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“May our happiness increase with our usefulness. What Rotary will be one hundred years hence, none living can imagine.” *Paul Harris*



Such prophetic words from one of Rotary's founding fathers. What began as a small networking club in Chicago over 100 years ago has indeed transcended anything they could have imagined at the time, with 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. In the course of over 100 years of making a difference, Rotarians have, through our Rotary Foundation, spent over \$3 billion in life-changing, sustainable projects all around the world. 91% of our Foundation's revenues go directly to funding these projects here at home and around the world. This places the Rotary Foundation among the top-rated charitable organizations in the world, and is one of the reasons the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to continue their partnership with Rotary through the eradication of polio and beyond. They have seen what we can do and have come to realize what so many other Rotarians already knew. There is no other organization like Rotary and there is no other foundation like our Rotary Foundation.

With your support, our Foundation has reduced polio cases by 99.9%, trained future leaders in peace and conflict resolution, provided clean water and sanitation where none was available before, fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and stimulated small businesses in some of the world's most ec-

onomically challenged areas. Your Foundation has enabled clubs to complete small but meaningful projects in their hometowns as well as supporting large clubs or groups of clubs in performing amazingly complex projects that have forever changed the lives of entire communities that many of the supporting Rotarians will never have the opportunity to visit, making a difference for people they will never meet.

November is Rotary Foundation month and there is no better way to celebrate than by continuing your support for our Foundation. With the end of the year rapidly approaching, now is a great time to assess your annual giving to the Rotary Foundation. The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotarians who donate at least \$1000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. Rotary Direct has made giving easier than ever before. Signing up to donate just \$84 per month earns your place in the Paul Harris Society and provides the necessary support to allow so many amazing projects to be fulfilled. Matching points at the club and district level make it easier than ever to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Ask you club, area, or district Foundation chair for details.

Paul Harris conceded that he couldn't predict the future, but he did believe that Rotary could do what many thought was impossible. 100 years later, it appears he could see into the future more than he believed. With Rotary on the brink of eradicating only the second major human disease after smallpox, his assessment of Rotary's future ability to do the impossible was spot on. Of course, none of this is possible without you. With your continuing support and the support of your clubs, our Rotary Foundation will continue to do amazing things in the world, maybe even some things that many think are impossible. As long as Rotarians continue to dream big and believe that together we can accomplish anything, we will continue making a difference in ways no other organization can.



Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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District Calendar

November 16th - 6 pm

The Rotary Foundation & District Awards Banquet
Spartan Manor
6121 Massachusetts Avenue, New Port Richey, 34653
Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7pm - \$35pp
Please make a separate registration for each person.
If a club is paying for its members via check, please
mail to 779 W. Olympia St. Hernando, FL 34442 at
least one week in advance of the event.

November 15th - 6 pm

Rotary Fellowship at Hammer & Stain
Hammer and Stain is a DIY workshop where you
pick a project to wood stain and then take it home to
display or give as a gift. Most projects range from \$35
to \$65. Please bring what you would like to drink and
let me know if you are interested.
Robin Dearden
rdearden1@hotmail.com

November 18th - 6 pm

Boots, Brews & BBQ
Jerry Branch Berry Ranch,
3251 Garrison Road, Dunedin.
Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$20 for 13-20 yr. olds, and
free for 12 and under.
The event promises to be lots of fun with a
western theme that includes great food, drinks, live
entertainment, games and an auction.

December 2nd - 9am

West Side Six Workday
Magnolia Valley Park - Work Day for all West Pasco
Rotarians
The six Area 6 Rotary clubs from West Pasco County
-- the so-called Westside Six -- are partnering with the
Magnolia Valley Civic Association to completely reno-
vate and re-vitalize a local park. This is a community
that has been devastated recently by flooding and the
closure of the local Magnolia Valley Golf Club.
Contact Luke Walker for work assignment or more
information: 727-858-3736 or lukwlkr2@aol.com

The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than
100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of New Port Richey Helps Victims of Irma



New Port Richey, FL (Oct. 31, 2017) - When club member, Mark Wickham, reached out to the Rotary Clubs in Pasco County for help after Hurricane Irma made its way through Florida, several New Port Richey club members volunteered at the hurricane relief collection center. Rotarians from multiple clubs worked with Pasco County and the National Guard processing, sorting and packaging donations for transportation to local hurricane victims in need.

Shortly after Hurricane Irma, New Port Richey Rotarian John Grey, announced that many families in the Lake Placid area were still struggling with flooding and a lack of electricity. Honorary club member Gary Joiner set up his smoker at his home and with the help of many New Port Richey club members, they cooked up 350 pounds of pork loin. The food was picked up by the United Methodist Church of Lake Placid and served that night and the following night to Hurricane Irma victims.

The New Port Richey Rotary Club was established in 1959 and meets every Wednesday for lunch at noon at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey. Rotary International is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Brent Simon is the current president of the New Port Richey club.

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods Donates Bicycles

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods donated thirty-three bicycles to the Citrus County School District to be used for their Bicycle Safety Program for third graders. This donation will enable the majority of third grade students to participate in this valuable bicycle safety program.

The program has been in existence for thirteen years and provides bicycle safety instructions to the students.

Rotary is Service Above Self, serving the needs of our community.

Pictured from left: Gordon Weller, Past President; Rick McCollum, President; Rick Darby, Citrus County School District Representative; and Don Archambault, Rotarian.



First Rotary Caribbean Partnership a Huge Success



Ten years ago, Rotary International encouraged Rotary Clubs from neighboring Caribbean countries to form a joint partnership to enhance a project in their respective countries. To encourage these partnerships the Rotary Foundation created Matching Grants where Club contributions would be matched at both the District and International levels. The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, Fl. and the Rotary Club of St. Andrew in Jamaica each contributed \$7,000 (USD) and this \$14,000 initial contribution by both Clubs was then enhanced to become a \$50,000 Matching Grant contribution to create a working training center in the heart of Kingston where 120 young persons have been trained in marketable skills each year at a cost of \$2031(USD) per student. Over 1200 young trainees have graduated from the program since 2007 and the program is now known as Operation Friendship at a total cost of \$2,437,200 (USD).

The planting of a Poinciana tree at Operation Friendship, flowering in all of its beauty, symbolizes the successful partnership of the two Rotary Clubs in the creation of the Training Skills Center.

The funds to maintain the school are raised by efforts of Operation Friendship with assistance from organizations such as the Rotary Club of St. Andrew and the Ministry of Justice, as the trainees and their parents are unable to afford the costs involved.

Ten years ago, members of the Seminole Lake Club made numerous trips to Kingston and partnered with members of the St. Andrew Club to refurbish a building now housing the training center to offer skills in electrical installation, commercial food preparation and plumbing. Today, the project stands as a bastion of the vision of Past President Jennifer Anderson of the St. Andrew Rotary Club and Past President Marianne Fisher of the Seminole Lake Club. The 1200 graduates have been trained and successfully transitioned from unemployment to making their contribution as productive employed citizens in Jamaica. Some have embarked on operating their own businesses through entrepreneurship activities.

Partnering with both Rotary Clubs was the British High Commission, which assisted in the provision of equipment

and hand tools enabling the project to be one of the best equipped skills training centers in Jamaica. Graduates are certified by the HEART Trust National Training Agency (a government body ensuring the relevance and standards of the program.)

Operation Friendship welcomes the involvement and continued interest of the partners as it embarks to upgrade, refurbish and further expand to serve the vulnerable, poor and destitute youth of Jamaican communities. The success of the training school demonstrates how a small financial input can multiply over the years with prudent leadership and correct vision.

Co-written by Dr. Webster Edwards, Rotary Club of St. Andrew and Gene Stern, Seminole Lake Rotary

Photo: Friendship Poinciana Tree in front of School

Rotary Club of Oldsmar/Eastlake 36th Anniversary Armadillo Run

Rotary Club of Oldsmar Eastlake is proud to sponsor the 36th Annual Armadillo Run with a new race date (December 2nd) and Holiday Fun theme for 2017! This popular run is held on flat, fast, scenic and nationally certified 10k and 5k courses with chip timing. Early registered runners (prior to November 11) are guaranteed a colorful commemorative shirt. Our super post-race party includes massages, entertainment, food, beer, prizes, and much more! Participating in the Armadillo Run helps Oldsmar/Eastlake Rotary club support both local community needs and international projects including: Adopt-A-Class programs, Student of the Month, Rising Stars, and Comeback kids at local elementary schools, college scholarships for local high school seniors, Oldsmar Cares Food Pantry, American Red Cross Comfort Kits Project, the Rotary Bistro at the Children's Home Network, Bicycle for Wounded Warriors, Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL), the Rotary Reading Room at the Oldsmar Public Library, Annual Christmas Adopt A Family Program, Youth Mentoring programs, Literacy Programs and other humanitarian work globally. Please do not miss out on your chance to support the Rotary and celebrate our 36th annual race with the new Holiday Fun theme!

For additional information or registration, visit <http://www.armadillorun.org/> or contact Hiep Tang at hieptang@verizon.net, (813) 598-8745. Discounted group registrations for Rotary clubs available.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OLDSMAR/EASTLAKE ROTARY



10K, 5K OR 1-MILE RUN/WALK

DECEMBER 2, 2017

Location:

Oldsmar Public Library
400 St. Petersburg Drive
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Start Times:

5:30 a.m. – Onsite Registration/Check-in
7:30 a.m. – 5k and 10k Run/Walk
8:45 a.m. – 1-Mile Run/Walk
9:00 a.m. – Award Ceremonies

REGISTER ONLINE AT armadillorun.org



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Interact at Osceola Fundamental HS Growing Under Hlavacka Sponsorship



Interact at Osceola Fundamental HS is the service club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake. When Osceola was founded in 1980, the Seminole Lake Rotary Club was also chartered and decided to sponsor a service club at the

new school. The original teacher/sponsor was Kathy Snyder and the Club thrived under her leadership. Snyder's untimely death created a void in the sponsorship until teacher, Vanessa Hlavacka stepped up last year. She indicated that Interact has become one of the leading service Clubs at Osceola HS and she introduced two of the student leaders to the Rotary Club at their regularly scheduled meeting at Freedom Square.

Jake Remus and Morgan Pate undertook leadership roles last year and will continue in those capacities this year. They are actively looking for other students who have a desire to help others by working together and with the Rotary Club. Students interested in joining should contact Ms. Hlavacka at the school: 545-6412.

Pictured (L-R): Rotary Club President George Bessler, Jake, Remus, Morgan Pate, Vanessa Hlavacka

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Students of the Month for September and October



From left to right.

Dixie- Omar Milian, Josh Dunn, Sha Kira Huewitt, Morgan Buchanan. Pinellas Park- Mariah Laber and Chiara Simeoni

Students of Months from Osceola High School



Principal Michael Bohnet has been bringing his top students of the month at Osceola Fundamental High school to the regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake at Freedom Square. He introduced the students of the month for September and October at the same meeting on Oct 13.

Emma Carpenter has a GPA of 4.49 and is member of 5 honor societies and the Key Club. She also participated in S4TL (Rotary's Seminar for tomorrow's leaders) and has also volunteered at Suncoast Hospice and Humane Society of Pinellas. She plans to attend UF and major in biological science.

Marshal Riccardi has a GPA of 4.483 and was a commended student in the National Merit Scholar program. He was First team All-County in Tennis (single and doubles) and undefeated last season. He volunteers at Palms of Largo and a local veterinary clinic. Marshal was also Band Captain as member of marching and concert band. He will attend either UF or Georgia Tech in biomedical science or engineering.

Nick Baldino has a GPA of 3.85 and is an AP scholar with Distinction while also wrestling varsity for four years. He is President of National Honor Society, a member of three honor societies and senior class VP. He plans to attend UF after graduation in the Fall.

Abigail Tong has a GPA of 4.4906 while participating in the marching and concert band. She volunteers with Study Buddies (tutoring students with learning disabilities) and is a member of four Honor Societies. She plans to study exercise physiology and then get her masters in physical therapy.

Pictured (L-R) Past President Glenn Stamm, Emma Carpenter, Marshal Riccardi, Principal Bohnet, Nick Baldino and Abigail Tong



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District 6950 Attendance & Club Meeting Location for September 2017

Welcome to our
new, returning and
transferring Rotarians!

October 2017

Meeting locations have been updated. Please refer to this list when checking on club meeting days and locations.

Club	Members 6/30/17	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location
Belleair	22	21	75	Thu. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)
Brooksville	35	36	42	Thu. Noon - Southern Hills Plantation Club (State Rd 41 Brooksville)
Central Citrus County	20	20	69	Wed. 7:30am -Tuscany on the Meadows (Quality Inn State 486)
Central Pinellas	11	11	65	Tue. 5:45pm - Liberty Lanes (11401 Starkey Rd, Largo)
Clearwater	92	91	55	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club
Clearwater Beach	15	15	40	Club is reorganizing...watch the DaCdB for updates
Clearwater East	24	25	68	Fri. Noon - St. Petersburg College (2465 Drew Street, ES Building room 111, Clearwater)
Crystal River	67	64	74	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
Dade City	39	39	78	Mon. Noon - Kafe Kokopelli (Citrus Room- 37940 Live Oak Avenue Dade City)
Dade City Sunrise	14	14	91	Thu. 7:00am- The Hampton Inn (13215 US Hwy 301, Dade City)
Dunedin	50	48	70	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin)
Dunedin North	55	55	66	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Golf Club
Dunedin Waterside	26	28	33	Wed. 6:30pm -Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)
East Lake Sunrise	15	17	55	Thu. 7:30am - Daddy's Grill (1st Thursday of month meeting 6 pm at same location)
Gulf Beaches	43	44	63	Tue. 12:15pm - Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club (400 Treasure Island Causeway, Treasure Island)
Holiday	42	42	54	Tue. Noon - Brix 33 Bistro (8351 SR 54 Trinity 34655)
Homosassa Springs	16	14	83	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd. - US19)
Hudson	22	22	81	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy. Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)
Indian Rocks Beach	37	40	76	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)
Inverness	81	80	78	Tue. Noon - Inverness Golf and Country Club (Inverness)
Kings Bay- Crystal River	65	66	73	Wed. 12:15pm - George Washington Carver Community Center
Largo	23	24	73	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (Clearwater)
New Port Richey	140	139	87	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)
Oldsmar/East Lake	14	16	69	Thu. 12:15pm - Flamestone Grill (4009 Tampa Rd)
Palm Harbor	14	17	73	Wed. 12:15pm - Leo's Italian Grill (Palm Harbor)
Pinellas Park	38	38	69	Thu. 12:15pm - Banquet Masters (13355 49th St N)
Port Richey	41	42	64	Fri. Noon - The Columbian Event Center (5850 Farrell Way (KOC) Drive)
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	23	24	95	Anytime at www.rotaryclub34.org
Safety Harbor	15	17	96	Fri. 7:30am - Paradise Restaurant (5th and Main Street in Safety Harbor)
San Antonio	16	17	62	Tue. 6:30pm - 10641 Old Tampa Bay Drive, San Antonio
Seminole	58	59	68	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)
Seminole Lake	34	33	80	Fri. 7:15am - Roskamp Auditorium (Freedom Square)
Seven Springs	47	47	73	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Spring Hill	17	17	85	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)
Spring Hill Central	20	21	49	Thu. 12:15pm - Silverthorn Golf and Country Club
St. Petersburg	95	93	67	Fri. Noon - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Avenue)
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	15	14	45	Wed. 12:15pm - Grand Villa (3600 34th St. South, St. Petersburg)
St. Petersburg Sunrise	29	30	70	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)
St. Petersburg Sunset	17	18	89	Wed. 6:15 pm - St Pete Museum of History (335 2nd Ave NE, St Pete) (2nd & 4th Wed. Only)
St. Petersburg West	40	41	55	Wed. 7:45am - Pasadena Yacht and Country Club
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	30	31	87	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)
Tarpon Springs	107	108	87	Thu. 12:15pm - Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)
Trinity	88	85	75	Fri. 12:15pm -Seven Springs Golf & Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Wesley Chapel	69	69	69	Wed. 12:15pm - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Blvd Wesley Chapel 33544)
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	12	12	64	Fri. 7:15am - Quail Hollow Golf
Zephyrhills	35	36	54	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)
Zephyrhills Daybreak	27	23	100	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)

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