

Sunday January 26, 2025

ROTARY ROUND-UP

westchaserotary.org



Have you updated your biography on our website? Please send your information to Nikki Rideout. (NRideout@WestchaseRotary.org) Thank you Nikki for making it so easy with the following ChatGPT prompt!

"Please help me write a concise and engaging bio (150 words or less) for the Westchase Rotary website. Here's the information about me."

- My current role is [insert role] at [insert company/organization], which [describe what your business does].
- My professional website is [insert website URL], and my contact email is [insert email].
- I've been a member of Rotary for [insert years], and I enjoy [describe what you enjoy about Rotary].
- I'm passionate about [insert passions, hobbies, or interests], and I love [insert favorite activities].
- My business contributes to the community by [describe contributions if applicable].
- Personally, I'd like others to know [any personal details, family information, or other highlights].

This Week's SNEAK PEEK

Let's Meet our Members:



Diana Romanello



John Vassell

If you haven't done your classification talk, contact Julie Vidal. We look forward to learning about you!

January 29 @ 7:30am
Westtown Church
13521 Race Track Road



Nikki Rideout

I've been a proud Rotarian for nearly a year, drawn to the camaraderie of like-minded individuals and the opportunity to live out the "Service Above Self" motto. I especially enjoy volunteering to feed the homeless, with New Life Warehouse, and participating in our super fun social events.

As the owner of Ellie Claire Designs, I help small businesses shine with professional website and graphic design. With a bachelor's degree in marketing from FSU and a master's in information science from USF, I bring both creativity and strategy to my work.

Outside of Rotary, I love long walks, thought-provoking podcasts, and reading deep, nerdy books. My husband, Stephen, and I have two daughters, Madeline (22) and Kate (19), both studying at Liberty University. Every summer, our family goes on a six-week RV adventure out west, exploring and hiking the country's most stunning landscapes. You can reach me at ellieclairedesigns.com or nikki@ellieclairedesigns.com.

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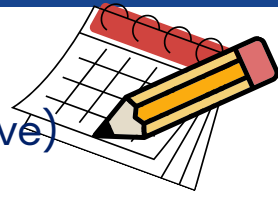
"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi



Service, Social & Fundraising

Mark Your Calendars



- 1/27 Amazing Love Ministries Feeding 6:30p (3304 E. Columbus Drive)
- 1/31 A Night of Bourbon- Tarpon Springs Rotary
- 2/1 Paddle for a purpose- Safety Harbor Rotary
- 2/8 Road Clean Up- Maureen Gauzza Library
- 2/10 Trinity Cafe Lunch (2801 N. Nebraska Ave.)
- 2/15 New Life Warehouse delivery (400 Roberts Road)
- 2/18 Club Level Speech Contest (Maureen Gauzza Library)
- 3/2 Family Fun Day- Tampa Bay Downs Horse Track 11-2pm
- 3/28 Hillsborough Helping Kids Golf Tournament
- 3/31 Amazing Love Ministries Feeding 6:30p (3304 E. Columbus Drive)
- 4/9 20th Anniversary Rotary Dinner Cruise/Craft Tampa**
- 4/12 Feeding Tampa Bay- 10 slots available
- 4/26 15th Annual Crawfish Festival- Fishhawk- Riverview Rotary
- 5/3 Westchase Rotary Pub Crawl!
- 5/18 5th Annual Charity Poker Tournament for the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

to do
Spread the word
about our speech
contest!

Rotary
Tampa Westchase

2025 HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

Open to students 9-12 in public, private or homeschool and live in the Westchase area.


February 18th
Maureen Gauzza Library

Prepare & present a 5-7 minute speech on how you represent:

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

TOGETHER
we strengthen leadership
we put ideas into action
we improve the lives of others

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY



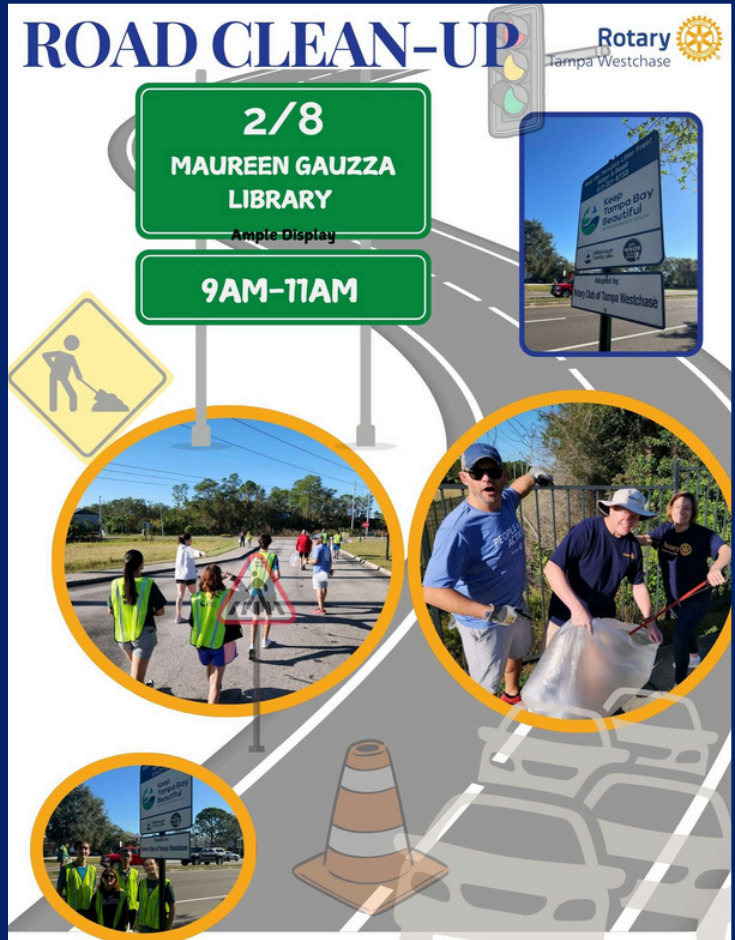
Scan QR code or visit
www.westchaserotary.org/speechcontest
Register by February 11th.

ROAD CLEAN-UP

Rotary
Tampa Westchase

2/8
MAUREEN GAUZZA LIBRARY
Ample Display

9AM-11AM



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BRING US YOUR BLANKETS!

Help keep at-risk members of our community warm by donating new or gently used blankets now through March 2nd. Bring to a meeting or contact Christy Young for drop-off locations.



Thank you to our fellow District 6890 members for bringing blankets to PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) this weekend.



Save The Date FishHawk-Riverview Rotary 

15th Annual CRAWFISH festival

Craft Beer

Saturday April 26, 2025

Founders Square Park at Winthrop Town Centre from 11am to 4pm Rain or Shine

Photos of last year's festival  More Info

www.fish.com

5TH ANNUAL CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT

FOR THE CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY



JOIN US for an opportunity to put cash in your pocket, win prizes, and raise funds for a GREAT cause! Open to everyone and every skill level

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH 1:00PM

813-391-4538

\$150 ENTRY FEE
Opportunity to rebuy & add on chips for an additional cost and free dinner with 2 free cocktails.

THE SILKS POKER ROOM
11225 Race Track Rd.
Tampa, FL 33626

SPONSORED BY: JAY BRODY REAL ESTATE FIRM OF FLORIDA

CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY   **THE MILLER TEAM** NMLS#303855

Donations are welcome in the form of checks, sponsorships, or gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, golf courses, etc. | CrisisCenter.com/donate



MILESTONE MOMENTS

1/28 Phil LaFreniere
2/1 Ambee Stephens





PETS-1 & New DDF Cycle

On Saturday, January 18, District 6890 Presidents-Elect gathered in Auburndale to start training for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. Our Rotary Foundation segment included available DDF for club direction (based upon TRF giving during 2022-2023). As some readers may be aware, we had difficulty closing out last year's District Grants, resulting in delays of this year's funds. Missing information has recently been submitted, and we anticipate 2024-2025 District Grant funds to be available in the coming weeks.

Deadline for 2025-26 District Grants is May 31, 2025. If you have questions about your club's available dollars or the process for requesting District Grant project funds, please contact District leaders:

SHARE Committee Chair, Jason Lewis (303) 731-7300
 Grants Chair, PDG Tom Wagner (813) 843-2494
 Rotary Foundation Chair, Ed Odom (813) 351-9723

International Projects in Ghana, India, and Honduras

District International Service Chair Irma Cole and PDG Mark Scolnick recently visited Ghana and attended a Rotary project fair. Irma has created a "menu" of international projects available for consideration as clubs evaluate their commitments to international service. The file will be updated regularly as projects receive sponsors and new opportunities become available. The current list includes projects in Ghana, India, and Honduras. Click [HERE](#) and select the "International Projects" file.

D-6890 Rotarians Going to India to Deliver Polio Vaccines

In early February, five Rotarians from D-6890 will visit India to take part in a National Immunization Day! PDG Mark Scolnick and DISC Irma Cole (Lakeland RC), PDG Deborah L. Williams (Tampa South e-Club), and AG Clarice Roth and Dori Huntoon (Bartow RC) will have the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of delivering life-saving drops of vaccine to vulnerable children

Click [HERE](#) to make a donation to PolioPlus in support of our D-6890 NID team. Click [HERE](#) to learn how "Raise for Rotary" can help your next event.

Annual Fund – SHARE Update Happy New Year, Happy Half Year!

We've past the half-way point in the Rotary year! Five clubs in District 6890 have already exceeded \$100 per capita in giving to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE program.

If your club is struggling (or is not listed below), please evaluate your TRF giving strategy. Need help? Contact District 6890 Rotary Foundation Chair, Ed Odom at (813) 351-9723.

Club Name	AF	Per Cap
Lakeland	\$ 86,011	500
Tampa South e-Club	\$ 5,470	274
Sebring	\$ 9,315	155
FishHawk-Riverview	\$ 5,958	142
New Tampa	\$ 8,624	135
USF Rotaract	\$ 1,060	98
Brandon '86	\$ 2,000	95
Sun City Center	\$ 3,675	90
Auburndale	\$ 3,925	84
Winter Haven e-Club	\$ 1,101	79
Temple Terrace	\$ 870	62
Tampa Westchase	\$ 2,480	55
Lakeland Sunrise	\$ 2,384	53
Lakeland South	\$ 1,710	37
Lake Wales Breakfast	1,457	36
The Ridge	\$ 1,300	32
Brandon	\$ 1,932	31
Highlands County	\$ 520	24
Tampa	\$ 2,324	22
Hardee County	\$ 630	14
Brandon South ECO	\$ 125	14
Ybor City	\$ 624	7
Bartow	\$ 390	7
Winter Haven	\$ 315	4
<i>Remaining Clubs < \$250 Total</i>		
Rotary District 6890	144,200	97

** Source: Rotary.org Monthly Contribution Report(s) Interim Results through DEC 2024, run January 1, 2025.

Visit Rotary.org (My Rotary) to view individual and club reports on TRF giving and more!