



Thursday, April 4, 2024

Upcoming Events

April 9th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Rebecca Nagy, Ph.D.
Subject: My Love Affair with the Art of Ghana

April 16th

RCT Lunch-Around Day

April 23rd

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Charles McGraw Groh
Subject: The Rotary Club a Live Wire: Tampa and Popular Culture in 1914

April 30th

RCT Tour and Lunch at the Humane Society of Tampa Bay

Speaker: Humane Society of Tampa Bay

Subject: Lunch, Tour, and Pet Time!

May 7th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Judge (ret) E.J. Salcines

Subject: The Angel of Rotary International

May 14th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Brian Auld, President
Subject: It's baseball season! Updates from our Tampa Bay Rays

May 21st

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Carrie Zeisse, President & CEO of Tampa Bay Thrives
Subject: Mental Health Awareness Month and what it means for Tampa Bay

Happy Birthday!



[Carolyn V. Wilkinson](#)
April 5th



[Jamie Adair](#)
April 8th



[Robin Roup](#)
April 9th



[Gerard F. Wehle Jr.](#)
April 10th



[Douglas J. Titus Jr.](#)
April 11th

Your Leaders

My Love Affair with the Art of Ghana



RCT Board member Dr. Rebecca Nagy's first research trips to Ghana were to study the dazzling traditional arts of the Asante Kingdom. But in more recent years, she has discovered Ghana's brilliant contemporary art scene. From the international superstar El Anatsui to emerging talents just graduating from art school, Ghana's artists are making a splash in the art world. Find out why and learn where you can see their work in Florida and beyond at our April 9 luncheon.

[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.

Dr. Rebecca Nagy is Director Emerita of the University of Florida's Harn Museum of Art, which she directed from 2002 - 2018. Throughout her career, Nagy has curated exhibitions and published articles and exhibition catalogues about medieval, contemporary and African art. In fall of 2019 Nagy served as Interim Director of the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine, a Gilded Age museum of history and art.



In 2019 Nagy moved to Tampa to join her husband Dr. Paul Nagy, who is Vice President for Strategic Planning and Analysis at Hillsborough Community College. In Tampa she serves on the Planning and Development Committee of the Tampa Downtown Partnership, the Citizens' Committee for Downtown Tampa of the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Committee on Foreign Relations, Tampa Chapter, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Tampa, the Board of Trustees of the Henry B. Plant Museum, and the Advisory Committee of the Hillsborough Community College Art Galleries.

Pres-Elect Rod Gaerlan steps down for new opportunity



Rod Gaerlan has made a tremendous impact here at the Rotary Club of Tampa since he joined our club 7 years ago. When he arrived from the Oakland CA Rotary, he brought energy, leadership, and a great personality to his many roles in the RCT and the district. Rod has been part of the membership, fundraising, Rotary Business Exchange, and so many other committees, as well as serving on the club board and winning accolades for his sales leadership with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It is no surprise that he is sought after by so many sports organizations.

In his latest role as club President-elect, Rod has been dedicated to preparing for an exciting 2024-25. However, professional opportunities have sidelined all that hard work! Rod has accepted a new opportunity as Director of Corporate Sales for NASCAR and will

be relocating his family to Daytona Beach when the school year ends.

We are so grateful for Rod's years of service with our club, and he will be so missed by the many members who call him a friend. Our club has watched Rod's beautiful children grow and have loved getting to know him and his wonderful wife, Brittney.

While the rest of our incoming board and officers will not change from our elections held last fall, the faces at the top must change. Thank you to Kathleen Bogolea, who will remain in her current role as President through December 2024, and Connie Gage, who was elected to succeed Rod as President, will serve for 18 months starting in January 2025. Both of these women are demonstrating #serviceaboveseelf to our club in this challenging role.



Please join the whole RCT and wish Rod the very best!



[Kathleen Luzier Bogolea](#)
President



[Paige Niehaus](#)
Secretary



[Charles V. Williams](#)
Treasurer



[Asif Khan Hakeem](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

Pay your quarterly dues today!



The Rotary Club of Tampa offers tremendous weekly lunch programs, fun socials, opportunities for networking, a volunteer team, and so much more. All of this is possible with the quarterly dues paid by all of our members.

Dues for April to June were invoiced on March 28, and all members should have received this by email. There are so many ways to pay your dues on time:

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- The link in the emailed invoice
- Mailing a check to the office or bringing it to lunch
- [Click this link to pay by Paypal](#) - put your name in the

memo

- Scan the QR code seen on the right!



If you had forgotten to pay last quarter, using the Paypal link or the QR code allows you to pay your full balance and get all caught up.

Questions? Just [contact Brooke](#). Thank you for doing your part to keep our club so engaging and focused on service and community.

Last chance to RSVP for RCT Lunch-Arounds on April 16

This year we have introduced a new, alternative type of RCT meeting - the Lunch-Around! These are opportunities for members to host small groups, gather for committee meetings, and just get to know one another better. Our next event is coming up on April 16, and these members have opened their doors to you! Check out the variety of opportunities and RSVP today!

Lunchtime opportunities include:

Lunch at Cogent Bank with Kevin Franzese: 1715 N Westshore Blvd. - 7 members

Lunch at Hakeem Investments with Asif Hakeem: 6800 N Dale Mabry Hwy - 7 members

Lunch at Clearview Business Solution with Matt Lane: 5801 Benjamin Center Dr #110 - 5 members

USF Rotaract Shark Tank - Help fund their trip to Ghana & tour the Honors College

No day is complete without happy hour, so....

Happy Hour with the Presidents (pay your way) at Forbici with Kathleen Bogolea & Connie Gage. Do one of the lunches above AND this if you are inclined!

[Please RSVP so we know you can participate.](#) We will send you more details depending on which activities you choose. And thanks to our members for hosting! We look forward to seeing your pictures and posts from these events.



Lunch at the Humane Society = Puppy and kitten time!



Rotarians! The Humane Society of Tampa Bay is one recipient of our community service grant funding this year, so a field trip is in order! Join us on April 30 for an inside look at their amazing new facility that is dedicated to finding homes for thousands of animals each year, as well as educating the community on responsible pet ownership. Here is what you can expect....

11.30 AM - Arrive early if you can to build treat-toys for pets

Noon - Tour commences

12:30 - Lunch and presentation by HSTB leadership

After lunch - Puppy and kitten time!

[Registration is required so we have a meal for you - so click here to RSVP!](#)