



# Rotary District 6890 December 2008 Newsletter



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We're all still stuffed after eating too much at Thanksgiving, but have now moved into even more opportunities during the month of December. Holiday festivities are in full swing. But, stop take a deep breath, relax and reduce your stress!

Football is coming up the the "bowl" season! And speaking of such, D-6950, D-6960 and us, D-6890, have the opportunity for both fun and a fundraiser at the St. Petersburg "Bowl" Rotary on December 20, 2008, at 4:30 PM. Cost is \$28.00 per person; and tickets can be gotten on-line at [www.stpetersburgbowlrotary.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowlrotary.com)

Thanks go to Alan Feldman and all the work he's putting into Project C.U.R.E. He recently found a needed wheelchair for a child in the Tampa Area. RC of Lakeland Christina's Jeff Schiller is also to be commended for all the donations they've been able to get. Way to go Jeff and Alan!

Congratulations and thanks to Heidi Hess for the coordination of another successful Gift of Life child. Thanks also go to all those Rotarians who take their time to visit a child; home host, or other support. What a wonderful Christmas present to be able to be part of!

And while talking of Gift of Life, don't forget to mark your calendars for February 21, 2009. A joint effort of the Rotary Club of Tampa and Rotary Club of Tampa Interbay will be the Taste of Tampa at the Lowry Park Zoo, 7:00 PM. For every \$5,000 raised, another Gift of Life child can have a surgery!

Did you know..... Rotary Club of Bloomingdale/Fishhawk is now meeting at Beef 'O Brady's..... or that the Rotary Club of Tampa West is now officially known as the Rotary Club of Tampa West Latin and that they have moved their location to the Perkins Restaurant

Let us not forget what the holiday season is all about. I'd like to take this time to wish each and every one a joyous, healthy, and happy holiday season. So Merry Christmas; Glaedelig Jul (Danish); Maligayang Pasko (Filipino); Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesegnetes neues Jahr (German); Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian); Mo'adim Lesimkha Shana Tova (Hebrew); Shinnen omedeto Kurisumasu omedeto (Japanese); Chuk Sung Tan Sun Tan Chuk Ha (Korean); Pozkrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom (Russian); Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo (Spanish); and one more, Nadolig Llawen (Welsh). The wish is the same no matter what the language!

Yours in Rotary Service to "Make Dreams Real"

Beverly Hunt

## Gift of Life—Wendy Carrillo—What a Christmas Gift!

Three year old Wendy Carrillo from San Salvador is the latest Gift of Life child. She has had her surgery and is doing well. Such a cutie! Here she is with

PDG Dennis Viera, one of several Rotarian PUPS. Thanks to Dennis and the other Rotarians who are able to help out. Special thanks, of course, to Heidi Hess!



## 2010 Council on Legislation

A reminder that on or before December 31, 2008 is the deadline to submit legislation for the 2010 Council. PDG George Banning is our District representative. Some changes to the legislative process and deadlines have been made. If your club is wanting to make a proposal, do it quickly!

## RI Convention 2009 Register NOW and save!



## Calendar of Events— check out [www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Login/cfm](http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Login/cfm)

### What's Happening in December and beyond in District 6890 ???

Go to above site and check out the calendar for details for these events and other service projects!

December 20, 2008—  
[www.stpetersburgbowlrotary.com](http://www.stpetersburgbowlrotary.com) 4:30 PM \$28.00 person

Let's look forward to 2009

### Jan 17—President & President elect meeting—Bartow

Feb 5— RC of Lakeland South—5 K run

Feb 14—Rotary Goes to Dogs—Derby Lane—for S4TL

Feb 21—Taste of Tampa for Gift of Life—RC of Tampa and RC of Tampa Interbay—Lowry Park Zoo 7:00 PM



## Club News—Photos—



Past RI Director Barry Rassin convenes REDI (Disaster Relief Workshop) held Dec 5-6, 2008

The Third REDI (Rotary Emergency Disaster Initiative) workshop was hosted by District 7020, on December 5-6, 2008. Rotary's Action Group "DR-RAG" was co-sponsor. Emphasis placed on clubs having a disaster relief plan in place. Presentations can be seen at [www.DRRAG.org](http://www.DRRAG.org).

If your club's disaster chair hasn't started on your disaster plan, now's a good time to start. If you're not sure how or where to start, contact our District Disaster Chair Colin Campbell.

It's never too early to have your plans in place. We were lucky this year!

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

### Future Vision Plan -

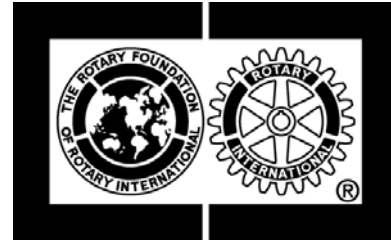
Clubs are being ask to support the District in being able to submit an application to become one of the 100 pilot districts in the world, going to the Future Vision Plan.

All clubs world-wide will make this change in 2013. For details and information on the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and

search “Future Vision Plan”.

It is the feeling of our District Leadership that we would like to be part of the formulation of the new plan so as to possibly have positive input, rather than wait until all clubs and districts have to go to the plan.

Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to either myself, DGE Randy Kizer, DGN Ed



Odom, PDG Camilo Calvo or PDG Ruben Alfaras.

More information is being sent to club presidents for action this month.

## \$100,000,000 in 2 Years, 7 Months....We Will Do It!

### Make Dreams Real!

The countdown is on for our matching the challenge grant!

How thankful we are to be able to work toward a goal eliminating such a debilitating disease.



For more on current polio statistics, check out [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org). They update weekly.

### PolioPlus Partners



## ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND—Be a Sustainer!

### Making Dreams Real!

Brandon Rotary Club recognized 3 Paul Harris Fellows during a special Thanksgiving program. What a nice way to say thank you... and still

[Make Dreams Real](#) for the world’s children — how about

stuffing a stocking! Check your loose change! Give! Feel good!



District 6890 Membership & Attendance November 2008							
Club	Members 6/30/08	Members Current	YTD- Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%	ATT % Rank
Brandon '86	85	74	-11	-6	0	110.00	1
Highlands County	19	18	-1	-1	4	100.00	2
Lake Placid Noon	26	24	-2	0	3	95.65	3
Plant City	89	91	2	-3	4	92.67	4
Brandon	77	75	-2	-2	4	88.70	5
Brandon South	15	20	5	2	3	88.33	6
Tampa West Latin RC	14	12	-2	-2	4	87.00	7
Riverview	18	16	-2	0	4	86.00	8
Tampa Upper Bay	13	11	-2	0	3	84.85	9
Sebring Sunrise	38	34	-4	0	3	84.31	10
Tampa North	37	36	-1	-1	4	83.79	11
Plant City-Daybreak	17	16	-1	0	5	83.75	12
Avon Park Breakfast	38	36	-2	0	3	82.10	13
Lakeland Christina	38	38	0	0	3	82.00	14
Avon Park	55	53	-2	0	4	81.31	15
New Tampa	86	88	2	-2	3	80.41	16
SouthShore-Ruskin	19	23	4	1	4	80.00	17
Lake Wales	54	55	1	1	4	80.00	18
Sebring	73	71	-2	0	4	79.69	19
Lake Wales Breakfast	49	44	-5	0	3	79.60	20
Bartow Breakfast	26	25	-1	-1	0	78.90	21
Bloomington-Fishhawk	16	16	0	0	4	78.12	22
New Tampa Noon	28	27	-1	1	0	78.00	23
Tampa Hyde Park	26	25	-1	0	4	77.08	24
Temple Terrace	16	14	-2	0	4	76.92	25
Auburndale	45	44	-1	0	4	76.69	26
Lake Placid	40	36	-4	-3	4	76.31	27
Tampa East	22	13	-9	-1	4	72.00	28
Lakeland	153	159	6	1	4	68.40	29
Lakeland North	34	38	4	0	3	68.18	30
Tampa Carrollwood	23	22	-1	0	3	68.00	31
Tampa Town & Country	8	9	1	0	3	67.00	32
Cypress Gardens	19	18	-1	0	6	66.65	33
Haines City	38	37	-1	-1	3	65.42	34
Tampa	202	200	-2	0	4	64.75	35
Lakeland South	76	69	-7	0	3	64.02	36
Ybor City	91	91	0	0	4	63.17	37
Sun City Center	46	45	-1	3	3	61.28	38
Tampa Downtown Daybreak	26	16	-10	0	3	60.00	39
Tampa Bay	28	22	-6	0	4	59.78	40
Hardee County	37	36	-1	2	3	59.26	41
Winter Haven	92	85	-7	0	3	58.82	42
Bartow	69	70	1	0	4	58.57	43
Tampa Interbay Rotary Club	48	46	-2	n/a	0	0.00	44
Lake Region/Dundee	23	16	-7	n/a	0	0.00	45
Frostproof	16	15	-1	n/a	0	0.00	46
<b>Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:</b>	<b>2108</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>76.69</b>	



## MEMBERSHIP



Thanks to our District Membership Chair, Terrill Morris. He's making the rounds to clubs and /or groups of clubs to help with your membership needs. He says, "Ask!" Have you ask someone to visit your club? What's stopping you! If he hasn't been to your club, call him!