellow Rotarians from our District for the first time, and create a closer and stronger Rotary here and with our guests in Peru. One of the highlights of this Exchange was the visit to the All Abilities Park. It was a great opportunity to showcase something that we were able to accomplish. Thank you to Karen Frashier, Matt and Colin for hosting and assisting with our guests throughout this event! Check out photos from the Friendship Exchange in the *read more* section below.



[Read More](#)

Sorting at Oasis Opportunities

By Ashvin Maharaj

Several of our members came out last Wednesday to the Tampa Palms Elementary school to lend a hand to Oasis Opportunities. While there, they helped sort through donations and made them ready to be distributed to those in need.



Rotary License Plates

By Colin S. Beach

The website for ordering a Florida Rotary specialty license tag is floridarotarytag.com.

They will ask for name, address, phone number, e-mail, driver's license number, and current tag number. It costs \$35.00. Some of the proceeds benefit Rotary Youth Services and Rotary Camp Florida. Rotarians will receive a voucher which is redeemable for a tag once we reach 3000 orders. The state does not manufacture the plates until we reach the 3000 order.



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Birthdays

Al Kasahara
February 16th

Valerie Anne Andrews
February 19th

Lynn Grinnell
February 22nd

Sarah Contino
February 24th

Arki Koul
March 11th

Robert A. Ferrera
March 16th

threshold. So far we are at about 700. The deadline to reach 3000 has been extended to October 2024. You do not need to be a rotarian to order a tag. Even if you do not want to put a rotary tag on your vehicle, please help us reach the 3000 threshold to get them manufactured by ordering one. This is an excellent way to advertise Rotary! You do not have to remember to put a rotary pin on your lapel every morning. It is attached to your car. Everywhere you go will be seen by innumerable other vehicles. This is the best way to advertise Rotary without adversely affecting our Charity Navigator status. I believe once we get the plates manufactured and are on vehicles, they will continue to sell themselves just by being visible. Every Rotarian will want one. Every meeting and rotary event will stand out by the number of cars in the parking lot bearing rotary tags.

Please order yours (and your spouses) today!



Lisa Shollenberger
March 18th

Wedding
Anniversaries

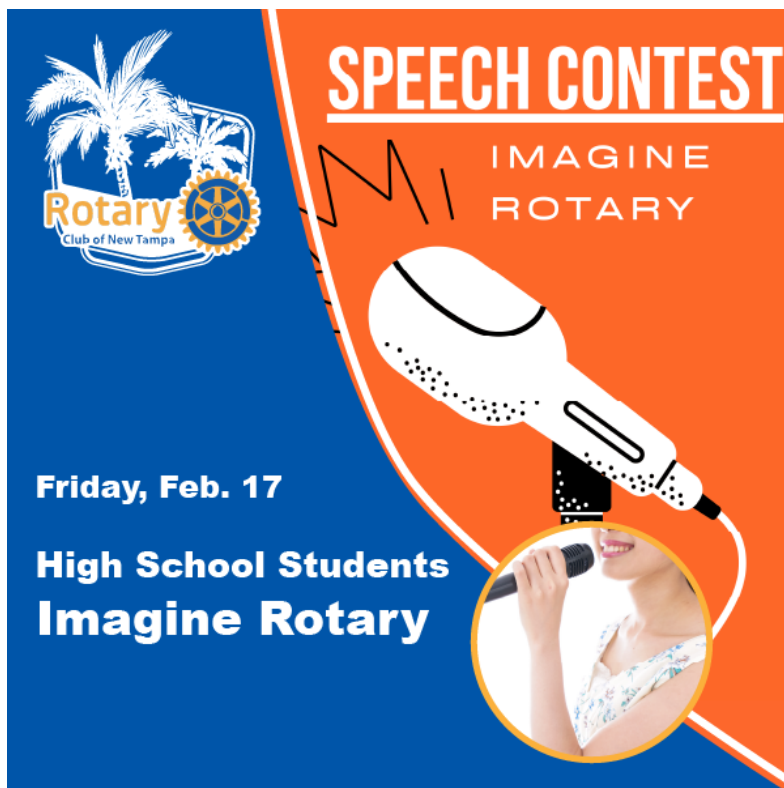
Nikki Smith
February 17th
John M. Thompson
February 22nd
Jose Hernandez
March 16th



IMAGINE
ROTARY

Speaker: Imagine Rotary Speech Contest

By Karen Frashier on Tuesday, February 7, 2023



Dry throat, butterflies in the belly, running through the points one more time. Must be the season for area high school youth to compete in the Rotary Speech Contest for scholarship prizes. Two to five students will present their speeches about Imagining Rotary. They will be judged by members of local Toastmasters and USF Rotaract.

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Happy Hour February 17th 2023

Fazio's Grill at Hunter's Green Country Club

Be there at 6:00!

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District Conference Sponsor Opportunities

By Debbie Meegan

All Hands on Deck!

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to show your Rotary Support for our upcoming District Cruise.

Even if you are not attending, it is a great way for you to **Be Present and Represented** at this fun filled event.

We are looking for Companies and Individuals who would like to advertise their Business while **showing support** of our Rotary District and activities.

Please contact me as **soon as possible** if you are interested in helping out. We would love to **"SEE"** you on board!

Sponsorship Opportunities

2023 District Conference



We are looking for Sponsors for our District 6890 Imagination District Cruise

Walk the Plank \$750.00

Where's the Treasure \$500.00

Landlubber's Special \$250.00

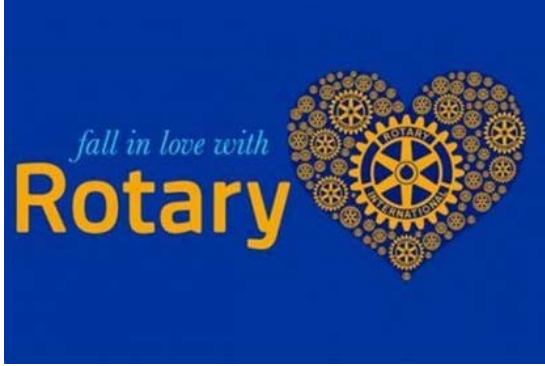
Swashbuckler Special \$100.00

All sponsors will be featured on the back of our District Conference T-Shirt and will receive recognition at our meeting on board the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas as well as on our District Website and Facebook Page.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Debbie Meegan

What Do We Love About Rotary?

By Duane Williams



Okay, it's February so we're allowed to get a little bit huggy and kissy about Rotary. I was told the other day by a fellow Rotarian, that she didn't know how much she loved Rotary until COVID took it away from her - well the in-person part at least and many clubs still Zoom.

This got me thinking about what I love about Rotary, here's my top three. First, for me it's the fellowship and friendships Rotary has given me. The amazing people I have met from all over the world is my number one. Second is the fabulous things Rotarians achieve in helping others, from our attempts to eradicate a debilitating disease to individual acts of kindness, our reach is unequalled. Third is the wonderful opportunities Rotary has given me, opportunities to serve, which has allowed me to grow as a person. I am a better person for being in Rotary.

So having identified my top three, what should I do with this information. Simple - tell people why I love Rotary, particularly non-Rotarians. If each of us did this and managed to attract at least one new member each, just think what a difference that would make to our Clubs.

Building new Clubs is rightly receiving a lot of effort currently but let us not forget the need for growth and "new blood" in our existing Clubs, all part of our efforts to GROW ROTARY.



Duane Williams
District Membership Chair
Rotary District 6890

The Rotary Foundation Update

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick

By contributing to **The Rotary Foundation** you are increasing the funds available to your clubs for local projects. This is your contribution to the future of your Club and The Rotary Foundation. **Where does your money go?** *We support causes that advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.*



It is also important to remember the help we provide in **Disaster Relief** whether it is hurricanes at home or in worn torn Ukraine. Our Clubs and District have directly helped brave people impacted during these stressful times. This past year we were part of a multi District Grant that purchased four generators for hospitals in Ukraine. Rotary International President Nominee Stephanie Urchick has asked me to remind you that it's very cold in Ukraine right now. People are living there without food and electricity, but we can still help.

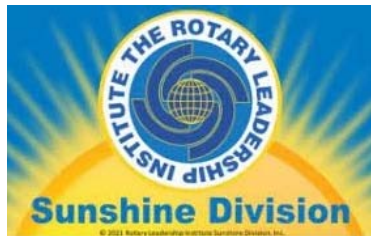
We are getting ready for **President Elect Training (PETS)** in Orlando. Your President Elect will be asked to set **Club Goals** for next year and one of the goals is how much you will support The Rotary Foundation. The easiest way is to sign up for a monthly contribution. This is something you can do once and it is like the gift that keeps on giving. You can choose

whatever amount you are comfortable with. This also helps your President Elect so they can easily see that amount in the calculation for the Goals for The Rotary Foundation for your Club. <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>

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RLI - WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

By Irma Cole



Rotary Leadership Institute

Okay- show of hands...do you know what RLI is? Hmmmm.... yes, a few of you are waving at me right now! Great, but let's get more of you excited and on board. RLI stands for *Rotary Leadership Institute*. Here is their website rlitraining.org. There you will find class descriptions, a calendar of what classes are being given when and where, and lots more. I urge you to check it out!

RLI courses are not just for club officers! They are designed to provide leadership skills for all Rotarians while advancing Rotary knowledge and understanding. They can be taken online or in person. Either way, you will not only gain knowledge but make new friends as well! Anyone can take these classes, Rotarians, spouses, or Rotaractors who want to learn more about Rotary, those in leadership positions, those that want to become club or district leaders, etc. Some districts require these classes for their DGs! That is how good they are. Take a look at the current curriculum:

[Read More](#)

Together, We Can End Polio

Collaboration amplifies impact! And together, we can eradicate polio for good. We are so grateful to partner with the [Gates Foundation](#) and other GPEI partners to get us to the finish line. Donations to [End Polio Now](#) are currently being matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation. Will you join us in the fight to [#endpolio](#)? <https://on.rotary.org/3s5gsm>

Watch video: <https://fb.watch/i2u0kOe-Qz/>



Together, We Can End Polio

District 6890 Raises \$57,529 for Disaster Relief

By Winnie M. Marvel

Once a storm passes and we take down the storm shutters and clean up the tree limbs, it can be easy to forget those that are truly devastated by the direct impact. That is not what happened in Rotary District 6890.

As Hurricane Ian passed, our District collected funds from every corner of our four counties to assist with cleanup and disaster relief. When all was accounted for, we had raised \$36,529 for Hurricane Ian relief!! That is a tremendous amount and I am so proud of the members of our District for supporting their friends and neighbors in this way!

This is how we found purpose with that money.

Back in October, we distributed \$15,000 directly to District 6960, which encompasses Charlotte county, Florida, the hardest hit area.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, District Disaster Relief Chair, Kevin Kitto, sent out the call for volunteers to help with cleanup here at home in D6890. Also assisting with coordination of volunteers was Tonya Royal (RC of Hardee County) who was invaluable in the effort. Two dozen or more volunteers donated over 130 hours of their time to assist. \$13,449.65 was used for heavy equipment and supplies needed.

\$5,000 has been distributed to The Faith Temple Ministries Church of God to offset expenses in their effort to help people of that area.

The last of the funds collected for Hurricane Ian were distributed to D6960 to help them in their continued effort to help the folks of Ft. Myers and the barrier islands of Charlotte county. (\$3,079.35.)

Also, as a small reminder, we also collected and distributed \$21,000 in disaster relief for Puerto Rico in November.

Thank you so much for all you do!! Rotarians are such a strong and dedicated group of caring people that do so much good in the world. This is how people are helped after a storm. You can call the Red Cross or FEMA but the ones who make a difference are right here, identifying and helping those who are in real need.

Total distributions in the 2022 storm season were \$57,529.

Wow! I'm a Terrific Headline

By Steve Overton



The story starts here, and we hope its fabulous!! We want it to grab the attention of all 1,710 members of our District. I am hoping that by enlarging the text, this part will be visible clearly on a phone. This could all be very boring, or it could be interesting, but any further text will appear below the 'read more' line.

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DG Debbie Meegan's message for February

By Debbie Meegan

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar. Sure, it includes Superbowl Sunday and Valentine's Day but February also includes the **Anniversary of the very first Rotary meeting**. This meeting was held on February 23, 1905 and now that date has become known by Rotary International as **World Understanding and Peace Day**.

It is only fitting that the **Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution**. As a humanitarian organization, peace is an important cornerstone of our Rotary mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a local and global effect.

How do we as District 6890 Rotarians help make a difference as peacekeepers?

- We aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. In 2022 Rotarians donated millions of dollars in relief to help refugees from Ukraine and other war-torn countries and that relief is ongoing. Our District participated in a **Disaster Grant** that sent 4 desperately needed generators to hospitals in Ukraine so they could continue to treat the injured.
- We dedicate ourselves to addressing the underlying causes of conflict by relieving millions of people suffering from poverty, inequality, ethnic tensions, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources. Our District participates in projects that **build houses and libraries and provides surgeries** to children born with cleft palates.
- We **train adults and young leaders** to prevent and mediate conflict through our Rotary Peace Fellowship Program. Many of our **District Interact students** have opportunities to learn about the importance of Peacekeeping and how conflict resolution can change the future in our communities.



This year at our District Rotary Foundation Gala, we ended the evening by joining hands and singing "Let There be Peace on Earth". It was a very moving experience.

What a wonderful world it would truly be if all the world could unite and live out the words to that song...

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

**FEBRUARY IS
PEACE AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**



*"It isn't enough to talk
about peace. One must
believe in it. And it isn't
enough to believe in it.
One must work at it."*
Eleanor Roosevelt



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 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 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, or Gary Gunter, Zone 34 Melbourne Promotion Chair at gary@garygunter.com

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](#).

Speakers

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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