

# Rotary



# Club of Tampa

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

## Upcoming Events

- February 13th  
[Ladies of the RCT Galentines Day](#)
- February 14th  
[Club Luncheon Meeting](#)
- February 16th  
[Rotary Business Exchange mixer at Harris Hunt & Derr P.A.](#)
- February 21st  
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- February 24th  
[Service Event with Goodwill Bookreads](#)
- February 28th  
[Giving Day - We Celebrate our Partners!](#)

## Happy Birthday!



[Gary Nash](#)  
February 10th



[Robert C. Newman](#)  
February 11th

## Your Leaders



[Christine L. Derr](#)  
President



[Kathleen Luzier Bogolea](#)  
President-Elect  
Community Service Chair



[Larry S. Marfise](#)  
Secretary



[Charles V. Williams](#)  
Treasurer

[Connie F. Gage](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Membership Chair

## Tampa International Airport Updates from the CEO



**Joe Lopano** was appointed in 2011 as Tampa International Airport's new Chief Executive Officer. A true visionary of the industry with more than 40 years of commercial aviation experience, he has led tremendous growth and service expansions at TPA. He was named 2021 Airport Director of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation

Lopano serves on the boards of the Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization and the Tampa Bay Economic Development Corporation. Joe is a member of the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society and a past Honorary Commander at MacDill Air Force Base. He is a graduate of Leadership Florida Cornerstone Class 30. Nationally, Joe serves on the Airports Council International World Governing Board, the U.S. Travel Association Board and Executive Committee, and the USTA Gateway Airports Council.

**If you are a guest, click here to register so we are expecting you!** Members attend at no charge, and guests pay \$25 to join us. Members do not need to preregister any longer. PLEASE arrive by 11:45 so we can start on time.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81309740896?pwd=USStpMG82ZGtRNUxSZCtJZE1UcEdwUT09>  
Meeting ID: 813 0974 0896  
Passcode: RCT2022  
One tap mobile  
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## Rotary Tuesday = Friendship Exchange!

PLEASE make an effort to attend Tuesday's luncheon - we have special guests! In addition to a great speaker and the Rotary fellowship that makes each week memorable, this week **we welcome a cohort of Rotarians from Peru**, who are visiting the Tampa area for 9 days as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange.

And what a week they have planned! From a JC Newman cigar factory tour, to Busch Gardens, the beach, the Florida Aquarium, and even line dancing at the Dallas Bull, our guests will have so much to remember! All members are welcome to join in the fun, so email Brooke for the itinerary if you want to hop in.

Special thanks to one of our newest members, Sara Ferrari, who is hosting one of the visitors. Meet them all at our luncheon Tuesday!



## Donate instruments for kids in Cozumel!



District Rotarians are collecting useable used or new musical instruments to bring to Cozumel when they sail in March for our District Conference. In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Cozumel, the group will be touring a green school and helping them to plant trees, and the school is in need of musical instruments for their students.

If you have a small instrument you would like to donate, please bring it to an upcoming luncheon, and we will get it where it needs to be!



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## Rotary Business Exchange is Thursday

**Rotary Business Exchange** is our club's networking arm. Each month, Rotarians gather at a member's place of business to share their business story, learn about others, and forge partnership and collaborations along the way. This is another way to deepen our Rotary bonds of fellowship.

Who better to partner with than another devotee of the 4-Way Test?

Thank you to **Christine Derr & Joe Hunt with Harris Hunt & Derr PA** for hosting this month's event at their downtown law office. And thanks also to Sean Hennessey for coordinating the evening.

[Click here to let us know you are coming!](#)



ROTARY CLUB OF TAMPA WELCOMES YOU

**Rotary Business Exchange Networking Event**

BUILD PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 16  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

HARRIS, HUNT, & DERR P.A.  
100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 300  
TAMPA, FL 33602

RSVP TO OFFICE@ROTARYCLUBOFTAMPA.ORG

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## Read to the kids on February 24



BookWorks is designed to instill a love of books and encourage self-sufficiency with an ultimate goal to promote literacy, help children succeed in tomorrow's workforce, and support Goodwill-Suncoast's mission of transforming lives through lifelong learning and the power of work.

The aim of Goodwill's BookWorks program is to get books into the hands and homes of children who otherwise may not have the opportunity to have them. Dedicated volunteers read to children at Head Start centers and other locations and present each child with a personalized book to take home.

This is one of our favorite service events, and we hope you can participate! There are 15 spaces on **February 24 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the McCloud Headstart** on Rome Ave. [Click here to sign up today!](#)

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## Giving Day - Let's Celebrate our Partners!

It's a party with a purpose! Join us on **February 28 from 6 - 8 p.m.** to celebrate our grant recipients, and enjoy food, live music, and inspiring stories from the 17 local charities our club is supporting this year.

Say thank you to our sponsors, and mix and mingle with Rotarians and other local professionals. This networking opportunity is open to the community, and we hope to see you there! Space is limited, [so click the image to RSVP.](#)

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAMPA PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Giving Day

## HAPPY HOUR EVENT!



**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2023**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**  
(No Rotary Meeting on this date)

**Chester Ferguson Law Center**  
1610 N Tampa St.  
Tampa, FL  
33602

MUSIC BY  
**BOB**  
**FRIERSON**

Join us at the **Chester Ferguson Law Center** as the Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation honors our community partners with grants totaling nearly \$80,000 that benefit the community in which we live, work and play. You'll also get the rare opportunity to hear the heart-warming stories of how the grants will enhance each organization as led by the wit and humor of **Steve Overton, Rotary District Governor Elect**.

This celebration event is free and open to the community. You'll enjoy music by Bob Frierson, networking and more while seeing the work of the Rotary Club of Tampa in action. Feel free to invite everyone to share in this inspiring and festive evening!

For more information,  
visit [RotaryClubofTampa.org](https://RotaryClubofTampa.org)



### GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Academy Prep of Tampa  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay  
Bullard Family Foundation  
Camaraderie Foundation  
Dawning Family Services  
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida  
Jackson in Action 83 Foundation  
Meals on Wheels of Tampa  
Metropolitan Ministries  
Outreach Free Clinic  
Peter J. Mulry Foundation  
Quest Inc. / Life Concepts  
Sing Out and Read  
Sounding Joy  
Starting Right Now  
Tampa Hope / Catholic Charities

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