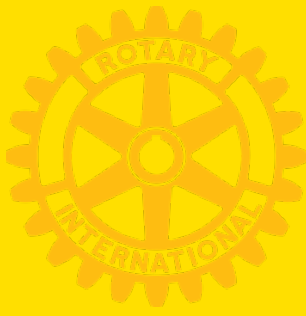


# Rotary



# Club of Tampa

Friday, September 22, 2023

## Upcoming Events

September 26th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Steve Barnes, Barnes Trial Group

**Subject:** Florida tort reform from the trial lawyer perspective

October 3rd

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** George Robertson-Burnett

**Subject:** The Journey to and through Rotary

October 10th

### Fall Oyster Roast Club Social

October 17th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** John R. MacFarlane

**Subject:** Rotary's impact on polio, post-polio syndrome, and the future

October 24th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Christy Vogel

**Subject:** AI's Impact on Society

October 31st

### Take a Rotarian to Lunch Day!

November 7th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** U.S Attorney Roger Handberg

**Subject:** Federal Crimes Update

## Happy Birthday!



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea  
September 25th



Lawrence C. Brown  
September 26th



John W. Osterweil  
September 27th

Lee E. Nelson  
September 27th

## Florida Tort Reform Changes from a Trial Lawyer's Perspective



On March 24, 2023, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 837 into law, effecting sweeping reform of Florida's tort laws. Some of the most notable changes are to Florida's frameworks for negligence, insurance, premises liability, personal injury litigation, and attorneys' fees recovery. **How will these laws impact consumers? Join us on September 26 to hear insights from one of Tampa's most successful plaintiff's attorneys.**

**Stephen Barnes** is the founder of The Barnes Trial Group. Mr. Barnes exclusively represents family members and victims of personal injury and wrongful death. Over his eighteen year career, Mr. Barnes has been recognized as a pre-eminent and highly skilled trial lawyer by many attorney rating and certification organizations, including The Florida Bar, the National Board of Trial Advocacy, the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Florida Trend and Tampa Bay Magazine. Mr. Barnes became one of the youngest board-certified civil trial attorneys in Florida at age 33 and is proud to be AV Pre-eminent peer review rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

A lifelong resident of Florida, Mr. Barnes attended the University of Florida and obtained his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, followed by a law degree earned from Stetson University College of Law. With wife, Jessica, they care for their five children, Ashley, Audrey, Matthew, Myles, Mason, plus three big and energetic dogs.

Guests are welcome! 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!

Rotary Club of Tampa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006631820?pwd=MzBuZFE2NFVUMUxSaHB2TUM5c2ZzZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 0663 1820

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## Four exciting options for our club luncheon on October 31 - sign up today!

One of the founding themes of Rotary was the opportunity to "rotate" between member homes and places of business in an effort to build stronger professional and personal relationships with club members. On **October 31**, we put that tradition into action!

[Use this link to sign up for one of 4 opportunities to share lunch and a tour while getting to know our community and members better.](#)

Options include:

**Dawning Family Services** (Jamie Whitehurst): Explore Dawning Family Services, formerly Alpha House of Tampa. They offer emergency bridge housing and services for all modern families with minor children including single mothers, single fathers, couples, multi-generational parents, and LGBTQ+ parents.

**Elegant Lunch at home** (Cynthia Zinober): RCT Board Member Cynthia Zinober welcomes you to her beautiful Hyde Park home for lunch, a tour, and quality time with other Rotarians.

**HCC Dale Mabry Campus** (Dr. Paige Niehaus): Tour HCC's Dale Mabry campus - a comprehensive college for students seeking AA and AS degrees, computer and health sciences, plus the sports and clubs that make student life complete.

**Northern Trust Water Street** (Scott Rutz and Chris Swink): Northern Trust just moved into their stunning new offices at the Thousand & One office tower at 1001 Water St, continuing a long





[Jonathan Ford](#)  
September 30th



## Your Leaders



[Kathleen Luzier Bogolea](#)  
President



[Roderick P. Gaerlan](#)  
President - Elect



[Paige Niehaus](#)  
Secretary



[Charles V. Williams](#)  
Treasurer



[Asif Khan Hakeem](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Linda W. Devine Ph.D.](#)  
Assistant Governor

tradition of investing in our community. Come visit these beautiful new offices!

Thanks to these Rotarians for hosting! If you would like to host a future event in the spring, please let us know.

## Tutor Students in Literacy and Life at the Boys & Girls Clubs

Introducing..... an exciting **service partnership** with our friends at the **Boys and Girls Clubs!** The Rotary Club of Tampa has been a supporter of the Boys and Girls Clubs since their first days, but in recent years this partnership has been primarily financial support. No more!



Starting this fall, we are partnering with the Mulry Foundation, another one of our grant recipients, on **literacy tutoring and mentoring after school at their Salesian Center location** in

Tampa Heights. Twice a month, volunteers will meet with students to harness the Mulry Foundation's unique program to improve the kids' academic performance with reading and one on one interaction. These students become very attached to adult volunteers they see regularly, and we know this will be a very rewarding opportunity for everyone.



[Interested in getting involved? Click here to learn more.](#)

## The Oyster Roast tradition continues on October 10



It's an annual club tradition! Don't miss this casual gathering of Rotary Club of Tampa members and their guests for a seafood feast and fellowship on the beautiful south Tampa waterfront.

[PLEASE let us know you are coming so we have the right amount of delicious provisions.](#)

## Flags for Heroes means more grants and projects - share this special offer with our community!

Spread the word, Rotarians! We are hoping for the biggest year of Flags for Hillsborough's Heroes - honoring our heroes while we raise the dollars that benefit our community.

Here are some tools you can use to help engage the community.

We have a Facebook event you can share [with this link](#), here is a [flyer that is easy to print](#) and [one you can email](#) out, and our event website is [right here!](#)

The event committee has a special offer - the first 50 flags sold to **sponsors outside the club** are only \$50! This is just for non-RCT members, so let your friends and Rotarians from other clubs know.

This offer isn't yet available online, so [contact the club office](#) to take advantage. **SHARE with this image!**

We are actively seeking **sponsors** - a key to our impact! Reach out to the businesses and philanthropists in your circle, and invite them to join us to build the patriotic and heartwarming field of flags that makes Veterans Day weekend at Veterans Memorial Park so memorable.

[Click here to see our sponsorship opportunity guide](#), and pass it on!

