



# Rotary in Action

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## 2018-2019 District Governor Ron Janssen

### 2018-2019 Board of Directors

President	Diane Mehrlich
President- Elect	Cristina Rabago
Immediate Past President	Karen McKenzie-Alfred
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## In Memory



### PDG Pete Edwards

Long before PDG Pete Edwards was the District Governor for Rotary District 6980, he was our neighbor and friend. A long time member of the Rotary Club of Kissimmee, Pete led a Group Study Exchange team to Denmark before becoming District Governor.

He is well known in our community for his years of service in numerous leadership roles as this county grew. He was the first President/CEO of the Kissimmee Chamber in the 1970s. He was the Director of the Kissimmee-St. Cloud Convention & Visitors Bureau, Executive Director of the Osceola Center for the Arts, Executive Director of the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce, and member and Chairman of the school board for the School District of Osceola County. He had recently been serving as the President of the Osceola County Historical Society. We will miss you, Pete!

### REVIEW & PREVIEW...

**Last Week:** Tawny Olore, Osceola County Government, Proposed Penny Sales Tax Increase

**This Week:** Tim Finkenbinder, Immigration Issues & the Law

**Next Week:** North Johnson, General Manager of Florida Fire Frogs

### DATE FOUNDATION GIFT

4/24	Bobbie Bryant
5/1	Christina Karandreas
5/8	Jeff Goldmacher

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**4/27 Knittery** – Cristina Rabago’s House – 2:00 p.m.

**5/4 District Assembly** – Apopka High School – 8:00 a.m.

**5/14 Board of Directors Meeting** – Council on Aging- 6:00 p.m.

**5/23-5/26 District Conference** –Marriott Orlando World Center

**5/28 Casino Night Committee Meeting** – 6:00 p.m.

**10/26 Kissimmee Bay Rotary 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night & Auction**

### Happy Anniversary

Tom & Angie White – April 29



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST



Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Welcome to All of Our Visitors Today

We are glad that you joined us and hope to see you again soon. Please be sure to provide us with your email address so we can be in touch with you about all the great and exciting moments in Rotary.



### Knittery & Social on April 27 Cristina’s & Alex’s Home – 2:00 p.m.

It’s time again to get together to knit and crochet hats for colder days for the homeless in our county. Whether you are experienced or a novice at this type of project, you are welcome. We can teach you!! There is no need to bring yarn because we have plenty of it for everyone.

Men are welcome, too. There is always good food and plenty to drink! You do not need to be a Rotarian to knit hats!! ☺

## Highlights of 2019 Council on Legislation

By Arnold R. Grah

The 2019 Council on Legislation may not have made as many dramatic changes as the Council three years ago did, but it made several decisions that will shape the future of Rotary.

Among the most important, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve.

"We need to be an inspiration to our young partners, so they will continue doing the great service that they do," said RI President Barry Rassin when he presented the measure. "This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service."

In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will still charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their own unique club experience. Members of a Rotaract club will not be called Rotarians.

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI's charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will reduce expenses.

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year.

With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.

### Sign Up Now for District Assembly

**May 4 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Apopka High School**

District Assembly is essential to Board Officers and Directors to understand your role and responsibilities for the upcoming Rotary year. It is also very informative to the general membership and we encourage everyone to attend. You can register now on the District portal and select the class for the club position you will fill next year. There is no cost to attend.

### 2019 District 6980 Annual Conference

**Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando**

May 23-26, 2019

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

During the days, we will focus on leadership and personal and professional development with a great lineup of experts in their respective fields. At night plan on fun! We have live music and an illusionist that has appeared on National TV. Come and find out who or what he may make appear or disappear. It is guaranteed to be exciting. We also have the privilege of hearing from a Past RI President, to our knowledge, a Conference first in our District! And don't forget, District Awards will be presented on Friday night May 24.

Registration: No Charge Parking: \$20.00 per day

Hotel: \$133.00 plus tax per night

Meals / Events:

Friday Lunch only: \$50.00 Friday Reception only: \$25.00

Saturday Lunch only: \$55.00 Saturday Dinner Event: \$95.00

Early Bird All-In Package: \$195.00 by April 30, 2019.

\$225.00 after April 30, 2019

## Kissimmee Bay Rotary's 20<sup>th</sup> Casino Night & Auction



The Casino Night committee has been meeting to find new ideas to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Casino Night & Auction. We would like input from you as we proceed. This week's question is this:

What kind of items would you like to see in the Live Auction?

Please send your ideas to [kissimmeebayrotary@gmail.com](mailto:kissimmeebayrotary@gmail.com)

You can also start collecting Silent Auction items now and bringing them to our weekly meetings. Proper paperwork to record the items will be sent to by email.

Let's make this the best year ever!!!



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### INTERACT INSIDER

#### PATHS - Professional and Technical High School

Advisor – Ms. Andrea Darsch

Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the school. Kissimmee Bay Rotarians are welcome to attend.

Please contact advisor Andrea Darsch and schedule a meeting to attend. She can be contacted by calling the school.

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**KBay Rotary:** [www.kbayrotary.com](http://www.kbayrotary.com)

**District 6980:** [www.rotarydistrict6980.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6980.org)

**Rotary International:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

The Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay Meets at:

Kissimmee Bay Country Club

2801 Kissimmee Bay Blvd., Kissimmee 34744

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 420225, Kissimmee, FL 34742-0225

### ABRIDGED MAKE-UP SCHEDULE

E-Club Make-up: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

#### Monday

Kissimmee 12:10 p.m. Council on Aging

Lake Nona 6:00 p.m. Valencia College-Lake Nona

#### Tuesday

Lake Nona Lunch 11:45 a.m. Ronald McDonald House

#### Thursday

St. Cloud 7:15 a.m. St. Cloud Women's Club

#### Friday

Celebration Health 7:00 a.m. Celebration Health

Kissimmee West 7:00 a.m. Florida Hospital-Kissimmee,

Poinciana 7:45 a.m. Poinciana Medical Center-  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays