

## October is Economic and Community Development Month!



In October we recognize one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus: Economic and Community Development month. Our District's Rotary Clubs work to strengthen their local economies and communities, as well as those internationally, all year long. We try to highlight those efforts in our District Facebook Group and in our newsletter.

This year, our own District Community Service Chair Jim Tremmel is helping coordinate a multi-district project called Timeless Tunes: providing MP3 players to people with Dementia. The Alzheimer's Association – Florida Gulf Coast Chapter (FGCC), studies and works to reduce agitation and behavioural issues that accompany dementia, with music. The program is being presented at the National Center for Creative Aging Conference in Washington DC this week. Jim assisted with distribution of over 500 MP3 players to 25 nursing homes in Pinellas County with this project, in conjunction with District 6890, the AA-FGCC, and the Rotary Club of Lakeland North. He will be continuing the project in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties!

Also, at our District Conference next summer, we will host The Sauce Boss - Bill Wharton has been supporting homeless, veterans, and many others by raising money with blues concerts that include gumbo made on stage for over 15 years! He's fed over 200,000 people while rockin' his slide guitar and playing Florida "swampy blues"! For more information, see details about his 501c3 non-profit on his website: <http://planetgumbo.org/planet-gumbo>, and keep an eye out in our newsletter for a "Sauce Boss sighting" every month! This District Conference performance will culminate this year's efforts by our District to combat Hungry & Homeless with special Area grants this year. We've funded 6 Hungry & Homeless projects that will be highlighted throughout the year in our newsletter and at the Conference itself.

How is your club impacting your local economy and community? Let us know! Post on our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Rotary6950/> or submit a story for our newsletter: [rotarynews6950@gmail.com](mailto:rotarynews6950@gmail.com).

Until next Monday, keep **"Doing Good, Having Fun!"**  
Your Friend in Rotary Service,

*Mikey*

Mike Chapman  
District 6950 Governor 2016-17  
[mjc6950rotary@gmail.com](mailto:mjc6950rotary@gmail.com)  
727-415-3181



**Rotary District 6950**  
Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties  
Florida's Nature Coast / Suncoast

