



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Jan 28th 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: Jan Rotarian:
Ordinary Rotarians—Extraordinary tales:

1. Who gave a Kidney to a stranger?
2. Who survived a Hijacking?
3. Who survived the London Blitz?
4. Who told his club a secret?
5. Who rode a bike across the US for Polio Eradication?
6. Who Traveled the World in a Wheel-chair?
7. Who had to learn to walk three times?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| 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 |
| Feb 25th | Phyllis Tellor P/C |

Missed Last Week:

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| Suzanne Hester | Colleen Carson |
| Dorothy Gilbert | Josh Astarita |
| Tom Stewart | |
| Christine Patel | Wendy Sideri |
| Bill Ashcraft | Don Vauiso |
| Starlyn Fikkert | Doug Oppenheimer |
| Ken Bray | |

Visiting Rotarians:

Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, MI
Susan Asbury.....Mechanicsburg, PA
Clarence Asbury.....Mechanicsburg, PA

Club Anniversaries:

Dorothy Gilbert.....1/8.....7 Yrs.
Jerry Krauss.....1/15.....52 Yrs.
Christine Patel.....1/26.....4 Yrs.

Be a Gift to the World!

Last Week's Program: PINELLAS PARK H S Students of Month

Madison Valesky is currently a senior at Pinellas Park High School enrolled in the Criminal Justice Academy program. She thanked her teachers and her mother who have given her so much in motivation, self-confidence, and solid advice. **Madison** is a dually enrolled college student at SPC.

When she graduates from PPHS, she will have earned 50 credits toward her AA degree. She is active in NHS, Law Honor Society and Skills USA. Skills USA has provided her with an opportunity to compete at the regional, state and national level specializing in Crime Scene Investigation where she and her team have received 1st place at the regional and state level in Crime Scene Investigation and 3rd place at the nation competition. After graduation from PPHS, she will complete the few classes left to receive her AA degree at SPC, then transfer to Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to pursue a Bachelor's degree in performing arts. Her goal as a philanthropist will be to lead a charity organization to support children and adults in economic need.

William Ferguson thanked his mother, his biggest fan, who is always there supporting him in all of his activities from basketball games to marching band competitions. He also thanked Mr. Commander, his previous band director, who set high expectations for him to achieve to reach his musical career goals. While his GPA is not the highest, they have taught him a multitude of things that he has learned and used to help himself improve and grow as a person. He has always been disappointed that his Dad was not there for him, but his dad was battling his own demons of alcohol and tobacco addiction. **William** thanked all for this award and for the acknowledgment that he is moving down the right path to an exciting and fulfilling life.



Madison, Hony. Martin & William

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Martin Carr & Hony Pung Keooudom's bios will be in next week's bulletin.

Men's Poker Night

David Sideri hosted the evening for **Josh Astarita, Richard Breske, Joe Minarik, Jerry Krauss, Jim Fikkert** and guest, **Ravi Tandon**. **Joe** is this month's Poker Champ.



The group raised \$260 for the Club.

Next Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Suzanne Hester** will introduce **Joshua Estremera**, Community and Family Liaison at **Dixie Hollins High School**.

Joshua will talk to us about his involvement with the 5000 Role Models program.





This Week's Program:

Program Chairman **Richard Breske** will introduce the **Burkart family**. The whole family went on a mission trip to Kiu, Kenya last November 19th through 29th. The organization was called the **410 Bridge**. The family will join us to give the presentation.



**Ladies Night Out! -
Tsunami Japanese Steakhouse**
**Theresa Pinnix, her mother, Mary,
Yvonne Fay, Tami Scheele, Donna
Cloud, Ann Carter, Kathy Bouchard,
Chantel Wonder, Chris Patel, Susan
Walker, Carolyn Burns, Linda Allen
and Janet Waddell** enjoyed the evening out!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Sanders School

Austin Dunlavey found transition to middle school is often difficult, but Austin has worked diligently to channel his emotions and find positive ways to express himself. He is a kind person and often has a supportive remark for his fellow students. His mother has been very pleased with how Austin is becoming more respectful at home. Austin participates in the 5000 role model program and is always proud to wear his red tie. Becoming “student of the month” motivated him to do better and to work at his best level. Austin plays for the Northeast Little League and has also become interested in theater. He has a role in an upcoming production at the Tampa Bay Living Arts program. This is his first venture into acting, demonstrating Austin’s increasing willingness to take risks. **Brice Trotta** is a 10th grader at Sanders. Brice was chosen because of the tremendous resiliency he has shown after suffering significant losses in his life. He is moving forward and is an inspiration to us all. Brice is attending school regularly and made honor roll this past marking period. Brice plans to attend college and study music production. **Lamark Rowell**, a 4rd grade student is a polite and quiet boy who has progressed this school year showing great improvements in both his behavior and school work. During December, Lamark had perfect attendance!!! Lamark completes his classwork and homework and loves reading, writing and mathematics. Lamark is also a very good artist and likes to draw and create images. **Yaisibeth Cruz** has made tremendous improvements with her attendance and academic progress. She has an attendance rate of 87 % and her current cumulative grade point average is 3.2093. Yais has blossomed socially and academically. Yais loves music and encourages other students to use music as a tool to motivate them academically. Yais is a Senior and very motivated to secure a job to work toward her goal of living semi-independently. Yais has a very supportive family.



Happy Events:

Jerry Krauss – Happy that **Don Vauiso**'s grandson, **Alex**, got all A's; Happy to see **Jayme Chancellor** at our meeting today.

David Sideri – Looking forward to the card game tomorrow night.

Dr. Nanda – Happy to see everyone at the meeting

Phil England – Happy that the **Tampa Bay Lightning** is in a 6 game winning streak!

Jerry Wennlund – Happy that Dixie Hollins HS Community and Family Liaison and former 2012 PPHS S4TL student, **Josh Estremera** was here with the Dixie Students - Welcome!

Richard Breske – Happy that he almost has all of his Christmas decorations down. He should be done in 2 weeks!

Tami Scheele – Happy to be Happy!

Theresa Pinnix – Sent out a "Thank you" to Janet for helping plan the ladies night out tomorrow night.

Paul Scheele – President Tami couldn't be too happy since she only paid \$1! He is looking forward to seeing the **Tampa Bay Lightning** win #7 tonight.

Susan Asbury (Snowbird Rotarian Guest) – Happy to be in Florida this weekend, not in central PA!

Janet Waddell – Happy to have the Students of the Month here today and also glad to see **Jayme**

Kevin Krauss – Happy for roof work from England Bros.

Steve White (PPHS guidance counselor) – Happy to be here and thankful for the support we give the students.

Madison Valesky (SOM) – Happy to be here today to receive this honor.

Madison's Mother – Happy to be here and for her daughter being the student of the month.

Susan Walker – Paid a happy \$1 for Madison since she didn't have a dollar.

Skyview Elementary— Adding More Pavers:



Many thanks to **Suzanne Hester, Josh Astarita, Jim Fikkert, Richard Breske, Harry Alchin, Joe Minarik,**

Mike and Janet Waddell, Tami Scheele, STEM teacher, Mistie Meditz, DHHS teacher, Josh Estremera (photographer) and DHHS students, Marcos Nieves and Kane Choppolla who braved the cold weather to come out to set more pavers and to weed the garden beds.



50/50 Winner: Rotarian **Kevin Krauss** won the 50/50 this week and graciously donated the \$12 back to the club. To win the **\$210 Grand Jackpot**, the card to draw is the **Ace of Spades!**

