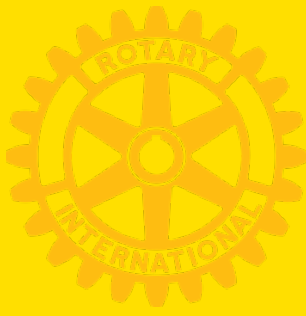


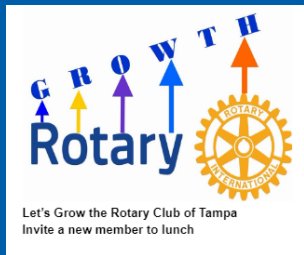
Rotary



Club of Tampa

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Invite a Friend!



Upcoming Events

January 14th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: How I Got Where I Am

Subject: Rotarians Share Their Story

January 21st

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: RCT Membership Committee

Subject: New Year = New Membership Workshop

January 28th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Casey Gonzmart

Subject: The Columbia Restaurant Group - Growing with Tampa for 120 years

February 4th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Bryan Stern

Subject: Strength & Will to Survive - Grey Bull Rescue

February 11th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Attorney & Fmr. Congressman Jim Davis

Subject: One of the Most Unifying Moments in Tampa's History

February 18th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: High School Speech Contest

February 25th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg

Subject: Meet the newest President of the University of Tampa!

Happy Birthday!

Cynthia Gandee Zinober

Meet three fascinating Rotarians at the podium on Tuesday!



In this popular program, we learn more about our own members, as Rotarians from our club take the podium! Don't miss this opportunity to see your fellow members in a new way.

Thanks to these three Rotarians for sharing their stories with us.....

Jamie Adair

Martin Shine

Carolyn Wilkinson

And for added fun, **future club president Kevin Franzese** will be our moderator!

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.

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

First annual RCT Legacy Golf Tournament is coming this spring!

New year = new opportunities for fun AND fundraising! Co-chairs Matt Lane and Connie Gage are thrilled to present the **Rotary Club of Tampa Legacy Golf Tournament**, coming up this spring.

We will honor the legacy of the Turner family, who have three generations of RCT leaders, including the recently departed Bubba Turner. Their lasting impact is worth celebrating, so let's do it together, as we raise funds and awareness for the community impact of the Rotary Club of Tampa.

All the details are coming soon - but in the meantime, we are building a volunteer team to make this the best event on the calendar! If you are interested in getting involved, just contact [Matt Lane](#) or [Connie Gage](#).

Thanks in advance for your support and participation!



Club leadership is making plans - keep an eye out!

January 13th
Sheldon D McMullen
January 13th
Patricc C. Petti
January 16th
Jeffrey M. Locker
January 17th

Your Leaders



Connie Gage
President



Sunny Alexander
Secretary



D.J. Gothe
Treasurer



Lonnie Veasley Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea
Past President
iPast President



Behind every successful organization is a leadership team that is committed to building for the future, AND executing in the present. The Rotary Club of Tampa is no exception! That might be why we are still around after 110 years. Our club leaders, under the guidance of our new president, Connie Gage, have already implemented new programs for 2025, and there is so much more to come.



This Saturday, January 11, is our **Strategic Planning** gathering. The current and future RCT boards of directors, past presidents, RCTF leaders, and others will connect for several hours of professionally guided strategizing for the upcoming years. This intentional practice means that we will walk away with a plan we can agree on, PLUS the strategies and tactics to execute the plan. Stay tuned for all the updates in upcoming weeks!

The **club board of directors** meets every month to review club finances, address committee news, collaborate on new ideas, and so much more. These meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at 8AM via Zoom (except this month, which is an in-person gathering). Members are always welcome to Zoom in to observe - [click here for the link to these meetings](#).

None of this would be possible without the **input and support of all of our members**. YOU make all the difference! Thanks to those who completed the member survey sent out last month. Input is always welcomed - just contact the committee chair, a board members, President Connie, or Brooke with your thoughts and they will be carefully considered.

Service and fun with Rotary in 2025

Rotarians are all about service! Here are a few events to look forward to in the upcoming month. We hope to see you there!

S E R V E



February 8: New Life Warehouse - One of our newest grant recipients! Rotarians will set up a new family home with furniture, decor, bedding and more.

March 1/2: Gasparilla Art Festival - Volunteering with this annual Tampa tradition will be a memorable day!

TBD: Trinity Cafe - One of our favorite service spots!

TBD: Feeding Tampa Bay - If you have not seen their amazing new warehouse yet, let's do it together!

Giving Day - It isn't until April 22, but save the date now for our spring gala and celebration of community giving

.....Dates and more events to come! If you have a friend who is considering membership, invite them to a lunch or service event soon. It is a GREAT time to be a Rotarian!

