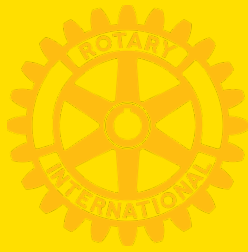


Rotary



Club of Tampa

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Upcoming Events

June 4th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Christina Unkel, President & General Council

Subject: Tampa Bay Sun brings pro women's soccer to Tampa!

June 11th

Offsite Lunches at 3 Partner Nonprofits

June 18th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Joshua Fogelson

Subject: The Beatles are coming to Ybor City!

June 25th

Club Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: RCT President

Kathleen Bogolea

Subject: The end of a Rotary Year! Club awards and celebration

Happy Birthday!



Peter Bazzini
May 26th



Stacey Efav
May 28th



John Spangler
June 1st

Your Leaders



Kathleen Luzier
Bogolea
President



Paige Niehaus
Secretary



Charles V. Williams
Treasurer



Asif Khan Hakeem
Sergeant-at-Arms

No Club Luncheon May 27 - celebrate Memorial Day!



With Memorial Day weekend here, we take an extra day to honor our heroes and to kick off the summer. **There is NO Rotary luncheon on May 28th.**

On June 4, we welcome the newest professional sports team to Tampa Bay when we meet the President of the **Tampa Bay Sun**, a women's pro soccer team and part of the new USL Super League. We will see you then!

Welcome to our newest Rotarian!

We welcomed another new Rotarian this week! Jim Ruyle is a 20 year Davis Islands resident with his wife Jennifer. Jim has dedicated his professional life to being an Employee Benefits Advisor for HUB International, the world's largest privately held insurance brokerage.

Jim was proposed by Jamie Whitehurst, who saw Jim's enthusiasm for service right away and knew he belonged!

Jim and Jennifer have boy / girl twins who just finished their first year of college. Maxwell is at UF studying Engineering and Maddy is at American University studying Musical Theater. Jim enjoys staying active. He plays on a pickleball team, and on the weekends can be found on long bike rides with Jennifer.



Welcome to the RCT family, Jim!

Service Events connect us to community

MR BUBBLEZ AND DAWNING FAMILY SERVICES



COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY!

Over the past two weeks, the RCT participated in two community service events. They were so different from one another and connected us to our neighbors in unique ways. Along the way, we learned more about the causes we support, earned the joy of service, appreciated the beautiful outdoors, and represented our club together. Thanks to those who made the effort to come!

Mr. Bubblez mobile showers and **Dawning Family Services** are both RCT grant recipients, and we loved being part of their community health day. Lots of opportunities for health & hygiene in one convenient location made a difference for our homeless community.

The downtown river cleanup with **Friends of the Riverwalk** is a popular club tradition that gets us out in nature to preserve our local waterways. We scoured the downtown shores to rid our beautiful Hillsborough river of trash & debris.

Our club offers monthly opportunities for hands-on service, plus we have an ongoing weekly partnership with Meals on Wheels and the Boys and Girls Club. Make these projects stronger & connect to our grant recipients by volunteering! [Contact Carolyn Wilkinson to learn more!](#)

DOWNTOWN RIVER CLEANUP



June 11 Lunch & Learns introduce great causes

In the last "Lunch-Around" of this club year, this is your opportunity to experience one of the three powerful nonprofits that our club supports with time and treasure. Meals on Wheels, Joshua House, and Metropolitan Ministries each impacts lives every single day in our community in countless ways, and they are opening their doors to host us for Lunch and Learns that will deepen our connections and understanding of their mission. Don't miss this chance to appreciate our funding partners in a whole new way!



Joshua House is a safe haven for these abused, abandoned, and neglected children, offering a therapeutic residential group care program that provides a protected, nurturing, family-like environment for children six to seventeen. These children have been removed from their homes due to crisis and many have been through multiple foster homes. Rotarian Dannielle Roque is their Development Coordinator.



Metropolitan Ministries helps homeless and at-risk children and families, no matter how serious their needs. With meals, housing, family support services, education, a homeless street team, social enterprises, and so much more, both their residential and community programs touch thousands every day. Rotarian Connie Gage is one of their community ambassadors.



Meals on Wheels is about daily meal delivery, and so much more. They provide the support our seniors and homebound neighbors need to extend their independence and health as they age. Daily meals delivered by volunteers provide well checks and a personal touch. They also have "Animeals," produce and water delivery, special holiday meals, hurricane prep, and more. Rotarian Kevin Franzese serves on their board of directors.

[RSVP so we are expecting you and know where you plan to be!](#)
