



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Dec. 1st 2016 - 12:15 P.M.**  
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**This Week's Agenda:**

- ✿ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✿ Singing of *God Bless America* or *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✿ Rotary Prayer: **Jim Fikkert & Jimmy Hammond**
- ✿ Rotarian and Guest Introductions: **David Allen & Susan Walker**
- ✿ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**
  - \* 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 Pursuit: December Rotarian.**

1. Who gets medical treatment to people living in northwest Guatemala?
2. Who helped get the program started?
3. What is the name of this non-profit program?
4. How many villages do they serve?
5. In what manner do they serve?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Dec 3rd   | <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>             |
| Dec 8th   | Bob Dobson P/C                     |
| Dec 10th  | <b>Christmas Parade</b>            |
| Dec 13th  | Board Meeting                      |
| Dec 15th  | Students of the Month              |
| Dec 20th  | <b>Christmas Baskets</b>           |
| Dec 20th` | <b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</b> |
| Dec 22nd  | Club Assembly                      |
| Dec 29th  | Surprise !                         |
| Jan 5th   | Kevin Krauss - Bowl-a-thon         |

**2017 Bowl-a-Thon**  
**Saturday April 8, 2017**  
**Mark Your Calendars**

**It's not too early to:**

- ✿ **Start talking to your friends to set up teams**
- ✿ **Start accumulating items for the raffles**
- ✿ **Get your mailing list & letters ready to send out to local companies asking for donations**

**Missed Last Week:**

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Jim Fikkert      | Chantel Wonder  |
| Tami Scheele     | David Allen     |
| Hope Peterson    | Kevin Burkart   |
| Joe Kolodziej    | Jimmy Hammond   |
| Kevin Krauss     | Richard Breske  |
| Jerry Wennlund   | Bob Dobson      |
| Doug Oppenheimer | Starlyn Fikkert |
| Bill Ashcraft    | Don Vauiso      |

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Chantel Wonder.....12/3.....32Yrs.

**Rotary Serving Humanity**

## **Last Week's Program: Students of the Month**

### **Pinellas Park High School**

**Thang Vo** immigrated with his family into the U.S. four years ago. A difficult yet enlightening experience, he has adjusted and now participates in the rhythm of a new society. He established education as the first priority in his life and currently holds a 4.4 WGPA. He is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, NHS, and spends his free time helping his parents with translations as they do not speak English. He also volunteers at *Northside Hospital* and the *North St. Pete Community Library*. This volunteering experience is very special as it allows him to see adults & children who are interested in reading and that reinforces his dream of becoming a novelist. He loves to write short stories and entertains his friends with his work.

**Aleah Merida** is a Senior with a GPA of 4.0. She is a member of the Science Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society and has been President of AVID Club, Secretary for Student Government and Historian of Science Honor Society. She enjoys swimming and soccer. She volunteers at *Northside Hospital* for 4 - 5 hours a week. Her job is to accompany discharged patients out of their rooms and bring them downstairs to their ride. On her free time, she enjoys researching new things evolving in the world and really likes to see what's happening economically, politically, and environmentally around the world. She would like to attend USF for a bachelor's degree, attend medical school at Harvard and become the best cardio thoracic surgeon in the United States.

### **Dixie Hollins High School**

**Olivia Gleason** currently holds a WGPA of 4.654, is a Bright Futures scholarship recipient and has earned her AICE diploma. She is currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in her class of 287. She enjoys Musical Theatre, both in and out of school and advocated civil rights through the Annual Musical Production of "*The Power of Song: Sounds of the Civil Rights Movement*". She enjoys volunteering with her Church's youth group and by leading Sunday school (once a month). She has also volunteered by teaching and working with disadvantaged 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Manatee County. She plans to attend *University of Florida* to attain a degree in Finance and would like to work with the not-for-profit organization *The Power of Song* in her business career. She believes strongly in Advocacy. Being a do-er is the most important thing - Being able to determine what is best for a situation and then step up with motivation to get it done.

**Jeremy Sanchez** currently holds a WGPA of 4.75 and has been on the Dean's List and the Golf Team for all four years at DHHS. A member of the *National Honor Society*, he has tutored students and volunteered at beach cleanups. He also is on the *Pinellas County Teen Court* where he volunteers to help teens who have found themselves in trouble with the law. Jeremy is gainfully employed as a crew member at *Dunkin Donuts*. In his spare time, he enjoys music production, computer coding and playing golf. The most important thing that he strives for is Knowledge. He feels that Knowledge is the key to breaking a relentless cycle of failure and moving society forward.



**This Week's Program:** Program Chair **Christine Patel** will introduce **Amy Krueger** as her guest speaker. Amy is a full-time faculty member in the AS Dental Hygiene program at *St. Petersburg College*. A 1988 graduate of *Marquette University*, Amy holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene and a Post-Secondary Teaching Degree. In May 2012, she graduated from **Champlain College**, Burlington, VT with a Master of Science in Healthcare Management and Leadership. She also received a Graduate level Certificate in Healthcare Informatics and Healthcare Technology. She will be discussing the fluoride-sealant program that she manages, and that our *Pinellas Park Rotary* supports, at *Skyview Elementary School*.



**Next Week's Program:**

Program Chairperson **Bob Dobson** will have Exec Dir **Kathy Mize Plummer** and Dir of Community Development **Michelle Walag** from *Ready for Life* as his speakers. Did you know that 1 in 5 youth exiting foster care will become homeless in just the first year on their own? *Ready For Life* is a 501 (c) (3) dedicated to stopping these cycles in Pinellas County. Their unique family-like structures allow *RFL* to line up beside these resilient young people as they make the difficult transition from foster care to adulthood and to help each individual youth fill in the life skill and learning gaps that could otherwise block them from self-sufficiency.



**Ronald McDonald House Breakfast:**

Chairperson **Josh Astarita** spearheaded the Breakfast on Sunday Nov 20th. Many thanks to all of our Rotarians & spouses who prepared and served a fantastic breakfast for the families. **Kevin & President Yvonne Fay, David Sideri, Josh and Stephanie Astarita, Buddy Brown, Madison Valesky, David Allen and photographer Mike Waddell.**



**Upcoming Events for Pinellas Park Rotary Club**

**PINELLAS PARK ROTARY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sat Dec 3, 2016**

St Petersburg Yacht Club - 11 Central Ave

Cocktails - Cash Bar 6pm & Buffet Dinner 7pm \$50 per person

**CHRISTMAS PARADE - Saturday Dec 10, 2016**

Need Red, White & Blue Christmas Decorations for the float.

Sign up with Susan Walker & Hope Peterson to work on and ride on the float in the parade!

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING - Sat Dec 17, 2016**

Publix Shopping Center - 7333 Park Blvd- 8am until 4pm - See Richard Breske to sign up

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS with Santa - Saturday Dec 17, 2016**

Seminole Lanes 8668 Park Blvd - 10am until noon - Christine Patel will distribute family names to those Rotarians who are purchasing gifts.

## Happy Events:

**Josh Astarita:** Happy to see Cynthia and Steve again this month. Happy he has been very busy at work.

**Jim Plunkett:** Happy to be buying a new house, but only had a 633 at bowling this week.

**Phil England:** Hopeful that next Thursday, this Thanksgiving, his father-in-law remembers to turn the oven on!

**Susan Walker:** Happy to see the Students of the Month

**Christine Patel:** She and Jayante flew up to Atlanta last week to see their daughter, Alex, be sworn in as an attorney. She will be working with Securities Law.

**Jerry Krauss:** The quote today “Winning is Easy, Governing is Hard” was said by George Washington to Thomas Jefferson.

**Yvonne Fay:** Two Happy \$\$\$ – one for the students and one for Ronald McDonald House breakfast this Saturday.

**Dave Sideri:** Happy to see the Students and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Wendy Sideri:** Happy that she has not had a cigarette for one month now. (Editor’s note: **Great news! Keep it going!**)

**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy \$3 – For Alex, For the Students and for our great Club!

**Ken Bray:** Happy his son is in Costa Rica and will be opening a Bed & Breakfast there sometime around April next year.

**Don Higgins:** Happy to be going to see the grandkids in Seattle for their soccer games. Glad to see Mark Salebra back in town again. Mark went to school at DHHS with his daughter.

**Kenny Krauss:** Glad to see Steve White and the Students, but was sad when he went to the PPHS PTA meeting and there were only three officers and himself.

**Janet Waddell:** Glad to have Mark Salebra as her guest today.

**Steve White:** Glad to be here again with the students. Happy he will be spending Thanksgiving with family in Ohio in the snow!

**Buddy Brown:** Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving . Happy that the election is over and hopes that all will come together to support America.

**Note:** After the meeting, Cynthia Burnett brought in \$10 to put in for the Happy Events, since she never remembers to bring cash into the meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

**50/50 Winner:** Dr. Pal Nanda won the 50/50 for \$12 and donated the money back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds! :( Next week, the Grand Jackpot is \$145.



## Words of Wisdom!

**“Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes .”**

*Our staff*

## **CLUB BUDDIES**

David Allen	Richard Breske
Chantel Wonder	Jim Fikkert
Jana Vrettos	Theresa Pinnix
Jerry Wennlund	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Kevin Burkart
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Harry Alchin	Doug Oppenheimer
Susan Walker	Hope Peterson
Madison Valesky	Jim Plunkett
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Buddy Brown	Josh Astarita
Joe Kolodziej	Phil England
Jimmy Hammond	Tami Scheele
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Bob Dobson	Dr Pal Nanda
Bill Ashcraft	Paul Scheele
Christine Patel	Don Vauiso
Starlyn Fikkert	Wendy Sideri
John Donaghy	Barbara Todd
h Ann Carter	h Donna Cloud
h Dolores Caunitz	h Carolyn Burns