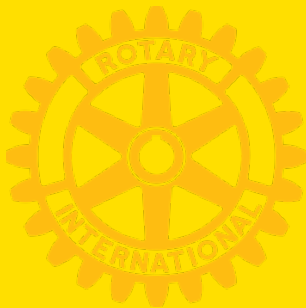


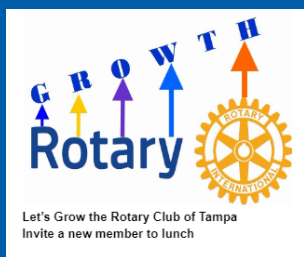
# Rotary



# Club of Tampa

Friday, January 17, 2025

## Invite a Friend!



## Upcoming Events

January 21st

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** RCT Membership Committee

**Subject:** New Year = New Membership Workshop

January 28th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Chuck Melendi

**Subject:** An Insider's Guide to the High Cost of Healthcare

February 4th

### Club Luncheon Meeting

**Speaker:** Bryan Stern

**Subject:** Strength & Will to Survive - Grey Bull Rescue

February 4th

### Happy hour in Channelside

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!



Ralph W. Sevelius Jr.  
January 19th

## Membership Roundtable & Committee updates this Tuesday!

This is the opportunity to share YOUR ideas, hear from fellow members, and help share the strategies that will attract new members while enriching our club's culture. **Your perspective as a valued member** is vital as we work together to ensure the Rotary Club of Tampa remains a vibrant and thriving community.

We look forward to an inspiring discussion and your valuable contributions!

In addition to this hand-on workshop, we will have updates on the **Community Service & Grants** committee, **Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation** and Rhiannon will reintroduce the very popular **Rotary Business Exchange**.

It is a great Tuesday to share lunch with your RCT family!

**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.](#)



## Club Happy Hour is February 4



Join us for a casual gathering of Rotarians, future Rotarians, and friends at the festive new Four Green Fields in the Channelside district. Some of our best ideas come from spending time together!

Spacious and convenient parking is available. [Register so we know you are coming.](#) See you there!

## Board meeting highlights

On Wednesday, January 15, the RCT Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the offices of Hanisha Patel and Southstate Bank. While Zoom is always available, President Connie is committed to holding more board events in person as we build even deeper relationships between club leaders. Some highlights included:

- Summary of the strategic planning session held the prior Saturday
- Approval of our long term funding partnership with A Brighter Community and Sunrise. This came from a reverter clause in a donor's will from several decades ago, and results in a restricted grant program that serves underprivileged children. More details to come at an upcoming club meeting!
- Welcomed a new member, David Spezza, who is a transferring Rotarian and has attended many of our club events in recent weeks
- Highlights and a call to action for our newest fundraiser, the RCT Legacy Golf Tournament



Dora E. Zúñiga  
January 20th

- on June 2
- Conversations around our upcoming membership workshop and the best ways to grow membership with intention in 2025
- Financial review

Club members are always encouraged to attend board meetings as observers, and minutes from these meetings are available on request.

## 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

## First annual RCT Legacy Golf Tournament is coming on June 2

A 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 Monday, June 2, 2025 Carrollwood Golf & Country Club

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.

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](#). You don't need to be a golfer to be part of this fun and fruitful experience. We will need many hands on the course, at the auction, setting up, and planning. Sponsorship opportunities will also be presented in just a few days - start making that prospect list now!

Thanks in advance for your support and participation!

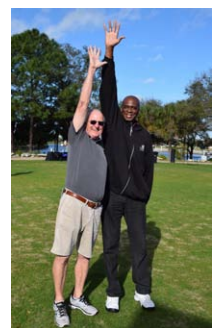


## Our Club lost a good friend this week



**Ricky Gallon** was a talented athlete, dedicated community leader, and one of the nicest men you will meet. He attended many club events over the years in his role as community liaison for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, and felt like an honorary member of our club. He was a speaker at Flags for Heroes and at Giving Day, and lived his purpose of serving children in our community.

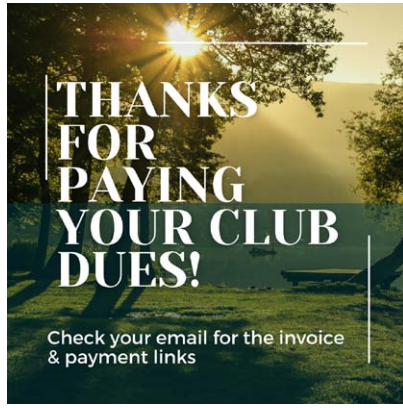
We were sad to hear of his untimely passing last week, and our condolences go to his family and friends. [You can learn more about Ricky here.](#)



## Club dues invoices are in your inbox!

Rotarians! Please check your inbox for your new Rotary dues invoice. They were emailed to all members on January 8.

Please make every effort to pay your dues as soon as possible, either with a check or card via the link in the invoice. If your office pays your dues for you, you will need to download the invoice and forward it to the appropriate person.



We are grateful for your membership and for all you do to assure the club's success!

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