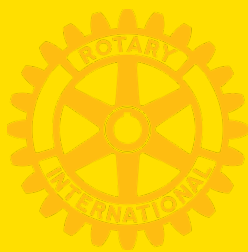


Rotary



Club of Tampa

Friday, February 23, 2024

Upcoming Events

February 23rd

Trinity Cafe - Service Event

February 27th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: David Couper

Subject: Combating Modern Day Slavery with Technology

March 5th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Conan Gallaty, CEO & Chair of Times Publishing Co.

Subject: The Future of Local News

March 5th

Rotary 101 Seminar

March 19th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: LTC (R) Perry Blackburn

Subject: 12 Strong- "What you don't know won't always hurt you"

March 24th

Trinity Cafe - Service Event

March 26th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Stephanie Hayes

Subject: Tampa Bay Times Columnist reflects on our city

March 26th

Rotary 101 Seminar

April 2nd

Bloodmobile on site

April 2nd

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Ron & Renee Vaughn

Subject: Reflections on 30 Years of Transformative Leadership

April 9th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Rebecca Nagy, Ph.D.

Subject: My Love Affair with the Art of Ghana

April 16th

Take a Rotarian to Lunch Day!

Happy Birthday!



Joseph D. Hunt
February 25th

Your Leaders



Kathleen Luzier
Bogolea
President



Roderick P. Gaerlan
President-Elect

Combating Modern Day Slavery with Technology

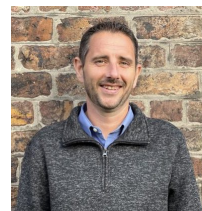


Does slavery still exist? Unfortunately, the answer is YES. Across the world, adults and children are exploited and deceived into work that is undercompensated and unsafe. Many products we buy are the product of these immoral practices.

How do we combat this assault on humanity? Technology firms are on the forefront. David Couper, from [FiftyEight](#), joins us on February 27 to share powerful stories of impacted workers, and the innovations striving to protect them. From an app that keeps families connected while workers are at sea, to verification that companies supplying our products meet ethical standards and support human rights, they leverage technology in the fight to protect vulnerable workers.

In their own words, "Our vision is simple - Good work for people everywhere." Sounds like it meets the 4-Way Test!

[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.



Community Hero Christy Vogel honors our club



The world knows what we know- that Rotarian Christy Vogel is a community hero! The Lightning recognized her with their singular honor at the game on Saturday, February 17. Christy received a \$50,000 grant to invest into the community, and those dollars will be divided between Sounding Joy, her passion project and source of hearing aids for children in need, and the Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation. We cannot thank her enough for making us a beneficiary of her leadership and good works.

Christy's commitment to hearing impaired children stems from her own experience. Sounding Joy puts hearing aids in the ears of young people who otherwise would not afford them. Because studies show the connection between hearing impairment and academic and mental health challenges, she is changing lives each day.



Christy puts her passion into action, and in doing so lives our motto of Service Above Self. Rotarians are People of Action - and Christy sets that example. The RCT is proud to support her and her cause, and is honored to call her one of our leaders. Thanks to Christy for inspiring us!



Board Meeting Highlights from February 21

Our club board of directors met for their monthly gathering on Wednesday via Zoom, and here are the highlights:

- Discussed ongoing support for the USF Rotaract student group, both with dollars and time as both allow.
- Approved 2 new membership applications, and welcomed back a former club member as well.
- Explored options for direct draft of club dues and other tools to improve cash flow and reduce receivables. Members encouraged to pay in a timely manner.
- President Kathleen reviewed recent events, including a successful Giving Day and higher luncheon attendance.
- President-Elect Rod shared his prep for the upcoming year, and an incoming board happy hour.
- Board encouraged to support upcoming events this spring and to contact club members who have been absent for some time.

Guests are always welcome to observe board meetings, which are the third Wednesday of each month. [Contact the office](#) for the link.





Paige Niehaus
Secretary



Charles V. Williams
Treasurer



Asif Khan Hakeem
Sergeant-at-Arms

District port tour teaches us about Tampa



Sixty district Rotarians and Rotaractors - including 6 from the RCT - enjoyed a gorgeous sunny afternoon and played hooky on Tuesday to experience Port Tampa by water.

Rotarian Ram Kancharla, VP at Port



Tampa Bay, narrated this opportunity for our members to learn more about the impact of the port on the regional economy.

It was a tremendous fellowship event, and we are grateful to both Ram and DG Steve Overton for making it possible!
