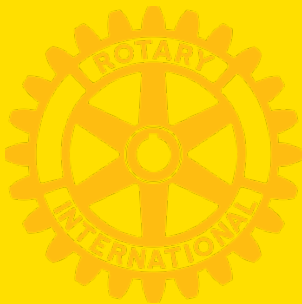


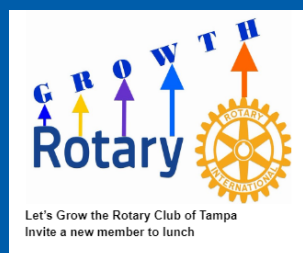
Rotary



Club of Tampa

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Invite a Friend!



Upcoming Events

August 12th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Join us welcome Ron Weaver!

Subject: Exemplary Lives of Tampa Bay Women Leaders

August 13th & 14th
Every Wednesday & Thursday

Meals on Wheels

August 14th

Happy Hour! Let's Unwind Together – Thursday, August 14!

August 19th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Moderated by the always engaging Gary Nash

Subject: Meet your Rotarians!

August 20th

Board of Directors Meeting

August 23rd

Volunteer Opportunity with Mr. Bubblez Mobile Shower!

August 26th

A Behind-the-Scenes Experience at J.C. Newman Cigar Factory

August 30th

Join Us in Making a Difference — Volunteer with OASIS!

Happy Birthday!



Rhianon Brownell
August 14th

Join us welcome Ron Weaver on Tuesday 8/12!



We are proud to welcome **Ron Weaver**, prominent Tampa Bay civic leader, advocate, and speaker, as he highlights the stories and legacies of extraordinary women who have shaped our community. With deep insight, heartfelt stories, and years of experience supporting leadership and equity initiatives across the region, Ron brings to life the impact of these trailblazers and the lessons we can all draw from their journeys.

Whether you're passionate about leadership, community advocacy, or the power of women's impact on Tampa Bay, this event is a must-attend. Come hear Ron Weaver bring to life the stories, challenges, and triumphs of the incredible women shaping our region—with the wisdom of a man who helped build it.

Date: Tuesday August 12, 2025

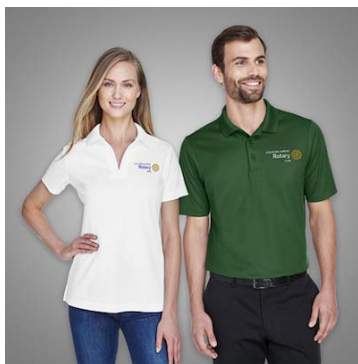
Location: Ferguson Law Center

Time: 12pm - 01:15pm

Guests are welcome! Members and guests click here to register so we are expecting you. Members attend at no charge, and guests pay \$25 to join us. PLEASE arrive by 11:45 so we can start on time.

Are you traveling? Join us on Zoom! [Click here for the link to the meeting.](#)

Order your RCT Polo today!



Hey Rotarians — ready to show your Rotary pride?

Now's your chance to order your very own **Rotary Club of Tampa polo shirt!** These high-quality, short-sleeved **performance polos** are embroidered with the Rotary Club of Tampa logo and available in **men's and women's styles, all sizes, and a wide variety of colors.**

Price: \$45 each
To order, email
Nathalie Mori at

office@rotarycluboftampa.org

Please include your **size, quantity, and preferred color(s)**.



Grow Our Rotary Family – Invite a Guest to Lunch!

Help Us Expand Our Impact

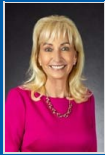
The Rotary Club of Tampa is stronger when we grow. Welcoming new members means welcoming **fresh ideas, renewed energy, and new connections** into our community.

Sometimes, all it takes is a simple invitation to lunch to start someone on a **lifelong journey of service.**

Why Invite a Guest?

Inviting a guest to a Rotary lunch is a powerful way to:

Your Leaders



Connie Gage
President



Kevin Franzese
President-Elect



Sunny Alexander
Secretary



D.J. Gothe
Treasurer



Gary C. Niehaus
Sergeant-at-Arms

- **Showcase our incredible weekly programs**
- **Demonstrate our shared commitment to service and fellowship**
- **Introduce potential members to fellow community leaders**

Who Should You Invite?

Think about the people in your network who might benefit from Rotary — and who could make a difference by joining us:

- A **colleague, client, neighbor, or friend**
- Someone who shares our **values of service and leadership**
- A person looking for a **meaningful way to give back**

Let's continue growing our club and making an even greater impact—**one guest at a time.**




Empower Your Rotary Journey at the Vibrant Workshop – 8/23



VIBRANT CLUB WORKSHOP

Engaging Members to Unite for Good

- Discover how to strengthen your club's story and share your Rotary "why" to inspire others.
- Join interactive breakout sessions on building an inviting, inclusive, and engaging club culture.
- Connect with Rotarians across the district, learn from dynamic speakers, and leave with actionable ideas to make your club more vibrant.

 **8:30AM-1:45PM**
 **August, 23, 2025**
 **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven**
637 6th St NW,
Winter Haven, FL
33881

Rotary
District 6890 

We are getting ready for a busy Fall with Rotary Business Exchange (RBX). Our goals for RBX include Rotarians doing business with Rotarians, Rotarians attracting business leaders to highlight their business to Rotarians, and attracting those business leaders to our Rotary clubs. We offer a two-hour networking session with light drinks and food and a chance for everyone attending to get a 1-2 minute "commercial" about their business.

Brian Brady will be taking the lead for RBX and needs both sponsors (to provide beer, wine, soft drinks, and light appetizers) for 20-30 people and hosts (people to hold the event at their place of business). One can be both the host AND sponsor or offer to be one or the other.

Our immediate need is for September. We need a sponsor and/or host for September 11th, 18th, or 25th. Please call Brian Brady at 858-699-4590 or email him at brian.brady@bayshorecommercial.com

Support Human Trafficking Survivors with a Simple Donation



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:** Tuesday,

August 20

***Or bring donations to the Vibrant Club Workshop on August 23**



Let's come together as People of Action—**don't forget to bring those t-shirts!**

Thank you for helping us turn clothing into courage.

Join Us in Making a Difference — Volunteer with OASIS!



Imagine starting the school year without clothes that fit or basic hygiene items. For thousands of students in Hillsborough County, that's a daily reality — and that's where **OASIS** steps in.

OASIS (Outreach Assisting Students In Schools) provides clothing and hygiene essentials to local students in need, helping them:

- Get to school and stay in school
- Feel confident and fit in with peers
- Focus on learning instead of their circumstances

Rotary Volunteer Day at OASIS

Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

5101 N 40th St B, Tampa, FL 33610



Join your fellow Rotarians for a hands-on morning of service and impact! You'll be helping sort and organize donations, restock shelves, and prepare much-needed items for students heading back to school. Whether you're folding jeans, unpacking socks, or lending a hand wherever it's needed — your time will truly make a difference.

Want to Help Even More?

You can also support OASIS by shopping from their online wishlist — every item goes directly to a student in need.

[Click here to shop the wishlist](#)

New Life Warehouse Volunteer Opportunities!

New Life Warehouse is a faith-based nonprofit that helps individuals and families **start over after homelessness** by furnishing their new homes with donated beds, furniture, and household essentials.

We partner with local agencies to serve those who have secured housing but lack the basic items that make a house feel like home. Through generous donations and volunteer support, we turn empty spaces into warm, welcoming homes—and offer hope for a brighter future.

Want to help? [Click here to donate furniture, volunteer your time, or support our mission.](#)

See below for volunteer opportunities.



August Volunteer Dates:

Sorting Tuesdays - 9am-12pm:
August 5, 12, 19, and 26

Sorting Wednesdays - 9am-12pm:
August 6, 13, 20, and 27

Staging Fridays - 9am-2pm
August 8 and 22

Delivery Saturdays - 8am-12pm:
August 9 and 23

SAVE THE DATE:
Harvesting Hope Fundraiser
Friday, October 3rd

[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)

You're Invited to Harvesting Hope!



New Life Warehouse is proud to host its **4th Annual Fundraiser: "Harvesting Hope"** — a celebration inspired by the good ol' days of prairie life, planting, and harvesting.

Location: Raprager Family Farms, 16970 Boy Scout Road, Odessa, FL 33556

Date: Friday, October 3rd

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

(Silent Auction begins at 6:30 PM | After-Party starts at 9:00 PM)

Tickets: \$150 per person – includes a delicious sit-down supper

[Sponsorships & Tables Available – Click here to learn more!](#)

What to Expect:

- A fancy prairie-style supper
- Live & silent auctions
- An old-time general store
- Charming photo opportunities
- An "Oldfashioned" saloon
- A lively after-party to dance the night away

Dress Code:

"Prairie Dresses & Pioneer Boots"

(Think *Little House on the Prairie* style – rustic, fun, and festive!)

Our Inspiration:

"You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the pathways overflow with abundance."
— Psalm 65:11

We're believing for a **bountiful harvest** this year as we celebrate the lives restored and hope renewed for individuals **Starting Over** after homelessness.

Y'all come on down and join us for a night of purpose, fun, and old-fashioned joy!

Happy Hour! Let's Unwind Together – Thursday, August 14!



After a busy summer, it's time to kick back and enjoy some well-deserved fun with great company!

Join us for **Happy Hour** on **Thursday, August 14**, from **5:00 to 7:00 PM** at **Four Green Fields - Downtown Tampa** **NOT** the one on Riverwalk.

We'll be serving up a delicious selection of **appetizers**, and **drinks will be on your own tab**. It's the perfect chance to catch up with fellow members in a relaxed setting — no agenda, just good conversation and laughter.

To help us plan the best experience for everyone, kindly [RSVP by](#)

[Monday, August 11.](#)

We can't wait to see you there for an evening of food, friendship, and Rotary camaraderie!

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!