

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, March 26, 2021

Upcoming Events

March 30th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: State Attorney

Andrew Warren

Subject: Criminal justice in the 13th Judicial Circuit

April 6th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Hon. Michael Scionti,

13th Circuit

Subject: Zooming in from the Veteran's Court

April 13th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Mike Minor

Subject: U.S. Paralympian & Gold Medalist

April 20th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Angie Drobnic Holan, Editor in Chief

Subject: Politifact - Separating Fact from Fiction

April 21st

Rotary Club of Tampa Board of Directors meeting

Happy Birthday!

Benjamin David

March 26th

Your Leaders



Joseph D. Hunt
President



Linda W. Devine
Ph.D.
President-Elect



Hanisha Patel
Secretary



Charles V. Williams
Treasurer

State Attorney Andrew Warren visits on Tuesday

Andrew Warren leads the 13th Judicial Circuit as our local State Attorney, and we are thrilled to welcome him once again to join us this week at Rotary. Since taking office in 2017, Warren has been reforming our local criminal justice system. He has been tough on violent criminals, fraudsters, and repeat offenders who threaten the safety of our neighborhoods. He has utilized innovative reforms and created successful diversion programs to hold low-level offenders accountable while steering them away from the downward spiral of the system, including civil citation programs for juveniles and adults.



Warren has focused on treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation for offenders with substance abuse and mental illness in order to reduce recidivism rather than further the revolving door of the criminal justice system. He has minimized poverty traps that criminalize people because they are poor. He created a Conviction Review Unit to address wrongful convictions and has embraced data-driven approaches that improve safety, cut crime, and save taxpayer dollars. Additionally, Warren has emphasized transparency and civic engagement to build trust with the community that he serves.

[Click this link to register for the live meeting.](#) Please remember to bring a mask or other face covering for fellowship time. If you are unable to attend, please email the club office in case there is a wait list. Thank you!

Or, Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85949539742?pwd=cERNRE1xcmwvTmhSMU0xQXNTb0NuZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 4953 9742

Passcode: Rotary2020

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Donate - Donate - Donate!

ROTARY CARES A TON CHALLENGE

District-wide donation initiative = Spring cleaning for you!

Project dates: March 1st - April 30th

This event is part donation drive, part club competition. Let's show District 6890 how our club can rally, make a difference, and win! I am Rotarian Carolyn Wilkinson, and am chairing this initiative for our club.

Let's do good by helping those in need here in our community. Our club is partnering with the local Salvation Army, and its Area Commander, our own Tampa Rotarian Andy Miller. He has shared that they are in need of all household items, furniture, apparel, anything they can use to stock their thrift stores and provide to families in need.

You are not limited to the Salvation Army. If you want to support a food pantry like Feeding Tampa Bay, or any other cause that is close to your heart, that is certainly ok. No matter what, from now to April 30, clean out those closets, reach out to your neighbors, collect and donate as much as you can and report the approximate weight of your donations to [Carolyn by emailing here.](#) If you can send a picture along, even better!

ANY donations done in the month of MARCH do count towards our over all weigh-in. So if you donated anything to any charity, it WILL COUNT! Just send me an email with the items description you donated and the estimated weight and I will log it into our total.

CASH COUNTS TOO!. For every dollar you all donate in March or April to any organization, we get a 5lb per \$1 credit.

ALSO, anyone can donate for us in this competition. Your family, friends, neighbors, strangers! I got on Facebook marketplace and if there was a free item listed, I went and got it and took it to



Jamie Adair
Sergeant-at-Arms



Steve Overton
Assistant Governor

Salvation Army. Anything and everything counts!

If you want help dropping off items, bring your contributions to a club meeting or reach out to me or Brooke to arrange pickup.

What should you collect and donate? *You are limited to your imagination.* Here are some examples -The heavier the better!

- Clothes
- Books
- Household goods
- Furniture
- Food to a food pantry
- Vehicles

The club that wins this event wins a Paul Harris Fellow for the member donating the most weight to the cause. Let's do this!

WE ARE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

Lets go everyone! Call me, email me, text me. I will help you get items donated.

CAROLYN

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Save the Date - the Spring Gala is Back!

The social committee is excited to bring back the much beloved spring gala. With vaccines on the rise and cases on the decline, we hope you feel comfortable joining us for this annual event that brings Rotarians and their significant others together for a festive evening.

More details and an invitation will follow soon, but **mark your calendar now for Thursday, May 27 at 6 pm.** We will gather at Santo's Drinkeria, the gorgeous indoor/outdoor rooftop at Casa Santo Stefano in Ybor City. We hope to see you there!

"Tax Free April" - No fee for live lunches!

Yes, it's true - our club board of directors has voted to extend March Madness into April! Live club lunches are free to the first 40 who register each week. We still maintain safe distance at tables, lunches are preplated, and masks are required if not seated. We hope you will consider joining us for the Rotary fellowship we all have missed!

Preregistration is required by the Saturday before each lunch. We try to hold a few seats aside for last minute calls, but walk-ins are not encouraged. Easiest way to register is with the links on the left side of the club website under "Club Speakers." The earlier the better!

Flags for Heroes Volunteer Committee Needs YOU!



Flags for Heroes is two things - a chance to honor the many heroes that inspire us and our community, AND a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation. In the fall, despite the challenges that riots, a pandemic, and a virtual event created, this event still put over \$22,000 in grants in the hands of 5 local organizations whose hands on impact in this crazy years made all the difference.

Now, the planning for Flags for Heroes 2021 (fall 2021) is just getting underway, and this year's impact will be much more significant. Many of our investments were one time costs, and we expect to be able to have a fully live event this year. **HELP US grow this event into something our whole community can celebrate by joining**

the planning committee. This unique committee combines club members with our partners from county administration and law enforcement, and is a really fun way to meet new people and plan a patriotic community event.

If you are interested in learning more, [please email event chairman Kevin Beckner](#) . Thanks for your interest!

BGC Belmont Heights Computer Lab is up and running!

The Rotary Club of Tampa is proud and humbled by many things, but one that stands apart is our nearly 100 year friendship with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. Our annual financial support, scholarships, and volunteer efforts strive to impact so many worthy students every year. We just received this feedback and many photos from them that showcase the brand new Belmont Heights computer lab. Our \$10,000 in support made that technology center a reality.



"Thank you to the Rotary Club of Tampa for underwriting the renovation of the old computer lab at the Belmont Heights Boys & Girls Club. Our youth now have a clean and renovated space to learn, with new Chromebook laptops. Below are pictures of before and after. We also had DPR construction volunteers to help with the renovation and they cleaned and painted the space for us. We are very grateful for the continued support of your organization in our efforts to provide a safe and welcomig environment for our youth, with up to date technology. Thank you once again."

Members, your support of our Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation made this possible Thank you!
