



Thursday, August 1, 2024

## Upcoming Events

August 6th  
**Club Luncheon Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Brian Ford, COO  
**Subject:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers prepare for a big season!

August 13th  
**Club Luncheon Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Jim & Lisa Schalk  
**Subject:** Toffee to Go - a local business success story

August 20th  
**RCT Lunch-around - service & meetings**

August 21st  
**Toast to Fellowship and Service! RCT Happy Hour**

August 24th  
**Rotary Day at the Race!**

August 27th  
**Club Luncheon Meeting**  
**Speaker:** District Governor Chevon Baccus  
**Subject:** District 6890's dynamic new leader

September 7th  
**Service Day at Rotary Camp Florida**

September 10th  
**Club Luncheon Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Scott Dudley  
**Subject:** From a gift of a kidney to Rotary connections - "Why Rotary?"

September 24th  
**Club Luncheon Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Ron Weaver  
**Subject:** Top 10 Tampa Scandals

## Happy Birthday!



[Marc Pflieger](#)  
August 6th

## Your Leaders



[Kathleen Luzier Bogolea](#)  
President  
iPast President



[Connie E. Gage](#)  
President-Elect



[Sunny Alexander](#)  
Secretary



[Michael Flores](#)  
Treasurer

## Tampa Bay Buccaneers gear up for an exciting season



The 2024 season will be the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers'** 49th in the National Football League (NFL), their 11th under the leadership of general manager Jason Licht and their third under head coach Todd Bowles. They enter the season as the three-time defending NFC South champions. Expectations are high, and we know the home team is up for the challenge! Join us for our annual visit from one of our favorite guests and good friends. He always has some secrets to share!



**Brian A. Ford, Jr.** enters his 17th year with the organization after joining the Buccaneers in 2006. In his role, Brian oversees all aspects of the organization's day-to-day business operations and community involvement. He works directly with team ownership to ensure that Buccaneers fans, season pass members and corporate sponsors receive a first- in-class experience. Under Ford's leadership, the Buccaneers have consistently earned top marks among NFL teams for customer service experience, ranking No. 1 in the league's annual Voice of the Fan report eight of the past 10 seasons.

**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.](#)

## Service Opportunities are an RCT cornerstone

Throughout the year, the RCT offers so many varied opportunities to serve our community together. We are also interested in your ideas, especially when they are connected to our grant recipients. Here are the events you can already plan for! Learn more and share your ideas by [contacting the club office](#) or Community Service chair [Carolyn Wilkinson](#).



- August 20: Day of service & meetings in lieu of club luncheon
- September 7: Rotary's Camp Florida project day
- September/October: Community Grant site visits & selection
- October 27: Friends of the Riverwalk River clean up
- December 7: Holiday Gift project shopping day
- December 10: Holiday Gift project wrapping and distribution day

## First happy hour of the new club year is August 21

Rotarians and Friends! Gathering for friendship and networking is one of our favorite ways to connect, so don't miss our next happy hour on August 21 from 4 - 6 pm at Union New American.



Located in Tampa Bay's Westshore Business District, Union New American offers a captivating blend of stunning design, upscale ambiance, and truly genuine hospitality.

Bring prospective members and friends to this pay your own way event! [Please RSVP so we know we have space for all to be comfortable.](#)



Lonnie Veasley Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms

## Bowl for Rotary's Camp Florida on August 14



Join the Carrollwood Rotary Club for an evening of bowling and fellowship!

In honor of James Anthony, all proceeds from this fun event will benefit Rotary's Camp Florida. Rotary's Camp Florida is a 21-acre ADA-compliant campsite that provides a safe, fun space to learn, grow, and play for groups whose members need supportive accommodations.

Cost: \$40 per person (includes 2 hours of bowling, a slice of pizza, and unlimited soda or iced tea!) Sponsorship opportunities are available! Make a bigger impact and support a great cause. Reserve your spot today! Contact Mariah Marvel at [Mariah@MarvelHomeGroup.com](mailto:Mariah@MarvelHomeGroup.com) or 813-843-3478.

Let's come together for a night of strikes, spares, and making a difference!

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