

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Zoom Meeting Link.

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Meeting ID: 898 8753 1601 Passcode: 809303 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



Learn Things! Special Surprise Speakers

By Karen Frashier on Wednesday, March 22, 2023



"Learn Things!" That's what SSA Dwayne Pride advised his team on "NCIS New Orleans." Well, on Mar. 24 members and guests will have an opportunity to Learn Things! from our special speakers. Nope, we're not feeding you clues. Show up early for coffee and conversation so you can reserve a good seat. It will be fun, enlightening and you'll learn things, we promise.

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Casino Night

[Sign Up Here](#)



Field Day at Joshua House

By Ines Starkey

Field day at Joshua House is going to be a day full of fun for all the children that call Joshua House home. Join in the fun on April 22nd, as we volunteer to host games, provide lunch, enjoy great music and celebrate Earth Day by planting herbs! There are a total of 24 volunteers and a list of items needed to make this a memorable day for the kids! Check out the two links below where you can sign up to be a volunteer or donate food items. If you need more information, contact Ines or Jason.

[Volunteers](#)

[Food Items](#)



Tampa Mayor Jane Castor

By Karen Frashier on Wednesday, March 22, 2023



Mayor Jane Castor is the 59th Mayor of the City of Tampa. Born and raised in Tampa, Jane has spent a lifetime in service to the community, first as a police officer, then as Tampa's first female Chief of Police, and finally as the city's Mayor.

At the start of her administration, Mayor Castor established the Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow (T3) advisory teams to focus on the most pressing issues facing our city: transportation, development services, workforce development, affordable housing, and sustainability and resilience. She also passed PIPES--the largest water and wastewater infrastructure plan in our city's history, and the first budget starting in the black since the great recession, established a minimum pay of \$15 an hour for city employees, and announced a federal grant for body-worn cameras.

[Read More](#)

USF Food Drive

By Ashvin Maharaj

At last Friday's meeting, we spoke about the Feed-a-Bull program at USF. This is a food pantry that provides non-perishable food items to food insecure college students. The program is in dire need of donations and may have to consider suspending the program for some students.

USF Rotaract has been trying to collect food donations to help the program and our club has decided to assist. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to our club meeting this Friday. We will be collecting for the next few weeks.

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 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 be 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!



Meet Julie Shopa

I have been helping business owners go from chaos to clarity with their finances for over 25 years. Both myself and my clients donate our time and money on a consistent basis. This is part of a concept I call Strategic Tithing for Businesses.

I graduated from Penn State with a degree in Finance and I am an Advanced Certified ProAdvisor with QuickBooks providing training and troubleshooting for

business owners since 2000. I am also a Profit First Professional, helping clients use a cash flow system that enables clients to run businesses at a profit from day one.



Speaker Line Up

By Ashvin Maharaj

We have some excellent guest presenters coming to the club in the next few weeks.

- March 31st- Mayor Jane Castor, Mayor of the City of Tampa
- April 7th- Laura DiBella, FL Secretary of Commerce and the CEO of Enterprise Florida
- April 14th- David Winters, Black Dagger Military Hunt Club.

These are great events for bringing a guest!

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Rotary, What's The Point?

By Nicholas R. Hall



We've all heard countless presentations acknowledging the accomplishments of Rotary; improved sanitation and access to clean drinking water, learning opportunities through the building of schools, and improved health and living conditions for the underserved. These are just some of the ways Rotarians have made the world a better place.

However, the relentless news cycles describe a world where living conditions in some countries are so bad, a mass global migration is underway as entire families risk their lives to escape poverty and strife. Indeed, conditions seem to be getting worse instead of better! An example is the recent uptick in polio cases after a steady decline. Are we really 'that close' or are we deluding ourselves?

If, like me, you have on occasion asked, "What's the point?", stop imagining novel ways Rotary can shape the future. Instead, imagine what the world would be like were it not for the past and ongoing efforts of Rotarians. For example, the countries we would stop visiting because polio, cholera, and other diseases might still be rampant. Yes, we should be proud of the fact that despite circumstances we exert little control over, we have and are making significant progress. That becomes abundantly clear when instead of imagining the world with Rotary, we imagine the world without.

That's what it might be like without your continued personal and club support of the Rotary Foundation and our top priority global project, the End Polio Now campaign.

Return on Investment

By Duane Williams



Working on the principle that "Every member is valued; every member is valuable" we must ask ourselves how hard we work to retain current Rotarians and recruit new members for our Club's - or do we work on the basis that they're "in the Club" and therefore members do not require further attention.

Given the fact that most members who leave their Rotary Club do so in the first or second year of membership, we must recognize that this is a critical time to continue the engagement process. During the Attraction process I trust that we are not only preparing candidates by telling them about our Club and what to expect, but we are also finding out what their expectations are.

Knowing what to expect from their membership and what is expected of them is critical as many who leave report that membership was not what they thought it would be. And remembering that Rotarians are people of integrity with a willingness to serve, getting new members involved in your Clubs and its projects is an important early step.

Rotary is a networking fellowship that does great things, so getting our new members engaged in all aspects turns them into long term members and assets for our Club. Fulfilling their membership expectations will also give them a return on their investment and let them know they made a great decision to join your Rotary Club.



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

\$330 Million in Rotary Grants Awarded

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



How does your club create lasting change?

Using **The Rotary Foundation** you and your club can have a long-term impact making a difference in the world!

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to eradicate **Polio**. Because of your help, Rotary's commitment, and the hard work of many people around the world, there have been no reported cases of wild poliovirus type1 so far this year; in fact since November 1, 2022 the number is **zero**! There were 30 cases total in 2022.

We are not done. We are very close to the finish line though, so we can't stop! To be complete, we need one year of zero cases and then 3 more to be sure. Then we can celebrate as the world will be officially declared Polio Free! Rotary started this world wide campaign in 1979 and we have continued to lead the world in this effort.

[Read More](#)

District Rotarians Address Clean Water Concerns

By Debbie Meegan

Rotary's theme for the month of March is *Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene*



We all know when people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water. This is what motivates Rotarians to build wells, install latrines, and teach good hygiene practices all over the world.

Three of our District 6890 Rotary Clubs have been passionate about furthering Rotary's Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene initiative. The Lakeland Rotary Club and the Fishhawk Riverview Rotary Club just returned from Honduras where they partnered with Honduras Compassionate Partners to install latrines, water purification systems and construct brick and concrete water retention basins known as Pilas. The Lake Wales Breakfast Rotary Club makes yearly trips to Honduras to install wells and bring access to clean water.

Rotarians in our District truly show they are *People of Action* committed to providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene education not only to residents of Honduras but to people all over the world. Each of you, through your contributions to The Rotary Foundation,

support grants that provide Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs that mobilize resources, form partnerships and invest in infrastructure that yield long-term change.

[Providing Clean Water | Rotary International](#)

What a wonderful opportunity to share with friends and associates as an invitation to join Rotary! Who wouldn't want to be a part of this global impact for good?



Have a good month,
Yours in Rotary Service

DG Debbie Meegan





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](#).

Events

March 24th
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting: Learn Things!](#)
March 24th
[Happy Hour](#)
March 31st
[New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting--Jane Castor, Tampa Mayor](#)
March 31st
[RCNT Youth Services Committee Meeting](#)
March 31st
[Happy Hour](#)
April 12th
[New Tampa Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Joseph Ellison III
March 23rd
Michael Wallace
March 26th
Ginger Hoang Le
March 27th
Alfred Allen
April 3rd
John M. Thompson
April 5th
Walter Oles Jr.
April 5th
Kathleen Liesenfeld Novak
April 14th
Joyce Ann Gunter
April 18th
Ken Guidera
April 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

Craig Miller
April 2nd
W. McDowell Anderson
April 4th
Colin S. Beach
April 21st

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