

Rotary



Club of Tampa

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Upcoming Events

March 7th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Judge Tom Palermo

Subject: The Fentanyl Crisis and its impact on our communities

March 21st

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Brian Auld -

President, Tampa Bay Rays

Subject: Celebrating 25 years of Rays Baseball!

March 28th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Eric Winograd, Director—Developed Market Economic Research

Subject: The U.S. Economy - What Can We Expect?

March 31st

Girl Scout Leader Box Packing - Service Event

April 4th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Major General (ret.) Jay Hood

Subject: Putin's War in Ukraine

April 11th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Happy Birthday, Rotary Club of Tampa!

Subject: Impacting Tampa for 109 Years

April 18th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Roger Germann, President & CEO

Subject: Tampa's Florida Aquarium is a community cornerstone

April 25th

RCT Offsite Meeting - Emergency Preparedness Forum

Happy Birthday!



Hanisha Patel
March 9th

Your Leaders

Christine L. Derr
President

The Fentanyl Crisis and its impact on our community



The opioid crisis has made a nationwide impact, and the Tampa Bay area is no exception. Join us Tuesday for a powerful look at fentanyl, crime, and the suffering caused by addiction in our community. **Thomas N. Palermo** is a Circuit Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and his perspective on this epidemic will be very insightful. Before serving as a Circuit Judge, he spent 12 years as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida (Tampa Division). In that capacity, he worked on cases involving murder, traditional organized crime, transnational organized crime, complex frauds, public corruption, gangs, terrorism, and narcotics distribution. Over the course of his career, he also served as Senior Litigation Counsel, the District Opioid Coordinator, a Reviewer, the Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator, and the District Mortgage Fraud Coordinator.

Don't miss this riveting and timely conversation. We don't meet for lunch again until March 21, so we hope to see you this week!

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=UStpMG82ZGtRNUxSZCtJZE1UcEdwUT09>

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Our next service event is a Girl Scout box packing!

See our club's community service grant dollars in action by signing up for this service opportunity! Our \$4500 grant will go a long way towards supporting new troop leaders and encouraging others to make the commitment. **The date has changed - it is now March 31.** Clear your calendar and join us!

GSWCF has developed **New Leader Drop Boxes** to help first time Daisy and Brownie leaders with troop programming. These kits give troop leaders all the tools they need to help their Daisy Girl Scouts earn all of their Daisy petals, and Brownie Girl Scouts will to earn at least 7 badges. If any of you have been a troop leader in the past, you know what a blessing this support will be!



Volunteers will work in 2 hour shifts to assemble all the kits at the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida headquarters. Please help us have a great turnout at this event by choosing a shift today!

[Click here to choose your shift and register!](#)

RCT Giving Day brought club and causes together

Thanks to all who joined us on Tuesday for **Giving Day!** This happy hour style celebration brought club members, sponsors, and grant recipients together to hear from all our



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea
President-Elect
Community Service
Chair



Larry S. Marfise
Secretary



Charles V. Williams
Treasurer



Connie E. Gage
Sergeant-at-Arms
Membership Chair



partners and enjoy live music, food, drinks, and social time. Seeing each of our grant recipients at the podium sharing their stories really brought home the impact our club continues to make on the community.



Tremendous appreciation goes to Christy Vogel and Connie Gage, who did all the planning and execution, and to our community service committee for their support in connection with our partners. District Governor Debbie Meegan joined us, and District Governor-Elect Steve Overton was the emcee - and boy, is he entertaining!

Look forward to Giving Day continuing as an annual event, It is a special night.



Reading with preschoolers warms our hearts and theirs!



It was a small but mighty group at this month's hands-on service opportunity. Connie Gage, Tim Driver, and Beth Savill had the opportunity to read with several Head Start classes and had a great time. Watch for this event next year and join them!

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. Our club has supported this program with time and dollars over the years.

