



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950

Thursday July 24th , 2014 - 12:15 P.M.

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**This Week's Agenda:**

- ☼ Pledge of Allegiance
- ☼ Singing of *God Bless America*
- ☼ Rotary Prayer: Jimmy Hammond
- ☼ Rotarian and Guest Introductions: Bob Munch
- ☼ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Pete Molinaro
 - * Happy Events, Missed Last Week, Fines, Special Dates
 - * Rotary Trivia Questions for the week.
- ☼ This week's Program (See following page)
- ☼ The Four Way Test Adjourn

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Trivia Questions :

Give the other member of these comedy pairings.

1. Dan Rowan and...
2. Penn Jillette and...
3. George Burns and....
4. Mike Nichols and.....
5. Stan Laurel and.....
6. Johnny Wayne and....

Upcoming Programs & Events:

July 31st	Bob Munch P/C
Aug 7th	Don Vauiso P/C
Aug 12th	Board Meeting
Aug 14th	Roy Ryan P/C
Aug 21th	Joe Kolodziej P/C
Aug 28th	Wendy Sideri P/C

Missed Last Week:

John Donaghy	Josh Astarita
Joe Kolodziej	Phil Burns
Ken Bray	Phil England
Don Vauiso	Kevin Burkart
Charles Hemeon	Theresa Pinnix
Barbara Todd	Ed Hotz
Wendy Sideri	Pete Molinaro
Donn Swanzy	Bob Munch
Bruce Cloud	Christine Patel

Rotarian Birthday :

David Sideri7/24.....54Yrs.

Club Anniversaries :

Tom Stewart.....7/22.....21 Yrs.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Carol & Pete Molinaro.....7/13.....17 Yrs.
 Nancy & Charlie Hemeon....7/18.....55Yrs.

Rotary is great when you participate!



Polio did not put a brake on my life

By Ayuba Burki Gufwan, a polio survivor and founder/director of Beautiful Gate Handicapped People Center in Plateau State, Nigeria. Launched in 1999, Beautiful Gate has built and distributed more than 6,000 tricycle-type wheelchairs to polio survivors in Nigeria and neighboring states.

I was born in a tiny village in Plateau State, Nigeria. My mother had lost two babies before I was born, so when I came along everyone was very excited. I still remember faintly playing around with other kids. At the age of five, I came down with polio. I don't know what happened or how I lost my legs. Even to this day, it is not accepted in my family that it was polio. My mother thought that some evil men had bewitched me. In Nigeria as a whole, a lot of people don't see polio as a medical condition.

My father was told that some Americans had come to set up a hospital where they could restore the legs of handicapped children and he took me there to have me enrolled for this healing program. They enrolled me in school. After three years, he came back and asked "when is my child going to walk." They told him, oh no, we can't do anything about him walking, but we will keep him in school. When he heard that, he was discouraged and disappointed and he took me back from them because he considered it a waste of money to send a handicapped child to school. But at the age of 19, my uncle built a tricycle wheelchair. That was a turning point in my life because it restored my hope, my dignity, and put me on the path of progress once again. I went back to school and completed primary and secondary school. I couldn't get into law school right away, so I attended a teacher's college and earned a teaching position. That same year, I got into law school and trained as a lawyer. In college, some of my lectures were on the fourth floor. There were no elevators and no ramps. I had to park my wheelchair and crawl on my hands. Sometimes the facilities were overcrowded and you needed to be fit to work your way inside. People would enter through the windows. As a result, there were courses I was never able to attend.

That changed my entire orientation. Previously I had thought I would be an advocate for the disabled. But I discovered that the number one need of all people crawling on the ground was to have mobility. This is the foundation upon which you can build any kind of rehabilitation effort.

I met Dr. Ron Rice, a retired American pastor, at a workshop for educators in 1999 and he took an interest in me. He helped me raise funds for Beautiful Gate. At that time, there were just two of us making wheelchairs from whatever parts we could get, but with his help, we grew. Then in 2009, Rotary members came to Nigeria on a National Immunization Day and visited my shop. We eventually put together a pair of grants from The Rotary Foundation that involved 24 clubs on five continents and we were greatly able to expand.

In Africa every name has a meaning otherwise it is not a name. The name Burki means to apply the brake. It was given to me when I contracted polio. They said "this boy would have been a great child but this polio has put a brake on his success." Whatever task I was given, I put double effort into because I wanted to prove them wrong. The name motivated me to work harder to prove a point that polio did not put a brake on my life.

EVERYONE

This Week's Program: We will be enjoying Fellowship & YouTube Videos

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest Winner, Jimmy Miller—Stow High School

Cyber Bullying: Public Health Promotion Video

Next Week's Program: Truly Nolan Pest Control—located at 9292 49th St N, Pinellas Park. The Pinellas Park Office received a Super Service Award in 2011 from Angie's List. Their services include: Pest Control; Termite Control; Commercial Services; Lawn Care; & Rodent Control.

Last Week's Program: Program Chairman, **Paul Scheele**, introduced **John Kenny** from the **National Cremation Society**. His Pre-planning insures your last wishes are fulfilled. Just as important is the assurance of knowing your loved ones will be spared from the rigors of making your arrangements after you're gone. Planning will protect them from emotional overspending and the potential for family feuding. It would be unfair to let your survivors experience the helpless feeling of not knowing what to do during this very vulnerable and stressful time. You can contact John Kenny @ 727-743-1329



BANQUET MASTER'S IS MOVING

We will be holding our Rotary Club meetings at the new location after
October 1st, 2014

13355 49th Street N, Clearwater

Southeast corner of Ulmerton Rd/49th St in the big red brick bldg.
Behind the Fifth Third Bank

BRING ONE

Happy Events for July 17, 2014



Jerry Krauss shared a happy dollar for the great evening at **The Bonefish Grill** when using the gift certificate of a dinner for 8 that he purchased in the Silent Auction at our recent Bow-A-Thon. He thanked **Tami Scheele** for obtaining the gift for the auction from her son. **David Sideri** shared \$5 happy dollars for heading to the Grand Bahamas immediately after the final ring of the club bell for a little fishing. **Paul Scheele** shared \$2 happy dollars for Germany winning the World Cup and \$2 for a great dinner with Tami, their daughter, grandson and their daughter’s partner. **Geny Wennlund** shared a happy dollar for the great show of support for **Derek Jeter** at his last All Star game in Minnesota. **Dr. Nanda** shared some happy dollars that he was happy to be 89 years of age. We then preceded to sing a classic version of the “Happy Birthday” melody. **Don Higgins** gave a happy dollar for the great meal he had at a new restaurant called “Rum Grill at Guy Harvey’s”, located at the Tradewinds Resort. **Kevin Krauss** had \$2 happy dollars for his coming trip to Munich, Vienna, and Barcelona. **Joe Minarik** had a happy dollar for a great visit with **Cory Krauss** the new general manager at Seminole Lanes. He has to stay home and work while the rest of the family vacations.

50/50 Winner: David Zanitsch won the drawing for \$8 and he donated it back to the club. The new Jackpot is \$8.00 The card to draw from the new deck is the Ace of Clubs!

Words of Wisdom

“Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things.”

Winston Churchill

Club	Buddies
Jerry Wennlund	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Pete Molinaro
John Donaghy	Richard Breske
Janet Waddell	David Zanitsch
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Phyllis Tellor	Joe Minarik
Don Higgins	Phil Burns
Ken Bray	Joe Kolodziej
	Theresa Pinnix
Dorothy Gilbert	Josh Astarita
Pal Nanda	Phil England
Jim Hammond	Tami Scheele
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
George Carter	Kevin Burkart
Barbara Todd	Bruce Cloud
Christine K. Patel, a	Don Vauiso, a
Wendy Sideri, a	Donn Swanzy a
Ed Hotz, a	Roy Ryan, a
Bob Munch, a	Bill Ashcraft, a
Charles Hemeon, a	Paul Scheele, a

Light up Rotary