



# BULLETIN

## Zoom Meeting Link.

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Meeting ID: 835 9943 0596 Passcode: 735389 Mobile: 305-224-1968

## 2022-2023 Meeting Agenda

7:15 am - 8:30 am  
Social Time and Breakfast      6:45am - 7:15 am  
Call to Order      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

## Events

February 24th

[RCNT Youth Services Committee Meeting](#)

March 8th

[New Tampa Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 18th

[Trinity Cafe - Feeding Tampa Bay](#)

March 24th

[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting: Learn Things!](#)

Speaker: Learn Things! Special Surprise Speakers

## God Bless America

God bless America land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Throughout the night with the light from  
above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America My Home Sweet Home  
God bless America My Home Sweet Home

## Club Leaders



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## Casino Night

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ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

SATURDAY  
29  
APRIL















A NIGHT IN  
MONTE CARLO

50/50 | RAFFLE | PRIZES

7PM TO 10PM | TICKETS: \$65.00/EACH, \$75.00 AT THE DOOR  
INCLUDES HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, COFFEE, DESSERT AND ONE COCKTAIL.  
CASH BAR FOR ADDITIONAL DRINKS  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

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### Birthdays

Sarah Contino  
February 24th  
Arki Koul  
March 11th  
Robert A. Ferrera  
March 16th  
Lisa Shollenberger  
March 18th  
J. Michael Morris

## Our action to support the Rotary's response.

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, February 23, 2023

As we are all well aware, Turkey and Syria have been devastated by earthquakes this month. In response to this, Rotary International has activated disaster response efforts and has established a Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund. The Rotary Club of New Tampa's Board-of-Directors has allocated the next two weeks of Happy Dollars to the relief efforts in Turkey and Syria.

To read more about Rotary's response go to: [Rotary Response](#)

## Meet Laura Calco

Laura Calco, current Life Enrichment Program Manager at Friends of Joshua House Foundation, Inc., has spent 17 years in the field of child welfare and non-profit organizations. She began her journey to help heal at-risk youth at a DJJ

[Department of Juvenile Justice] Program located in Floral City, FL. It was a residential wilderness therapeutic program for young girls, aged 13-17, and this is where she first found her passion to “be the change.” After giving a verbal 2 year commitment to this program, she stayed an additional 3.5 years in various supervisory roles, but always held fast to the importance and impact of healthy relationship-building with troubled youth.



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March 19th  
Joseph Ellison III  
March 23rd

Wedding  
Anniversaries

Jose Hernandez  
March 16th



## Rotary License Plates

By Colin S. Beach

The website for ordering a Florida Rotary specialty license tag is [Floridarotarytag.com](http://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 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!



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## 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)

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## Ahoy! Last Call.



**Ahoy Mateys**

Rotary  

**Now is the time to book your  
Cruise to the Caribbean!**

Come join your fellow District 6890 Rotary Pirates as we take to the seas  
March 27- April 1 from Tampa!

Don't miss out on the fun things we have planned for you on this  
District Conference Cruise! Come get squiffy (pirate speak for slightly  
drunk) at our pirate party with grog! There will be a pirate costume  
contest, great inspirational speakers, and still lots of time in the sun  
or the spa! We also plan to participate in a service project with  
Rotarians in Cozumel. Imagine the possibilities for fun and  
fellowship on board and in our ports of call!

Cabin choice and price are subject to availability!

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

Contact Craig Sherman at (863) 216-8666

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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

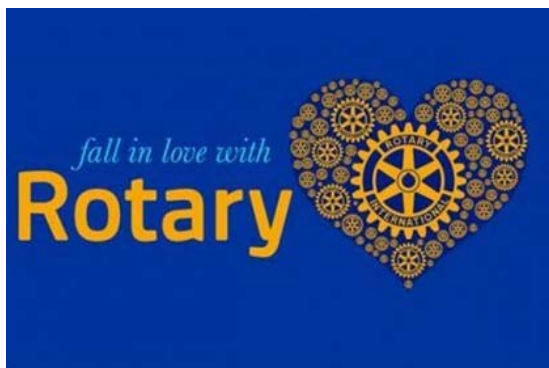
All sponsors will be featured on the back of our District Conference T-Shirt and will receive recognition at our meeting on board the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas as well as on our District Website and Facebook Page.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Debbie Meegan

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## 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

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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.

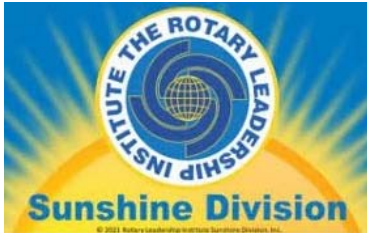
We are getting ready for **President Elect Training (PETS)** in Orlando. Your President Elect will be asked to set **Club Goals** for next year and one of the goals is how much you will support The Rotary Foundation. The easiest way is to sign up for a monthly contribution. This is something you can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

[Read More](#)

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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](http://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](#)

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## 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/>



## 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.

## 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?

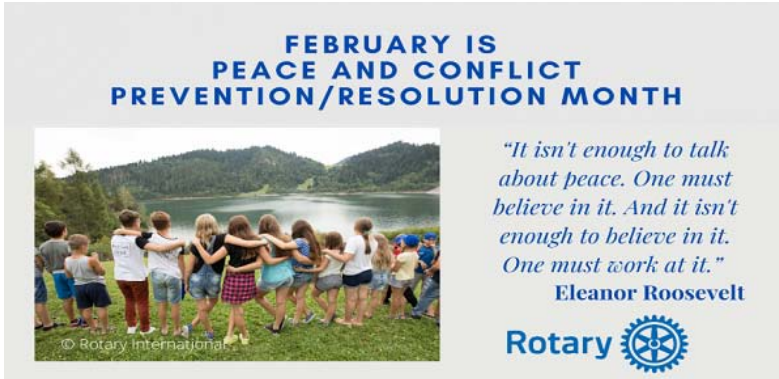
- We aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. In 2022 Rotarians donated millions of dollars in relief to help refugees from Ukraine and other war-torn countries and that relief is ongoing. Our District participated in a **Disaster Grant** that sent 4 desperately needed generators to hospitals in Ukraine 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.*



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## 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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## 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.



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## 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

## 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