



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

May 26th
[RCNT Youth Services
Committee Meeting](#)
June 2nd
[Ybor Community Garden
Maintenance-USF
Rotaract](#)
June 14th
[New Tampa Board of
Directors Meeting](#)
June 16th
[Ybor Community Garden
Maintenance-USF
Rotaract](#)
June 17th
[Serving at Trinity Cafe on
Busch Blvd.](#)

Birthdays



Justin Elkofer
June 19th

Wedding Anniversaries



William Frank
Moore
June 4th



Kathleen
Liesenfeld Novak
June 8th



Valerie Anne
Andrews
June 9th



Frank Douglas
Andrews
June 9th



Gerald Jerry Kirk
McGinty Sr.
June 15th



Ram Kancharla
June 24th

Club Leaders



Ashvin Maharaj
President



Ken Guidera
President-Elect

No Meeting on May 26th.

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, May 18, 2023

In observance of Memorial Day, we will not have a weekly Friday morning meeting. Our next meeting will be on June 2nd. The speaker that day will be Terrence Collins of One Blood. We will also have the opportunity to participate in the Oneblood blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the parking lot from 7:30AM to 1PM.

Elements

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Happy Hour Tonight is at
Elements at Tampa Palms Country Club
6PM



Club Dues Update

By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, May 11, 2023

As you know, we have discussed increasing our dues for the past 7 months. At the last club assembly meeting on April 21st, I outlined the results of the dues survey sent out by the Dues Increase Committee and the action taken by the Board of Directors. I wanted to remind you of the increase as it pertains to each member of the club. Beginning July 1st, 2023, the new dues structure will be as outlined below.

Active Members	\$300 Per Quarter
R-85	\$125 Per Quarter, \$20 attendance fee
Rotaract	\$15 attendance
Guests	\$25

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

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Lesley S. Zajac
Assistant Governor



SUMMER

HYGIENE

DRIVE 2023

Join us in supplying our summer school students with hygiene items to keep them clean and healthy.

Items need:

- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo (for straight and curly hair types)
- Bars of Soap



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!



Jack Tunstall


By Ashvin Maharaj on Thursday, May 11, 2023

Dr. Graydon (Jack) Tunstall is a retired Professor of History and world renowned historian on the topic of the First World War. He is a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a 1 st Lieutenant in the 4/7 th Cavalry Division from 1961-1963.

Jack was the Executive Director for Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society for colleges and university and held the position for 24 years. Dr. Tunstall received his Ph.D. in Modern European History from Rutgers University and retired from the University of South Florida in 2018. During his long teaching career, he received numerous superior teaching awards and volunteered to teach classes for USF's Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI).

Jack has written several books, including Austria-Hungary and the First World War (Columbia University Press), Written in Blood: The Battles for Fortress Przemyśl in WWI (Indiana University Press), Blood on the Snow: The Carpathian Winter War of 1915. He is the recipient of the 2022 Tomlinson Award granted by the World War I Association for the best scholarly book written on WW1 that year.

Dr. Tunstall has guest lectured at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Sorbonne and the University of Vienna. He has been a keynote speaker at numerous historical conferences in the U.S. including at the World War I Museum in Kansas City, MO. Jack lives in Wesley Chapel with his wife, Wendy, and dog Nicky (aka Czar Nicholas).



Networking: An Added Value for Our Membership

By Duane Williams

There are many indications in the setup of our organization that support our networking traditions. Rotary initially could very much have been described as

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a networking fellowship. We added "doing good" later with the advent of projects and eventually our foundation.

Even if we have nothing to "sell", we all have something to "buy" so networking is an important part of the added value of being a Rotarian, after all what could be better than dealing with people who have the same basic principles at heart, Service Above Self.

So, encouraging networking is totally in line with our Rotary ethos, and any encouragement we can give to networking development, while remembering our "fair to all concerned" rider, is a plus, and adds value to the membership of those who benefit.

There are many things we can do to encourage networking. For example, we can simply state professions or employment on our membership web site or have member moments during meetings. We can also have specific networking socials or encouraging membership of "Rotary Means Business". And remember "Rotary Rewards" is another facet of business promotion in Rotary - adding further value.

Finally, membership recruitment is not just the Club Membership Chairs job, it's the responsibility of each Rotary Club member. Rotarians, please strive to invite at least one new candidate to visit your club each meeting every week whether in-person or on Zoom. Networking is an extension of membership engagement and recruitment.

When we "Grow More" ... We can "Do More."



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

DG Debbie's Message for May

By Debbie Meegan



Rotary designates May as Youth Service Month

This is the month we shine a spotlight on our District's efforts to develop leadership skills and foster a spirit of service among our youth with the various programs we support. District 6890 has 19 active Interact Clubs, 6 University based Rotaract Clubs and 1 Community Rotaract Club. In addition, we support our youth with our District Speech Contest and our Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL).

These amazing Interact High School students (like the ones pictured above from Brandon High School) volunteered thousands of hours over the past Rotary Year to support their schools, their communities and their sponsoring Rotary Clubs with countless numbers of impact projects and fundraisers. Likewise, we are blessed with high energy Rotaract Clubs who show up all over their communities putting in countless hours of service. They volunteer at food banks, cleanup roadsides and waterways, plant community gardens, and work with Rotary Clubs to help raise funds for local charities.

Next month, our District, along with Districts 6950 and 6960 will host our Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders(S4TL) in Lakeland. This combined effort is a powerful leadership training program for high school seniors as well as the camp counselors who are post high school.

As we travel about our District, it is indeed heartwarming to see firsthand our next generation of leaders working side by side with our Rotarians.

Rotary firmly believes in encouraging the next generation of leaders. Our programs like our Interact Clubs and Rotaract Clubs along with our S4TL program are an important investment that helps build leadership skills, expand education while learning the value of service.

When invited to help mentor, please do so. You will get more than you give...We promise!

Yours in Rotary Service,
DG Debbie Meegan



Avon Park High School Interact Club



South Florida State Rotaract Club



USF Rotaract Club



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Yours in Rotary Service,

Debbie Meegan
District Governor
2022-2023

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MISINFORMATION CAN BE DEADLY

By Nicholas R. Hall

When Edward Jenner tested the newly discovered smallpox vaccine in 1796, he not only ended a deadly plague but heralded the start of an anti-vaccine movement. Because the vaccine was derived from the related cowpox virus, people feared those receiving the preventative would grow udders and bellow like cows. (Benjamin Franklin supported this movement until one of his unvaccinated children died from the disease). When HIV appeared in Cuba during the early 1980s, the CIA was accused of transmitting it to the island until the strain was linked to one in Angola where Cuban troops were stationed. Healthcare workers in Afghanistan have been accused of trying to sterilize children with the polio vaccine, while in America, there are those who believe the covid vaccine is a tool being used as part of a conspiracy to introduce microchips into the population. Between politics and misinformation, we are facing a growing health crisis.

Incredible as it may seem, the greatest emerging threat to the advancement of maternal and child health is a decline in vaccine confidence. That's despite the historical record that has seen iron lungs gathering dust as museum pieces; the prevention of more than 24 million cases of disease through the use of diphtheria, mumps, and rubella vaccines; the prevention by the covid-vaccine of an estimated 3 million deaths in the US. But despite these astounding benefits, the anti-vax movement is growing.



One has to be careful when interpreting correlations because cause and effect can only be implied, not proven. However, a recent opinion piece published in the Washington Post suggests there's more than just coincidence at hand. *"The impact of the reduced confidence in vaccinations is easy to find. Across the globe, paralytic polio cases increased by 16% in 2022 and cases of paralysis are up 800% from pre-pandemic levels. In 2019, a case of measles was diagnosed at the hospital where I work as a pediatrician. That case was among the earliest of a national outbreak ultimately infecting almost 1,300 children in 31 states. Last year, the U.S. saw over 2,300 cases of whooping cough, and almost 20% of infants who contracted the disease needed to be hospitalized. Last summer, polio was discovered in wastewater samples in New York".* (Shetal Shah MD FAAP is a neonatologist and chair of the National Pediatric Policy Council.)

There was a time when anti-vaxers were largely ignored as a fringe group. That's no longer the case. Those who believe vaccines are harmful comprise part of a growing voting bloc. This, in turn, is attracting the attention of vote-seeking politicians, including some governors and state health directors who have embraced these dangerous beliefs. If you want to support the Rotary initiatives to improve health and eradicate polio, let your local politicians know that you also vote, then send a check to the Rotary Foundation.

PDG Nick Hall
District 6890 Polio Plus Foundation Chair

The Latest News from The Rotary Foundation

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



Thanks to Bill Cox from the Sun City Center Rotary Club for leading the charge for another Disaster Grant for Ukraine. Two Ambulances and 275 First Aid Kits were purchased for a total of \$50,000. Thank you to all who have given!

POLIO UPDATE

Sadly our run of zero new cases of the WPV1 (Wild Poliovirus Type 1) has come to an end with one new case reported in Pakistan from Bannu, part of the seven polio-endemic districts located in the southern area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with the onset of paralysis on 20 February 2023. In Afghanistan, the government has instituted 4 national immunization days. This will immunize 10 million children. Read more Polio News here - including a recap of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones's speech at the UK House of Commons - <https://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/polio-news-march2023-en.pdf> **POLIO**

SURVIVORS

Below is a link to an interview with Texan native Paul Alexander who has been in an iron lung for most of his life. Feel free to share at a meeting. It only takes about 5 minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xowUg7JgFeQ> You can also read more about him here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Alexander_\(polio_survivor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Alexander_(polio_survivor)). We have Polio survivors in our District, adults who have the symptoms that return later in life. They suffer the effects daily. Some are Rotarians and many are willing to speak to your clubs.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The end of the year is almost here. Please get your contribution to the Rotary Foundation so that after 3 years your club can get back 50% and you will help those at home and around the world. Your Club probably has District Designated Funds for this year, but do you know how they will be used? Has your club given \$1500 to the Rotary Foundation this year? Yes, it is a big ask, but vital so we can get the 2:1 match from the Gates Foundation. We must raise \$50 million in order to get the match each year. Every dollar becomes \$3.00. The impact of every donation is HUGE! Have you used your DDF (District Designated Funds) yet? Time is running out: 30 days left! If you need help, please reach out to your District Foundation team.

GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS (DDF)

Do you know where your District Designated Funds (DDF) come from? It's important to understand that giving to the Rotary Foundation now will bring back funds later to continue doing projects in your community. We encourage continued giving, and we appreciate your support. It is important to express our thanks and have you understand how vital your contributions are. Your donations make an impact by funding transformative projects in communities around the world. Your support of 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.

RECURRING DONATIONS.

To sign up for Rotary Direct, use this link - <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> and follow these easy steps:

1. Go to 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 our club DDF, District Designated Funds, which means that half your donation will come back to our club after 3 years.
5. Choose Recurring Donation
6. Select Frequency- choose from Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually
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8. Personal Information, Payment Details, and Billing Address
9. Click on Submit
10. Print your Confirmation

Rotarians have changed lives at home and around the world. The only way it works is by having generous donors who take satisfaction in helping others who cannot do it themselves.

It's not about the money, but about what the money does. Rotary is the engine and The Rotary Foundation is the fuel!

If you want to schedule a speaker about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. for your Club, please let me know.

PDG Mark Scolnick

District Rotary Foundation Chair

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Now DBA The Rotary District 6890 Disaster Response Fund

By Winnie M. Marvel

The District 6890 Foundation Annual Update

Your District Foundation convened on April 11th, 2023 for the annual meeting.

The main function of the District Foundation has been to serve as a pass through for District Clubs to hold tax-free donations in the absence of their own club foundation.

In addition to assisting clubs in that fashion, the foundation also receives funds from the District if there happens to be unused monies from the previous year. Your District 6890 Board of Directors decided to do this with the specific intention of being used for disaster relief. The protocol for disaster relief in District 6890 is to prioritize the needs of our District first, then our state of Florida, then our Zone, and lastly internationally.

This has been a good plan and the District has been able to match much-needed disaster relief donations from our members for many years. As reported at the annual meeting in April, \$79,499 were distributed this Rotary year. The causes were Hurricane Fiona, Hurricane Ian, and Nick Hall's Polio ride. Of that, \$10,000 came from the District Foundation and the remainder from members and Rotary friends. Although, unfortunately, the need is so great, it is heartwarming that our members are so generous.

The annual meeting also brought the election of new members. Three members will be moving on to other tasks this year, including DGE Steve Overton, DRFC, PDG Mark Scolnick, and member Brian Yates. They were valuable members of the board for many years and their service is much appreciated.

New members that were voted in were DGND Linda Devine and member Brad Kelly. In the coming Rotary year, the President will be PDG Winnie Marvel, Vice-President Brian Reeves, Treasurer PDG Joyce Gunter, and Secretary Jim Claussen. Other board members will include PDG Tom Wagner, PDG Gary Gunter, Terri Miller, Hanisha Patel, Tracy Kimbrough, Brad Kelly, and DGND Linda Devine.

Other business that occurred during this meeting was a name change. In the past, there has been much confusion over the District 6890 Foundation and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. There is a huge difference but so confusing to our members. Technically we are recognized by the IRS as the Rotary District 6890 Foundation, Inc. but we will now be doing business as the **Rotary District 6890 Disaster Response Fund**. We hope that this change will bring clarity to the members of District 6890.

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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