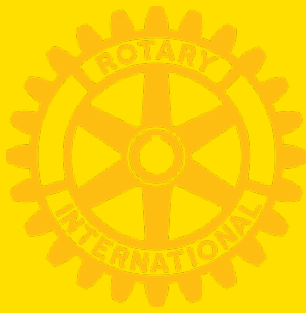


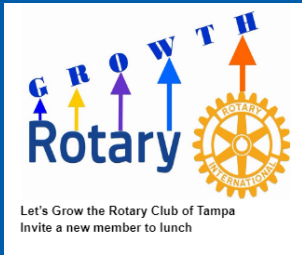
Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, December 27, 2024

Invite a Friend!



Celebrate our 19 Community Grant Recipients!



Some of our club's greatest community impact each year comes through our community grants program. This year, 30 local nonprofits submitted projects in hopes of earning a portion of the nearly \$70,000 we have to invest in our community through this program in 2024-25.

We are thrilled to announce our 19 grant recipients today! With a focus on families, the environment, and health, we know these projects will improve lives and are honored to support each one.

Upcoming Events

January 7th
Club Luncheon Meeting
Speaker: Eric Newman
Subject: JC Newman Cigar Co. - Overcoming 130 years of adversity

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 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!



Michael A. Scannon
January 4th

Thomas N. Henderson III

Organization Name	Project Name
Champions for Children	Safe Start: Newborn Care Kits for Vulnerable Families
Children's Cancer Center	MOMS Group
Cornerstone Kids	Creating Successful Citizens
Dawning Family Services	Emergency Housing Supplies
E.C.H.O. of Brandon	E.C.H.O.'s Short Term Shelter & Support Stays for Single Mothers
Epilepsy Services Foundation	Camp Boggy Creek: A Medically Supervised Camp for Kids with Epilepsy
Feeding Tampa Bay	Feeding Minds School Pantry
Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa	Victory High School
Life Concepts/Quest	Quest Kids' Therapy Reinforcers
Lighthouse for the Blind and Low Vision	Blind Babies Program Tampa
Little Saint Nick Foundation	St. Nick Gift Bag Program
New Life Warehouse	"Rise & Shine: Beds for School-Age Kids"
Pace Center for Girls Hillsborough	PaceWorks
Project Focus	Project Focus Workforce Readiness Training (WRT) Program
Selah Freedom Inc	Critical Services and Supplies for Survivors of Human Trafficking
Tampa Housing Funding Corporation	YouthBuild Workforce Development Program
Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA	Tampa YMCA Summer Camp
Voices for Children of Tampa Bay	VFC's Children's Needs Fund, Educational Access Project
Where Love Grows	Where Love Grows Mobile Cooking Program and Family Dinner Night

Mark your calendar now for April 22, 2024 at 6 PM, when we celebrate all our grant recipients and community project partners at our annual Giving Day celebration at Ferguson Law Center. We can do great work when we do it together!

Service and fun with Rotary in 2025



January 4th



Darren Kipnis
January 4th

Your Leaders



Connie E. Gage
President



Sunny Alexander
Secretary



D.J. Gothe
Treasurer



Lonnie Veasley Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Kathleen Luzier Bogolea
Past President
iPast President

Rotarians will be hitting the ground running in 2025 with events created to serve, inform, inspire, and build on the Rotary fellowship that makes membership so rewarding and fun. Here are some events you can look forward to.....



SERVE



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

Gasparilla Art Festival - Volunteering with this annual Tampa tradition will be a memorable day!

RCT Strategic Planning & Membership workshops - Charting our path

to the future

Trinity Cafe - One of our favorite service spots!

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

Great speakers at our Tuesday lunches - Check the left side of the newsletter for the calendar

.....More 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!

RCT takes a break until January 7



Happy Holidays, Rotarians! We are taking a well-earned break for the next two weeks. When we return in 2025, it is with a new president, Connie Gage, a new treasurer, DJ Gothe, and a new sense of resolve to serve our community, support our neighbors, and build fellowship in a uniquely Rotary way.

Join us again on January 7 for a joyful start to the year, featuring our own Eric Newman as our guest presenter. His story of his family's cigar business, and its impact on Tampa in the past, present, and future will be inspiring! Stay tuned for some exciting changes to the club lunch meetings as well. There are lots of reasons to join us!

THANK YOU to all the members that make the time to share your energy, talent, resources, and enthusiasm with us. YOU make a difference!