



# BULLETIN

## 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

## Events

April 21st  
**New Tampa Weekly Club Meeting**

April 22nd  
**Field Day at Joshua House**

April 28th  
**RCNT Youth Services Committee Meeting**

April 29th  
**A Night in Monte Carlo**

May 10th  
**New Tampa Board of Directors Meeting**

May 12th  
**Oasis Hygiene Bag Collection**

May 19th  
**Oasis Hygiene Bag Collection**

## Birthdays



Ken Guidera  
April 21st



Ellen Goodridge  
May 2nd



Bradley C. Page  
May 8th



Ram Kancharla  
May 17th



Ashvin Maharaj  
May 19th



John Preston Longmire  
May 20th

## Wedding Anniversaries



Colin S. Beach  
April 21st



Gerry Cecci  
April 30th



Gary Michael Gunter  
May 9th

Joyce Ann Gunter  
May 9th

## 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	

## America the Beautiful

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

## Casino Night

We need you to register for our last fundraiser for the year. Remember events like these are how we raise funds to distribute to the charities that you nominate each year. If you can't make it, please consider purchasing a ticket for someone, or purchasing one of the gifts that we will be auctioning that night. [You can purchase gifts by clicking here.](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)



## Field Day at Joshua House



Gerard A. Perret Jr.  
May 18th

## Club Leaders



Ashvin Maharaj  
President



Ken Guidera  
President - Elect



Craig DiCocco  
Past President



Matthew Palmer  
Secretary  
Club Executive  
Secretary



Stephanie A. Walgamott  
Vice President



Walter Oles Jr.  
Treasurer  
Past President



Michael Berthelette  
Satellite Club  
Membership Chair



Colin S. Beach  
Senior Director



Cam Caudle  
Satellite Club  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Membership Chair



Kyle Flischel  
Satellite Club  
Treasurer



Karen Frasier  
Public Relations  
Chair



Remyold Gosselin  
Satellite Club  
Secretary



David Graff  
Satellite Club Chair  
Elect



Tiffany Love  
Satellite Club Serv  
Proj Chair



Gerry Cecci  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jason M. Contino  
Satellite Club Chair



Paul V. Supplich Esq.  
Club Admin Chair



Lesley S. Zajac  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Alfred Allen  
Club Service Chair



Constance F. Bladon CFRE  
Club Fundraising  
Chair

Lesley S. Zajac  
Assistant Governor

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](#)



## ROTARY CONSERVATION MOMENT

By Lesley S. Zajac on Thursday, April 20, 2023

Paul Harris was born on April 19 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin. In celebration of his birthday, please take a look at these marvelous scrolls that were presented to him during a January 1936 trip to South America. The first and second were gifts from the Rotary Clubs of Cuenca and Riobamba in Ecuador, with beautifully illustrated messages featuring hand-painted national and cultural symbols. Brazil was the final stop on the South American tour and the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro presented him with this third elegantly inscribed scroll expressing their joy and pride in hosting him in April of that year. And in 1943 the Rotary Club of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico presented him with this final scroll celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

All of these documents have been turned over to a paper conservator and have been spot cleaned using a dry process to remove superficial dirt. The three vellum documents were stretched and flattened after countless years of being rolled. Tears in one document were mended using Japanese tissue paper and wheat starch paste. These documents are now part of the Archive in Evanston, IL



[Read More](#)

## CALI - Tampa Palms

Happy Hour Tonight  
CALI  
Outside Patio, 6PM

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## Account Leaders



Deborah G. Meegan  
District Governor



Steve Overton  
DG-Elect



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Assistant Governor



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Assistant Governor



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Paul Harris Society  
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District Secretary



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District Treasurer



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Newsletter Editor



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# CALI

## Summer Hygiene Drive 2023

Oasis Opportunities is seeking donations of hygiene items for students in Hillsborough County. Our club will be holding a collection drive for the next few weeks to collect items and put the packages together. Al Allen will be providing more information on this at the next meeting and discussing how we can make a substantial contribution to this cause. Here is a quote from Dawn, President of Oasis Opportunities on the impact of providing hygiene items to students.

When a mom from a family of 5 children was asked if they needed hygiene items, she broke down in tears and said, "Thank you so, so much. You don't even know how we need these. I have been watering down our shampoo and telling the kids to not rinse their toothbrushes so they will have toothpaste for the next time." She has been limiting their use as she did not know how she would buy any more.

Thank you for all your support of our Hillsborough County students!- **Dawn Schulman**



## RCNT Charity Nomination Form 2022-23

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, April 13, 2023

One of the best events we have every year is our Give Back Breakfast. This is the day that we distribute the funds we raised during the year to charities nominated by you! If you have an organization that you would like to nominate, please fill out the distribution form sent out by Craig DiCecco. In case you haven't seen it, you can click the link below to get to it.

[RCNT Charity Nomination Form 2022-23](#)

**Please remember, that these funds are raised from your participation in fundraisers like the Turkey Trot and Casino Night. With that being said, have you supported these fundraisers? We still have tickets for Casino Night and low participation.**

## 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!**





# Mariana Lopes



**Mariana is the Assistant Vice President of Bank United and has resided in Tampa for the past 7 years.**

**More Bio information to follow.**

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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?

## The Paul Harris scrolls

### Preserving tributes to Rotary's founder

**Rotary's archives include** letters and gifts to founder Paul Harris that reflect the high regard members had for his vision of fostering friendship and international understanding. As part of Rotary's commitment to honoring key figures in our history, archivists at world headquarters worked with a professional paper conservator to treat four handcrafted gifts. All four documents were spot cleaned with a dry process that reduces superficial dirt. Before the items were placed in custom storage mats for preservation, three made of vellum underwent additional conservation work to stretch and flatten them after being rolled for an unknown number of years. These are the results. — SUSAN HANF



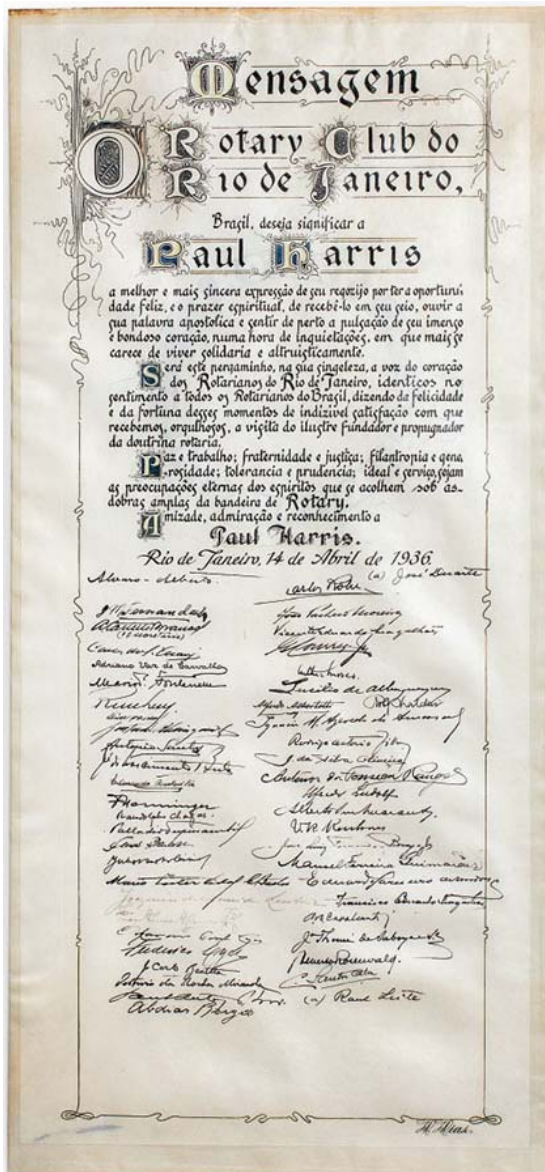
Members in Guadalajara, Mexico, created a 75th birthday message in calligraphy with a painted Rotary emblem.

In January 1936, Harris and his wife, Jean, embarked on a three-month journey to Panama and several South American countries, where they met with numerous clubs. Harris' visit to Ecuador that February was commemorated by the Rotary Club of Riobamba with a beautifully illustrated message featuring hand-painted national symbols.



The Rotary Club of Cuenca memorialized Harris' visit to the Ecuadorian port city of Guayaquil with a scroll featuring an illuminated initial. Conservation included mending tears with Japanese tissue paper and wheat starch paste.





Brazil was Harris' last South American destination before a two-week ocean voyage to New York, and then home to Chicago. Members of the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro, which had been chartered 13 years earlier, signed an elegant message.

This article was reprinted from the April 2023 Edition of the Rotarian Magazine.

## How We Reacted Will Be Remembered

By Duane Williams



I think it is fair to say that the Coronavirus Pandemic will be remembered for a very long time indeed. Enquiries will be held, books well be written and recommendations on how to avoid a repetition will be made.

But what about our own actions and reactions? How will we judge ourselves and how will we be judged? Our first and most important duty is to ourselves and to our family. Providing for our family, following guidelines and keeping our nearest and dearest safe and protected is paramount.

And then there is our other family - our Rotary family. We are a fellowship which directs a large portion of our efforts for the improvement of the lives of others, but during this pandemic perhaps we need to first look closer to home. While there has been a great move towards online meetings by our clubs, it is as important to note who is not attending as it is to welcome those who are. Reaching out to our members with an email, or dare I say an actual phone call, reinforces our basic principle that every member has value, every member is valued.

There may be many reasons why they have not connected. Technical issues, family or financial concerns, or feelings that it just doesn't matter. The main thing is that we need to show it does matter, we do care and we do have solutions. Sometimes the carers may need to be cared for.

We also have our community family, those who for so many years have been the focus of so much of our Club's efforts. We must stay connected to our community and let them know that Rotary is open for business. Increasing our virtual social footprint, reaching out by online media, telephone and with cards and letters, offering comfort, help and reassurance. This will reinforce the fact that your Club is an integral part of the community, and that Rotary cares.

All of these actions, and our other creative practices, will be remembered and appreciated long after the present emergency is over, this is after all what we do as Rotarians, and even pandemics will not stop or stifle our efforts to maintain and build our fellowship, and to positively impact our communities and the lives of others.

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

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Good News-The Rotary International Foundation

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



#### Polio Update

Great news - The Government of Afghanistan has agreed to have four National Immunization Days. This means that 10 million children will receive the Polio vaccine.

We must continue to raise a minimum of \$1500 per club to get the Gates Foundation's 2:1 match. Our partners contribute the rest of the \$1.1 billion annual cost. Our share is \$50 million! Please consider contributing personally to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund, and have your donation matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Your donation helps us reach vulnerable children with the polio vaccine and other essential health services. <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

We are hopeful that we are nearing the end of this long fight to eradicate this awful disease. Remember there is NO cure for Polio, but the vaccine works!

Thanks to all of you who have supported our efforts in the past. Thank you to those who are on board with us now! Here is a link to an article written by a Polio survivor. Read her story and be inspired. <https://www.unicef.ca/en/blog/leading-voice-polio-survivors-story>

#### Disaster Grant



Congratulations to Bill Cox of the Sun City Center Rotary Club! Bill was able to lead a Disaster Grant for Ukraine. He involved District 6980 in Orlando, but we are the lead. THANK YOU BILL!

The grant is for two ambulances and 275 First Aid Kits. The District in Ukraine is highlighted in the last issue of the Rotary Magazine. The first ambulance loaded with medical supplies was handed over to Rotarians in Mykolaiv who will deliver it to the hospital in Kherson, Ukraine. Note that our District is listed under the US Flag on the sign in the ambulance window!

The second ambulance should be in Ukraine by April 7th and the First Aid Kits should arrive no later than the middle of the month. They are coming from England.

Thanks to everyone who donated to The Rotary Foundation Disaster Fund to help make this happen!

Rotary Year End

It's getting closer to the end of the Rotary year. If you want your donation to The Rotary Foundation to count this year (so your Club will get its share in 4 years) then please start the process now! Go to: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Also, please consider enrolling in recurring donations. It is easy and before you know it you will reach another level of giving!

Your support to The Rotary Foundation allows others to see by having a cataract operation, to drink clean water by building a well or installing water filters, to live polio free by vaccinating children, to save the environment by planting trees, to read books by building libraries and schools, and to live without hunger by feeding families. These are the good things we can be part of with our gifts to The Rotary Foundation!

## DG Debbie's Message for April

By Debbie Meegan

The Rotary Theme for **April is the Environment**.

Perfect timing as our **District Rotarians** traveled to **Cozumel** as part of **District 6890 Conference** and participated in an International Mini-Project which focused on the **Environment**.

We joined forces with the **Rotary Club of Cozumel** and students and faculty at a local secondary school which is focusing on becoming a **Green School**. They are teaching their students to be good stewards of the environment by implementing projects that will help the sustainability of their community.

The children participate in learning how to compost garbage which reduces waste in landfills and then they turn the composted refuse into enriched soil which is used to grow fruit trees and vegetables.

In a Welcome Celebration Assembly held in our honor, in front of the whole school, the principal welcomed us and said that their "**Green Project** is aimed at changing their culture from one of **Waste to one of Use**."

Their focus is to "educate the children to be good stewards of the environment which is a home for all of us. With the planting of these trees today, we are sowing life for our community. We are the participants of making the world a better place through our **Green Project**".

The **Rotary Club of Cozumel** will be receiving a Global Grant to further enhance the **Green Project** by installing a

**Rainwater Collection System** that will collect and filter rainwater. This water will be used by the school and community for drinking and for sustainable irrigation for their fruit and vegetable gardens. The



principal is hoping the school will become a model for other schools in Cozumel. We were certainly honored and happy to lend a

hand to help them kickoff their **Green School Project**. Our **District 6890 Rotarians** successfully planted over 20 fruit trees alongside the students, PTA parents and the **Cozumel Rotarians**. Our **District Rotarian** also helped spruce up the school by painting the outside of one of the school buildings. We are planning a trip back to the school in 3 years to hopefully taste the fruits of our labor. **District 6890** was truly blessed to be a part of the 18.4 million in Rotary Foundation global grant funding for environment-related causes that has been allocated in the past five years.



Have a good month.  
Yours in Rotary Service,  
DG Debbie



## 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](#).