

Meet our Speaker: Michael A. Misa P.A. – Tampa Attorney

As a former police officer and organized crime detective, Michael A. Misa worked thousands of criminal cases and has over 23 years experience in criminal case investigation as an attorney. He has been practicing law since 1992 when he began as a Assistant State Attorney in the Tampa Bay area. In 1996 he entered private practice in an effort to share his experiences with clients seeking legal help. Michael A. Misa has worked as an organized crime detective and vice detective/narcotics investigator. He has attended Federal DEA training and been lead trial prosecutor on many important cases. He currently serves as a criminal defense attorney representing clients in the Tampa Bay area in private practice.



Tim Tran and Ginger Hayes receive their permanent blue badges.



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PRAYER FOR TODAY Loving God, grant us the strength to persevere in serving you. Amen.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Attorney Mike Misa

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Gerald Madrinan, Seminole High School Band Director

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: To Be Announced

Upcoming Events:

Aug 30th Rotary Day at the Rays, See Lorie for details
Oct 3rd: Beerfest
Nov. 14th: Auction

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From the Pres..

Almost seamlessly, we have hit the ground running with several big events coming up in the latter half of the year. You will probably grow weary of hearing me remind everyone about our Brewfest and our Auction, but they are big fundraising opportunities for our Club. We have become an important and crucial piece within the City of Seminole and our Club's activism and charitable donations support many worthy causes. Please help us continue those efforts and participate with us during upcoming events. You might even have a lot of fun too.

Pencil in Tuesday August 7th for Rotary day at the InterFaith Food Bank. Join with Eva and many others for a couple hours of fun as we assist at the food pantry. And, you are providing an invaluable service to those less fortunate in our community.

Lorie Whitney tells me we have a record number of attendees for our Rotary at the Rays Day on August 30. She has an exciting time planned preceding the game beginning with a tailgate social extravaganza so make plans to attend. And, please check with Lorie on set up before and clean up after the event.

Did you know that the Bill Gates Foundation donates \$2.00 for every \$1.00 Rotary International raises for Polio Prevention. With your \$21 dollar ticket to Rotary at the Rays Day, and \$10 of that going to RI for polio prevention, Gates will donate \$20 to stop the spread and eradicate polio from our planet. Thus far, the Gates Foundation has donated nearly 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS to defeat polio now and forever.

Tampa attorney and former Pinellas County Deputy Michael Misa will be our speaker this week, Michael will provide his perspective on normalizing relations with Cuba. Cuba is now already moving toward free markets and has reduced limits on travel by the Cuban people. There is a healthy debate ongoing between several groups on the subject and it will be interesting to hear his view on the subject.

Our nation's former defense secretary, Chuck Hagel, and Cuba's leading democracy advocates agree that U.S. isolationist policies have only undermined our influence in the island and benefited the Cuban government. They also share similar views on trade between the U.S. and Cuba. As Hagel stated in 2008, "On Cuba, I've said that we have an outdated, unrealistic, irrelevant policy...It's always been nonsensical to me about this argument, 'Well, it's a communist country, it's a communist regime.' What do people think Vietnam is? Or the People's Republic of China? Both those countries are WTO members. We trade with them. We have relations. Great powers engage...Great powers are not afraid. Great powers trade."

Would be interesting as well to hear the other side to the story so if you are aware of someone with an opposing view, I would welcome their perspective.

We presented Blue Rotary badges to Ginger Miller and Tim Tran at our last meeting, congratulations to them for completing all their Rotarian requirements and we look forward to their participation in our programs and events. Brownie Troop 1350 dropped off a Thank You poster for us at our last meeting in appreciation of our donations. They included several boxes of Girl Scout Cookies which we awarded during a Q & A quiz during the meeting. Interesting to note I could not stump anyone with Rotary history questions, I may have to choose a harder subject next time.

And finally, Seminole High School Band Director Gerard Madrinan gave a fantastic presentation on his role at our local high school. Gerard certainly is a motivated, talented and engaging youth leader and we all were very pleased with his presentation. And speaking of speakers, we are in need of monthly chairpersons to organize and schedule speakers throughout the year. Pick a month off our calendar or better yet share the month with a friend so that you each only need to schedule 2 weekly presenters for our Club.