



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Jan 7th 2016 - 12:15 P.M.
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This Week's Agenda:

- ☛ Pledge of Allegiance
- ☛ Singing of *God Bless America*
- ☛ Rotary Prayer: **Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert**
- ☛ Rotarian and Guest Introductions: **David Allen & Susan Walker**
- ☛ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart**
 - * 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:

January Rotarian—World Roundup:

1. How many muscles are there in an Elephant's trunk?
2. How many pounds can an Elephant lift?
3. For how many years has the Rotary Club of Theresa in the Philippines distributed groceries to the poor in their town to celebrate the holidays?
4. How many people live in the agricultural town of Theresa?
5. How many Rotary Clubs are there in Theresa?
6. How many bags of groceries did they distribute?
7. What was the value of the groceries in each bag that was distributed?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| Jan 12th | Board Meeting |
| Jan 14th | Club Assembly |
| Jan 21st | Students of the Month |
| Jan 28th | Richard Breske P/C |
| Feb 4th | Suzanne Hester P/C |
| Feb 9th | Board Meeting |
| Feb 11th | Kevin Burkart P/C |
| Feb 12th | Valentine Party |
| Feb 18th | Students of the Month |
| Feb 20th | R McD Breakfast |

Missed Last Week:

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| Wendy Sideri | Bill Ashcraft |
| Suzanne Hester | Jerry Wennlund |
| Kevin Burkart | Jayne Chancellor |
| Bob Dobson | Dorothy Gilbert |
| Christine Patel | Don Vauiso |
| Starlyn Fikkert | Wendy Sideri |

Rotarian Birthdays:

Bill Ashcraft.....12/11.....76 Yrs.

Club Anniversaries:

Pete Hervey.....12/11.....44 Yrs.

Rotarian Guests:

Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, Michigan

Be a Gift to the World!

Rotary Christmas Basket Pickups!!

A special **Thank You** to Chairperson **Christine Patel** and all the Rotarians and friends that provided 40 families (90 children) with a **Merry Christmas Food Basket and Presents!** Jana Vrettos, Chantel Wonder, Theresa Pinnix, Kenny Krauss, David & Wendy Sideri, Janet Waddell, Joe Minarik, Jerry & Joan Krauss, Yvonne & Kevin Fay, Richard Breske, Harry Alchin, Carolyn Burns, Donna Cloud, Mackenzie & Alex Patel, Don Vauiso, Kevin Krauss, Colleen Carson, Ann Carter, Kathy Bouchard, Doug Oppenheimer, Dorothy Gilbert, Phil England. Pete & Sally Hervey and Tami Scheele. Special Kudos to **Jayson** with the Pinellas Park Fire Department for supplying us with names and to **Banquet Masters** who donated the turkeys. If we left anyone out, please let us know.



Rotary Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

Thank You to Chairperson **Richard Breske** and all the Rotarians and friends that rang the Bell for Salvation Army on Sat Dec 19th outside Publix: Pete & Sally Hervey, Richard Breske, Bill Ashcraft, Kevin Krauss, Sherron Lindelow, Tom Stewart, Chantel Wonder, Jerry Wennlund, Starlyn & Jim Fikkert. Not Pictured: Dorothy Gilbert, Jerry & Joan Krauss.



**Next Week's
Program**

**January 14th:
Club Assembly**

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars - Save the Date

Rotary Men's Night Out - Poker Nite - Fri Jan 22, 2016 - 6:00pm

Rotary Ladies Night Out in January - Date TBD

Valentine Party - Friday Feb 12th

Ronald McDonald House Breakfast - Sat Feb 20th - 8am

Last Week's Program: DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Marielisa Rivera maintains a 4.5 weighted GPA and is ranked 9th in her Senior class. She is enrolled in the Cambridge Program and is taking 5 AICE classes while balancing volunteer work, student council, NHS, Cantabrigian Council, Ethics, and Spanish Honor Society. Her struggle has been well worth it as she has already earned her Cambridge Diploma and is one step closer to her life's dream of becoming a Medical Officer in the Air Force.

Samuel James Pontello III currently holds a weighted GPA of 4.38. He was awarded the Cambridge Scholar Award and chosen as Top in World for AS English Language exam. He is currently on track to graduate with his Cambridge diploma. The highlight of his community service experience was getting to go back to his middle school and tutor a select group of students in science. When he entered high school, he was awkward and quiet. Then he joined Drama and now he can't shut up. He has been Shrek the Ogre, Lord Fancourt Babberly, a comedian clown straight out of Renaissance Italy, an old Jewish doctor who sang music by the great Burt Bacharach and so many other wonderful things. Through Drama, he has discovered so much about himself, and along the way, has made people laugh, applaud, cry and feel. After high school he plans to go to UCF or USF and eventually transfer to FSU.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Raleigh Prinz's GPA is currently a 3.8. He is taking AP Lit, AP European History and AP Psychology and has already taken AP Language, AP Biology and AP World History. He is part of the AVID program which has helped him stay organized and focused throughout high school and has provided him with important knowledge about the application process for college and scholarships. He currently volunteers at Hospice where he deliver packages, unloads supplies and anything else that needs to be done in the purchasing department. His plan after high school is to attend USF SP where he has already been accepted. He plans to pursue a medical career and one day become a doctor.

Jailenne Ramos achieved her goal of straight A's for almost every grading period in her Junior year and in her senior year she is keeping that goal going. All her classes are Honors Classes and she is currently taking AP European History and Dual Enrollment College Algebra. She is part of the AVID program which has helped her reach her goals. She currently has a 4.3 weighted GPA and is in the top 10% of her class!

She is a Senator of Senior Class Student Government and is in the NHS. She volunteers at the Pinellas County Animal Shelter by walking dogs and playing with the cats! Her dream is to go to USF and become a Neonatal Nurse. She would have loved to have had dinner with her grandpa before he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's so she could have a conversation with him where he remembers who she is.



Sammy, Raleigh, Marielisa & Jailenne

This Week's Program - January 7th:

Program Chairperson **Kevin Krauss** will talk to us about the upcoming **2016 Bowl-a-thon** to be held on **SATURDAY APRIL 16th. - MARK THE DATE!** This is our main fundraiser and provides the funds for all of the good works that we do throughout the year.



Happy Events:

Joe Minarik – Happy to be leaving on Sat for a cruise with family

Jerry Krauss – Happy for Joe & his family

Kevin Krauss – Happy that he beat his bowling mate in the Wednesday nite league; **Joe** was a witness to it!

Harry Alchin – Happy he received his official Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) card, but sad that he only bowled an average of 169 in his last bowling league :(

Kenny Krauss – Attended a Rotary meeting (his first on a cruise ship) and met Rotarians from England

Josh Astarita – Thank you to Steve White (PPHS) and Cynthia Burnett (DHHS) for bringing the Students of the Month and a welcome to the December Students of the Month

Janet Waddell – Celebrated her Dad's 93rd Birthday last weekend with family, including her sister, Nancy, who came from Oregon!

Tami Scheele – Both she and hubby, **Paul**, enjoyed attending a Christmas Party in Boynton Beach.

Susan Walker – Happy to be hosting a family Christmas party with 31 family members next week.

Dave Sideri – Went to Boston last week to see his grandkids and happy to be going on a cruise with Wendy for Christmas holiday.

Ken Bray – Going to Texas for Christmas to see his grandkids.

Pete Hervey – Happy his son is coming in town this weekend and that his granddaughter is celebrating her 10th Birthday today.

Dr. Pal Nanda – Happy that it has been a great year! And thanks again to Theresa for the great photo book for his birthday.

Paul Scheele – Realized it has been 6 months that his wife, Tami, has been "Madame President"! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Richard Breske – Looking forward to "Bell Ringing" at Publix this Saturday; Also Friends with Janet's father 50 years ago when they worked together on the St Pete Beach Aquatarium!

Theresa Pinnix – Merry Christmas to everyone – She is Blessed to have everyone as friends!

Tom Stewart – Great job to the club as we will supply 40 families this year with food and gifts for 90 kids for Christmas!

Paul Harris Lottery: **Joe Minarik** was this Quarter's winner for \$1000. Other participants were **Dave Sideri, John Donaghy, Yvonne Fay, Janet Waddell, Harry Alchin, Tom Stewart, Richard Breske, David Allen & Don Higgins**. Thank you for joining!

50/50 Winner: Rotarian **Paul Scheele** won the 50/50 this week and graciously donated the \$10 back to the club. To win the **\$179 Grand Jackpot**, the card to draw is the **Ace of Spades!**



Words of Wisdom

**“Talk is cheap,
except when
congress does it.”**

Anonymous

CLUB BUDDIES

Chantel Wonder	Suzanne Hester
Jana Vrettos	Theresa Pinnix
Jerry Wennlund	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Kevin Burkart
John Donaghy	Barbara Todd
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Phyllis Tellor	Joe Kolodziej
Susan Walker	Colleen Carson
Jim Fikkert	Bob Dobson
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Dorothy Gilbert	Josh Astarita
Pal Nanda	Phil England
Jim Hammond	Tami Scheele
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
David Allen	Richard Breske
Harry Alchin	Doug Oppenheimer
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a Jayme Chancellor	