

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, January 13, 2023

Upcoming Events

January 17th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Mike Meegan, Rotary Global Eco President

Subject: BEE a friend to Pollinators

January 24th

RCT Service Above Self Day

February 13th

Ladies of the RCT Galentines Day

February 16th

Rotary Business Exchange mixer at Harris Hunt & Derr P.A.

Happy Birthday!



Rebecca M. Nagy
January 16th



Jeffrey M. Locker
January 17th



Ralph W. Sevelius Jr.
January 19th



Dora E. Zúñiga
January 20th

Your Leaders



Christine L. Derr
President



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President-Elect
Community Service Chair



Larry S. Marfise
Secretary

Charles V. Williams
Treasurer

BEE a friend to pollinators



At the forefront of Rotary International's Operation Pollination initiative is the Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District (HSWCD) and Rotary Club of Brandon Global Eco, which together have signed a pledge to conduct one or more projects benefiting pollinators over the next two years.

Join us on January 17 to meet Eco Club President Mike Meegan and learn about this program and the critical role of bees in our environment!

The club, formerly known as the Rotary Club of Brandon South, adopted its new name after Rotary International adopted protecting the environment as its seventh focus area. To receive Rotary grants, projects must be affiliated with one of its focus areas, which include as well promoting peace, fighting disease, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene.

The focus on bees, bats, birds and butterflies, along with other pollinators, is a critical endeavor, given that 75 percent of the approximately 1,330 crop plants grown worldwide for food, fiber and medicines are pollinated by such animals and insects, according to the Operation Pollination pledge signed by HSWCD and Rotary representatives. (copy credit to the Osprey Observer's Linda Chion)

Join us on Tuesday! Members attend at no charge, and guests pay \$25 to join us. No need to register in advance any longer - we look forward to seeing you there. **PLEASE arrive by 11:50** so we can start the program on time.

Can't attend live? Join Zoom to catch it on screen!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81309740896?pwd=USStpMG82ZGtRNUxSZCtJZE1UcEdwUT09>

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Service Above Self Day replaces our luncheon on January 24

Rotarians! After a long, Covid induced hiatus, we are bringing back the popular **Service Above Self Day on January 24**. On this Tuesday, club members forgo our luncheon and speaker and instead perform acts of service in the community. This year, **we are partnering with Trinity Cafe and Metropolitan Ministries** to serve meals to their guests, staff, and residents. Take a much-needed break from the weekday grind and serve with your fellow members. You will be glad that you did!

We currently have 30 spaces available, and will make more available if demand provides. Sign up today so we are expecting you! [Use this link to choose your spot.](#)



Welcome Peruvian Rotarians this February

District 6890 is sponsoring a second Friendship Exchange for this Rotary Year. We hosted Rotarians from Egypt this past October, and we learned so much. The next group arrives from Peru on February 6, and they will be in the District until February 18. DG Debbie indicates that there are



Connie E. Gage
Sergeant-at-Arms
Membership Chair

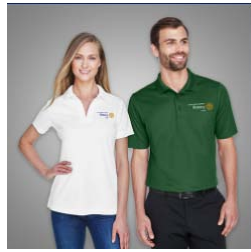


nine Rotarians - 2 men and 7 women. All are professionals and speak English.

There are still opportunities to host these Rotarians, and the dates at the time of this note are still fluid. We are looking for persons who could host a visitor or two for three or four nights. Another hosting option could be a vacation home you may have in the District that would be suitable for a short-term stay. We are also looking for persons who would be willing to transport the visiting Rotarians to and from activities.

[Want to learn more? Contact Linda Devine.](#) And thank you!

Today is the last chance to order your Rotary Club of Tampa polo!



Rotarians! Are you ready for your own Rotary Club of Tampa polo shirt? Now is the time! We are placing a bulk order for short-sleeved performance polos customized with the Rotary Club of Tampa logo. Mens and womens styles are

available in all sizes and a wide variety of colors as well. Shirts are \$40 each.



To place your order, [click this link](#) and let us know the size and color(s) that you want. We will invoice you for the amount due. The order will be placed on January 15 and should be received by the end of the month.