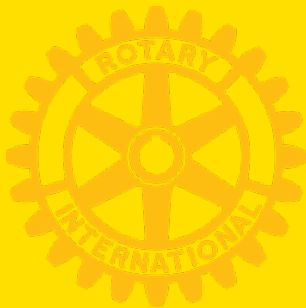


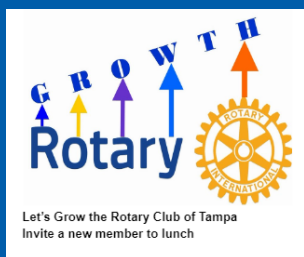
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Club of Tampa

Friday, November 8, 2024

Invite a Friend!



Upcoming Events

November 12th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Robert Duboise

Subject: Wrongfully Convicted & Imprisoned for 37 Years - A Story of Freedom

November 19th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Bemetra Simmons, President & CEO

Subject: The Tampa Bay Partnership - fostering collaboration & building business

November 26th

Metropolitan Ministries

Holiday Tent - Service Event

December 3rd

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Lt. Col. (ret) Scott Mann

Subject: Operation Pineapple Express - American Heroes in Afghanistan

December 3rd

Rotary 101 Seminar

December 7th

Rotary Club of Tampa

Holiday Party

December 8th

Holiday Gift Project

shopping day

December 10th

Holiday Gift Project

Packaging

December 10th

Holiday Gift Project Delivery

Elves

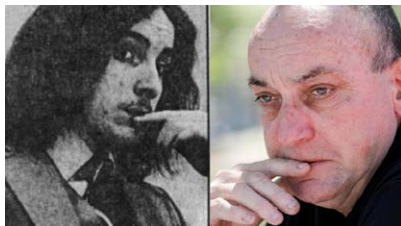
December 10th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Event Chairs Cindy German, Adam Nichols, and Rebekah Lane

Subject: Gasparilla Festival of the Arts - Supporting local

Wrongfully Convicted & Imprisoned for 37 Years - A Redemption Story



Robert Duboise was arrested in 1983 for the murder of Barbara Grams, who was killed behind a dental office in Tampa. A jury convicted Duboise of first-degree murder and attempted sexual battery. The judge sentenced him to death, though the Florida Supreme Court later changed the sentence to life in prison.

Duboise fought to clear his name for 37 years, doing maintenance work at the prison and writing letters about his innocence to anyone he thought would listen. It took decades, but the Innocence Project took up his cause and used DNA evidence, which was unavailable at the trial, to prove it was not possible for Duboise to have committed the murder. The DNA evidence instead linked two other men to the killing.

In 2020, he was freed - after 37 years behind bars. Now he is rebuilding his life. Join us on November 12 to hear his remarkable story of perseverance and redemption.

Former State Attorney Andrew Warren, who was instrumental in Mr. Duboise's release, will be at our luncheon as well.

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.](#)

Sign up by Sunday for Thanksgiving with MetMin on November 26

Every year, we get in the spirit of giving together at the **Metropolitan Ministries holiday tent**. Thousands of local families come here every holiday season for meals and gifts that create HOPE and cheer.

We have 15 spots available to shop with clients for a Thanksgiving feast worth remembering! Our club we will be serving on **Tuesday, November 26 from 3 - 6 PM.**

Sign up today because this is a popular event and space is very limited. Family members are welcome to join as well.

[Use this link to RSVP!](#) Deadline to register is on Monday, November 11.



Community service committee chooses 20 grant recipients

One of the most critical meetings of the club year is the one where our community service committee gathers to sift through grant applications, hear presentations from site visits, and choose which local causes earn support from the Rotary Club of Tampa this year.

With nearly \$70,000 on the line and 30 qualified applicants to consider, this is no small task! After

artists for 50 years

December 17th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Club Leadership Present & Future

Subject: RCT Annual meeting and New President Induction

Happy Birthday!



Grant E. Martin
November 13th



Eilam Michael Isaak
November 13th

Your Leaders



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea
President
iPast President



Connie E. Gage
President - Elect



Sunny Alexander
Secretary



John B. Kelly
Treasurer



Lonnie Veasley Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



three hours of discussion, debate, and voting, the committee selected 20 grant recipients as partners in 2024. Who are they? Stay tuned for the big reveal! The list will be presented to the club and foundation boards for approval and shared with the club and community in December.



A tremendous thank you goes to Community Grants Chair Carolyn Wilkinson and Vice Chair Monnie Wertz for the many hours of review and management, and the committee members who gave so generously of their time to make these important choices in a thoughtful way.

Congratulations to Dannielle and Lane!



Rotarian Dannielle Roque and her fiancé Lane Franza tied the knot on October 19 at the First Baptist Church in downtown Tampa before heading off for a beautiful honeymoon in Hawaii!

The Rotary Club of Tampa celebrates these newlyweds and wishes them years of love and happiness. We hope to see Lane at a club event soon!



District Foundation Gala is November 19



District 6890 Rotary Foundation Gala
Bonnet Springs Park
Event Center
900 Bonnet Springs Blvd.
Lakeland

Cost: \$75. Attire: Business Formal (Black Tie Optional)

Witness the magic of Rotary District 6890 and The Rotary Foundation as we celebrate club and individual milestones & highlight our impact around the world. The program features Rotary International Peace Fellow, Diego Carneiro, a master cellist and conductor of the Youth Orchestra of Ecuador. He recently performed at Peace Park Stage during the Rotary International Convention.

[Join our club and district by registering here!](#)

Save the Date for the RCT Holiday Party!



*Eat
Drink
Be Merry!*



Rotary Club of Tampa Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7, 2024

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Virage Bayshore

2900 W. Julia Street Tampa



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