

January 15, 2023 Imaginarian

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

This holiday which celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and his lifetime achievements as a civil rights leader is observed as a national day of service, which aims to encourage people to volunteer in their communities.

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr.



Westchase Rotary is on the roll! Their **Annual Bike Roundup 2023** delivered over 150 bicycles to Kennedy Cares and Bethesda Ministries in Tampa, all for folks in need! In addition they are active with Feeding the Fosters, an organization that assists the foster care system by helping out foster families. The Club delivers hot and nutritious meals, providing the gift of time spent together in food and fellowship.

Host Homes are needed for the **Rotary Friendship Exchange** from Feb 6th through Feb 19th. The visiting Peruvians are eager to visit our Rotary Clubs, see our projects and learn about our culture. If anyone has interest in taking advantage of this Rotary International opportunity by hosting, activity planning, or transporting, contact me.

Tell us what your Clubs are doing – send us pictures, too! We would love to share the news. You can write me or Linda Devine at linda-rotary@ut.edu. Here are some we

know about:

Jan 21 **Highland County Rotary** is hosting its 11th **Annual Crazy Pepper Chili Cook Off!** It will be a good time for family & friends to get outside on a cool January Saturday & taste some awesome chili! You can register on DACdb.

Feb 3 Join the **four Lakeland Rotary Clubs** for the **Rotary Twilight 5K**, a scenic run around Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland to benefit Common Ground Playground, a park where children of varying abilities can explore and discover with imaginative play experiences. The Clubs have worked together to support this park since its inception, and proceeds from this annual race support the ongoing maintenance. You can register at ROTARYTWILIGHT5K.com

Feb 19 The **Ybor Club** is hosting its 12th **Annual Golf Tournament** which will be played at MacDill Air Force Base. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year, and you can register your foursome for a day of golfing, contests, lunch/dinner, and silent auctions by contacting Leland Baldwin at lelandtoman@gmail.com or 813-245-2776.

And don't forget these two other opportunities to connect:

- The **District 6890 Imagination Cruise District Conference** sailing on 3/27/2023. <https://csherman.dreamvacationsgroups.com/index.html#/groups/10763769>
- The **Rotary International Convention is in Melbourne, Australia.** <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

We are truly better together. Let us make 2023 a year in which we serve, improving the lives of others!

On behalf of your District
Leadership Team
We are yours in Rotary
Service

Debbie Meegan
District Governor
2022-2023

