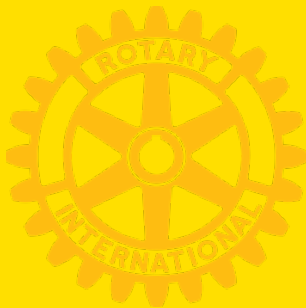


Rotary



Club of Tampa

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Invite a Friend!



Upcoming Events

July 29th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Tampa Bay Buccaneers COO Brian Ford
Subject: Are you ready for some football?

August 5th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Spectrum Bay News 9 Meteorologist Josh Linker
Subject: Be prepared this hurricane season!

August 12th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Join us welcome Ron Weaver!
Subject: Exemplary Lives of Tampa Bay Women Leaders

August 19th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Speaker of the Week: Casey Gonzmart
Subject: Columbia Restaurant Group: A Tampa Tradition

August 20th

Board of Directors Meeting

Happy Birthday!



Paige Niehaus
July 25th



Ryan G. Kanne
July 25th



Maurice I. Youakim
July 27th

Inside Scoop on the Bucs' Season – Join Brian Ford on 7/29



Fall is for football, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are gearing up for what promises to be another thrilling season! With **QB Baker Mayfield returning**, **new offensive coordinator Josh Grizzard** joining the team, and several exciting new signings, the Bucs are ready to make a strong run.

This season's schedule is packed with challenges and excitement, including matchups against **five division champions from last year**—three of which won 13 or more games in 2024. Fans can also look forward to **four prime-time games** and a critical **December/January stretch of home games against NFC South rivals**. All signs point to Tampa being at the heart of the division race this year.

We are excited to welcome **longtime RCT friend Brian Ford** to give us an insider's look at the upcoming season.

He'll share what to watch for, what's new with the team, and why this season could be one to remember for Bucs fans.

Guests are welcome — come ready to cheer in true Bucs style! Wear your Buccaneers gear and be part of the excitement.

- **Members & Guests:** [Click here to register](#) so we know to expect you.
- **Cost:** Members attend at no charge; guests are \$25.
- **Arrival:** Please arrive by **11:45 AM** so we can begin promptly.

Traveling or can't make it in person?

You can still join us! [Click here to join via Zoom](#) and be part of the excitement no matter where you are.



Donate T-Shirts, Empower Survivors



We're proud to join a statewide Rotary project supporting **Re-Threaded**, an organization that helps survivors of human trafficking reclaim their lives through employment and empowerment.

How you can help: Donate **new or gently worn, clean t-shirts** at any Rotary club meeting **now through August 20**. These shirts will be repurposed into meaningful products that create opportunities and hope.

***Final collection day:** Wednesday, August 20
*Or bring donations to the **Vibrant Club Workshop** on **August 23**



Thank you for uniting for good!

Join a Committee and Help Your Club Thrive!

Your Leaders



Connie Gage
President



Kevin Franzese
President-Elect



Sunny Alexander
Secretary



D.J. Gothe
Treasurer



Gary C. Niehaus
Sergeant-at-Arms



Committees are where Rotary's real impact happens—planning events, organizing service projects, building membership, and driving fundraising success.

Why join?

- *Share your skills to help the club succeed
- *Connect with fellow members
- *Shape our programs and community impact
- *Have fun while serving!

Whether you have a little time or a lot, every contribution counts—and your club needs YOU!

Interested? Contact one of the committee chairs below to get involved.

Boys and Girls Club Liaison: **John Neukamm**

Classification: **Larry Scofield**

Community Service Grants: **Carolyn Wilkinson. Vice Chair: Monnie Wertz**

Community Service Projects: **Thomas Murphy**

Elections: **Martin Shine**

Giving Day: **Christy Vogel and Kathleen Bogolea**

Golf Tournament: **Matt Lane**

Holiday Gift Project: **Robin Roup**

Hospitality: **Gary Niehaus**

Invocations & Music: **Marty Schmidt**

Luncheon Programs: **Christine Derr**

Membership: **Lance Kimball**

Mentoring & Orientation: **Larry Scofield and Christy Vogel**

Public Image: **Jamie Adair and Nathan Marvel**

Rotary Business Exchange: **Rhiannon Brownell and Brian Brady**

Rotary's Camp Florida Liaisons: **Connie Gage and Gary Niehaus**

Rotary International: **Kevin Franzese**

Scholarships: **Paige Niehaus**

Socials: **Rhiannon Brownell and Asif Hakeem**

Sunshine: **Connie Gage**

Technology: **Jamie Adair and Nathan Marvel**

Youth Programs & Speech Contest: **Nathan Marvel**

Share Your Happy Dollars & Spread the Joy!



A big thank-you to everyone who shares **Happy Dollars** each week—your stories, smiles, and generosity make our meetings brighter while supporting the Rotary Club of Tampa's meaningful work in the community.

The **Happy Dollars Challenge** happens at the **first meeting of every month**, offering fun prizes and a chance to celebrate life's great moments. **But why wait? Happy Dollars are welcome every week!**

Got a birthday, a promotion, a new grandchild, or just something that made you smile? Bring your Happy Dollars and share your joy. **Every dollar makes a difference—and every story inspires us all.**

Let's keep the happiness going—one story, one smile, and one dollar at a time!

Save the Date – Holiday Party December 6!

The holiday season will be here before we know it, and we're excited to announce that our **Rotary Holiday Party** is set for **Saturday, December 6!** This beloved annual tradition is a time for fellowship, fun, and celebrating the season together as a club. There will be great food, festive cheer, and plenty of Rotary camaraderie—so mark your calendars now!

But we need YOUR help to make it a success. We're looking for



volunteers to assist with planning, decorations, setup, and other party details to ensure this year's event is one to remember.

Interested in helping? Contact Connie Gage to join the planning team. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference in creating a memorable evening for everyone.

Stay tuned for more details on location, RSVP information, and how you can be part of the fun!

A Special Veterans Day Tribute – November 11



Please join us as we honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country at our **Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11**. **We are preparing a very special program** to express our gratitude, reflect on the sacrifices of our veterans, and recognize their service to our nation and community.

We encourage all members to attend and to invite guests—especially veterans, family members, or friends who have served. Let's show them how much we appreciate their dedication and courage.

Details on the program and featured speaker will be announced soon, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss this important day of remembrance and fellowship.
