



Tampa Interbay Rotary

Chartered in 1953

NO MEETING APRIL 7th

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 14 - 12:15 p.m.
The Centre Club, 123 S. West Shore Blvd., Tampa

This Week's Event

There is no meeting this week. Instead, plan to attend the First Ever Tampa Interbay Ribfest Extravaganza Barbeque. It will be held at Bob and Cindy Krueger's home, and promises to be the highlight of our April agenda! Nine grill masters are signed up to provide an amazing evening of ribs, with excellent wine and scrumptious sides, for only \$15/person! Space is limited. Contact Bob Krueger at 443-4791 or bkrueger@brennanLLC.com for details.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Apr 7** No Lunch Meeting – see Apr 9
- Apr 9** Baby Back Rib Competition - BBQ and More at Kruegers'
- Apr 14** Panel Discussion with a Rabbi, an Imam, and the Exec. Dir. FL Council of Churches - The Impact of Faith and Religion Today
- Apr 21** Kathleen Novak - Upcoming Rotaract International Service Project
- Apr 28** Jennifer Potter - Community School Program
- May 5** No Lunch/Evening Social - Place TBA
- May 12** Club Assembly
- May 19** Mark Ober, Hillsborough County State Attorney
- Jun 16** Interbay Rotary Installation Banquet

TAMPA INTERBAY ROTARY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2015 - 2016

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Recap of the March 31st Tampa Interbay Rotary Meeting

By Steve Kauffman

President Ken called the meeting to order. The Club pledged allegiance to the flag and recited the Four Way Test. The following invocation from Father Bob was shared by Ted Hamilton.

“In this holy season of the year let us pray together Psalm 150 to celebrate the God we all worship:

‘Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

‘O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

‘O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.’ Amen”

There being no guests to introduce, we enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

Sergeant Bob invited happy dollars. Many of us ran forward!

- Bob started off: happy for a big new project in Lakeland where he brandished a gold shovel and hard hat! Also feeling good about the Rib Cook-Off next week. Thirty-six hungry Rotarians and friends will attend! Nine chefs will compete for the honors!
- Jay Hines was happy that President Ken would soon be retiring and hoped that he would not “disappear” as have four other past presidents!
- Stephen Shine is looking forward to some skeet shooting.
- Jennifer Potter reminded the Club that the Brew Ha Ha Event is set for November 5th. She also was thankful that her husband has had no recurrence of cancer per tests last week.
- Joe Miller thanked the club for joining the TD Bank Affinity Program.
- Walter will be leaving with his lovely wife on a European vacation.
- Yours Truly was called forward to be awarded my “permanent name badge” by President Ken. No turning back now!

Ted introduced our Speaker, Max Stewart, Regional Manager for International Trade Development for Enterprise Florida.

After a warm welcome from all of us, Max shared that he was delighted to be with us and that his father was a Rota-rian and a Paul Harris Fellow and he, himself, was a member of Rotaract in Orlando. Before joining EFI, Max spent 10 years with the World Affairs Council of Central Florida.

Max joined us amid lots of rumors and innuendo surrounding the reported resignation of his CEO and reported plans to reorganize the operations. He assured us that things may not be as messy as what we are reading in the paper.

He began by telling us that Enterprise Florida has two branches – one is Business Development and recruiting, and the other is International Trade. The organization used to be known as the Florida Department of Commerce. Max deals with International trade and his primary focus is with companies of 30 or fewer employees.

The primary focus of the company’s work is (1) trade development, (2) identification of international companies, (3) marketing Florida advantages worldwide and (4) providing an international network.

Max spoke briefly on the importance of the newly expanded Panama Canal and what it will mean for the Port of Tampa. The size of the Skyway Bridge will not impact the ships passing through (they are not as tall as cruise ships) and larger cranes are already in place to handle the larger cargo ships. Trade is expanding with Latin America and the Pacific Rim.

Max asserted that he accomplishes his mission in the following way:

- Developing an Export Marketing plan
- Targeting sector tread Grants
- Trade Missions and Shows
- Gold Key Grants

Max shared his outlook for 2016:

- Corporate priorities closer to shipping options.



- Port of Tampa will grow due to Panama Canal expansion.
- Inflow of foreign direct investment to Florida.
- Manufacturing will be a key driver for increased Latin American expansion.

Trade Trips Planned:

April (trips full)

South Korea Taiwan

May

Mexico

Nov

Argentina Buenos Aires

Following Max's presentation, we raffled his door prize, a travel phone charger! Ted won (again!).

The pot was back to a measly \$15 – Ken won the draw but, alas, no joker!

There is no afternoon meeting next week. See you at the Barbeque on Saturday!

Happy Birthday



Bob Krueger
April 13th

Celebrate!! ... your birthday, wedding anniversary, spouse or child's birthday, etc. by contributing \$1 for each year to the Rotary Foundation. Make your donation via cash or check, payable to Tampa Interbay Rotary (put "Rotary Foundation" in the memo line) and give it to Arlin Beachy or mail it to P.O. Box 320843 Tampa 33679-2843.

Thanks so much!

Events & Activities

Ongoing Club Activities

Meals On Wheels – Deliveries in South Tampa every Thursday

Interbay Rotary Socials - Monthly @ various venues

Interact Club @ Robinson High School – Dawn McPeak is our faculty liaison

Upcoming/Annual Club Events

Baby Back Rib Competition - BBQ and More at Kruegers' - Apr 9

NJROTC pass and review (graduation) at Robinson HS - Apr 26

Golf Outing to benefit The Children's Home - May 27 at Rocky Point

Interbay Rotary Installation Banquet - June 16

Brew Ha Ha to benefit Starting Right Now! -

Nov 5

Metropolitan Ministries Food/Toy Drives - Two weeks prior to Thanksgiving & Christmas

Holiday Party - December

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December

Speech Contest -TBA

Cycling For Autism 2017 – TBA

District Events

District Speech Contest - April

District Conference - May 20-21, Orlando

Rotary Day at the Races - March

Minutarian

from DG Tom Wagner

Congratulations to the four Lakeland Rotary Clubs on their successful high-profile benefit concert this past Saturday. In spite of adverse weather conditions, they held a wonderful outdoor concert featuring the classic bands, Three Dog Night and America to raise funds for a 4-Club Joint Project which will provide an accessible playground in their community.

We recognize the Rotary clubs of Lakeland, Lakeland Christina, Lakeland North and Lakeland South for their tremendous joint effort and especially Rotarian Alyssia Totten, of the Lakeland South club for her inspirational leadership in this unprecedented event.

Register now to attend District Conference 2016, May 20th & 21st at the marvelous Orlando World Center Marriott Resort.

We are planning a great celebration WITH FEWER SPEAKERS AND MORE FUN & ENTERTAINMENT! Full two-day conference registration is only \$195!

The room block guarantee expires on April 20, less than 20 days away. If you do not have your room reserved by that date, you probably will not be able to get a room as the hotel expects to be sold-out for the weekend.

Rotary has an exclusive rate of only \$119 per night INCLUDING the Resort Fee and FREE self-parking! What's more, they will honor these rates from May 14 through May 26 so you can extend your stay if you like.

Register today at <http://RotaryDistrictConference.com>



CYCLING FOR AUTISM - QUICK RECAP

The 7th annual Cycling For Autism event took place this past weekend, with the rain making its presence known in a big way. However, over 30 riders braved the elements and completed their commitment to CARD, ABA and their sponsors.

The band was really good and kept everyone in a good mood, along with a great lunch of pulled pork, cole slaw and baked beans. There was a lot of laughter and camaraderie, what with the rain keeping all inside the pavilion.

We are in the process of tallying all the results, and will be reporting on our success for this year in the near term.

Stay tuned for more information on CFA!!

Lucky Winners of the Bikes at the Cycling For Autism Event! Talk about keeping it in the family!!

Sara McIntire (Steve Cooper's Daughter)
Chris Ray (Tampa Interbay Rotary member)
Christy Smiley (Ken Hopkins' Sister-in-law)
Rene Johnson (Arlin Beachy's Admin. Asst.)

A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO PUBLIX

Submitted by Father Bob

Yesterday I was at the Villages' (an area north of Orlando full of retirees) Publix (our large food chain in Florida) buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Owen the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had - an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again.

I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete (certified), so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)



Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no, I had stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Publix won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

