

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, December 30, 2022

Upcoming Events

January 6th

Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes

January 10th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Whit Remer, City of Tampa

Subject: Climate Action and Equity in the City of Tampa

January 17th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Mike Meegan, Rotary Global Eco President

Subject: Bees - a key player in our environment

January 24th

RCT Service Above Self Day

Happy Birthday!



MaryAnn S. Cathopoulos
December 25th



Susan Griffin
December 29th



Darren Kipnis
January 4th



Thomas N. Henderson III
January 4th



Michael A. Scannon
January 4th



Robert Cohen
January 6th



Kevin Franzese
January 7th

A message from Club President Christine Derr

Happy New Year, Rotarians! The first half of our 2022-2023 Rotary year is behind us, so let's take a look the Club's accomplishments so far:

- Awarded 16 community service grants totaling nearly \$80,000
- Added 8 new Rotarians to our club
- Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes netted over \$37,000
- 187 students received holiday gifts through our gift project
- 6 hands-on service opportunities
- 2 Rotary Business Exchange networking events
- Hosted several Egyptian Rotarians via the friendship exchange
- 8 member social events – from galas to a Bucs game to Halloween
- 9 new or completed 1914 Club pledges
- Completed at least 400 volunteer hours.....that's not even with everything entered yet
- Multiple service projects and social events and more are planned for 2023



Thank you for making the first half of my year as President such a memorable experience. Rich and I wish you all the best for a memorable 2023. Let's continue working together to make an impact in our community and deepen our Rotary bonds.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Christine Derr
President -2022-2023

Come to Flags for Heroes instead of lunch next week



Happy New Year, Rotarians! 2023 is already shaping up to be an exciting year, as we close out the first week with our rescheduled **Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes celebration on Friday, January 6 from 9 - 10 a.m.** There is no club lunch on Tuesday, so join us instead for this vital part of our community outreach. Friends, family, colleagues, and all are welcome to this patriotic and reflective start to the new year.

Did you sponsor a hero? If so, make sure they are invited as well. Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park is filled with military memorabilia and is a great place to explore. Please support your club's signature fundraiser - it is free and open to all!

Interested in volunteering? We need setup, breakdown, and event support. [Click here to let us know you can help!](http://www.flagsforheroestampa.org)

Welcome new Rotarians!

What a great way to close out 2022! In December, we were thrilled to welcome four new Rotarians to our ranks. Together they reflect the diversity of experience that makes this club so special, and we know they will each make a unique impact. Please take a minute to meet them at an upcoming meeting or club event.

Tim Driver has over 20 years of leadership in the high tech and IT industries, which includes time at Motorola, Hewlett-Packard, Lucent Technologies/AT&T,

Your Leaders



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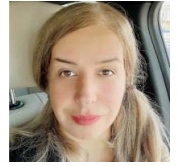
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Membership Chair



IBM, Microsoft, Capital One, Discover Financial Services and Salesforce. He owns New Directions Transformational Life Coaching Company where he provides executive coaching to executives and senior leaders. Since relocating to Tampa in 2021, he has served with Tampa Junior Achievement and the Tampa Alphas. Tim is a lifetime member and past chapter president of the National Society of Black Engineers. Tim was an exchange student staying in Mexico through Rotary

International, and was a Rotarian in Raleigh, NC.

Sara Ferrari comes to Tampa via Iran and later Canada. She holds a Ph.D in Motor Learning and development and master's degrees in both Instructional Design and Technology & Physical Education, plus a degree in Nursing. She has taught sports Psychology, Motor Learning and Development, Badminton, Photography, and other related topics for more than 15 years at several different Universities and Colleges in Iran and Canada and competed as a professional badminton player for many years. She worked as a National Certified Instructor and a coach for the Iran Badminton Federation and as a mental coach for the Iran Olympic/Paralympic Committee. She is also an art photographer and loves traveling, dogs, racquet sports, and hiking.

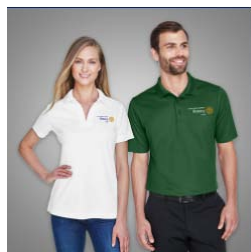


Susan Griffin has been in the mortgage industry for over 30 years, and just relocated to Tampa to open a new branch of Streamline Home Loans in collaboration with Tomlin/St Cyr Real Estate. She is a single mom to two grown daughters, with a grandson and another on the way. She moved to Florida from Lincoln NE since 1988 after graduating from UNL, and was an active member of the Maitland Rotary Club until joining us. She loves serving the community and has a passion for helping families achieve the ultimate goal of homeownership. Her other interests include live music (especially the Revivalists), traveling, cooking, yoga, pilates, and ballet.

Jamie Whitehurst is a North Carolina native with undergrad and master's degrees from East Carolina U. Originally in hospitality management with Hilton Hotels, his engagement with the Birmingham AL community led to a leap into non-profit fundraising, and he never looked back, tripling the budget of the Birmingham AIDS outreach in his 9 years there. Since moving to Tampa in early January with Dawning Family Services (formerly Alpha House), he has become an active member of the South Tampa Chamber, the GTCC, and attends St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He enjoys outdoor activities, exploring our local beaches, learning about Tampa, and hanging with his labradoodle.



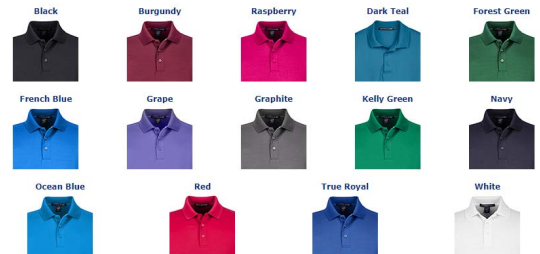
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