

October 17, 2022 Imaginarian

Your response to my message about disaster relief was so heartening and raised many possibilities to help those in our District. There are three primary ways we can help: (1) financial support, which the District will match up to \$5000, (2) supplies, which can be dropped off at Rivard Buick GMC in Tampa, and (3) volunteering, with efforts coordinated by Kevin Kitto.

Rebuilding after Ian will take a long time, and District 6890 is committed to walking alongside our communities as they recover. Matt Vines, Westchase Club President, said it best: "*When disasters and needs arise, Rotarians around the world step up to do our part...Let's do what we can for our larger community and area who are suffering.*"

New reports this week:

- ✦ The [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) program with our visiting Egyptian Rotarians begins this week and runs through October 29th. This is a wonderful experience for all involved.
- ✦ The [Rotary Club of New Tampa](#) is holding its [Annual Cleanup at Rotary's Camp Florida](#) on December 9th and 10th from 9 am to 5 pm. This gives us an opportunity to work together as Rotarians. You can sign up in DACdb. If you need further information, please contact Al Allen Rotary Club of New Tampa Service Chair at allen333@gmail.com or 813-503-6532.
- ✦ President Shelby Loveless from the [Lake Wales Breakfast Club](#) reports that their [19th annual Reel 'Em in for Rotary Fishing Tournament](#) will be held on November 5th at Guy Harvey's Camp Mack Resort. They are accepting registrations for any boaters who want to fish in the tournament.
- ✦ [Lakeland Rotary](#) is hosting Eat to Defeat Polio at Fuzzie's Tacos on S Florida Ave in Lakeland on Oct. 24 with a Shots for Shots table (tequila shots) . 20% of proceeds from all who mention Rotary will be donated to Rotary.
- ✦ [Westchase Rotary](#) will host its [5th Annual Hunger Project](#) on Nov. 12. Meals will be to Africa and refugees in the Ukraine. We welcome any Rotary Clubs to help pack the meals and donate.

If your Club has an event to share, contact Linda Devine at linda-rotary@ut.edu. And, post it on DACdb so any Rotarian in our District can see it on our shared calendar. Here are some upcoming events you can attend:

10/22 - [Tampa Midtown Rotary Club's 11th Annual Cycling For Autism](#) on the Courtney Campbell Causeway

10/24 - [The Lakeland Rotary Club](#) is hosting "[Pints To End Polio](#)" at Swan Brewing on 10/24 starting at 5:30 pm.

11/05 - [Brandon 86 Seafood Festival](#) at Rotary's Camp Florida

11/11 - [Tampa Rotary's Flags for Hillsborough Heroes](#) event Veterans Memorial Park from 9 to 10 am.

11/ 15 - [Rotary Foundation Gala](#) in Lakeland. (Sponsors and Silent Auction items needed please! Contact PDG Mark Scolnick) Register at: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77626025>

11/24 - The [New Tampa Rotary Club's 10th Annual Wiregrass Turkey Trot](#)

03/27 - [District 6890 Imagination District Conference Cruise!](#) Registration is open now!

<https://csherman.dreamvacationgroups.com/index.html#/groups/10763769>

And, best quote of the week from [Tampa Midtown's](#) Chris Ward (paraphrased): *I realized that I did not feel complete unless I was helping others. And that's where Rotary fits in.*

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

Debbie Meegan
District Governor
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May this be a week of limitless possibilities for helping others.

DG Debbie