



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Dec. 15th 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:

Rockin' around the Christmas Tree.
 Who originally recorded these Holiday Favorites?

1. "Feliz Navidad?"
2. "The Christmas Song"?
3. "The Hanukkah Song"?
4. "Santa Baby"?
5. "Frosty the Snowman"?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| Dec 17h | Christmas Baskets |
| Dec 17th' | Salvation Army Bell Ringing |
| Dec 22nd | Club Assembly |
| Dec 29th | Surprise ! |
| Jan 5th | Kevin Krauss - Bowl-a-thon |
| Jan 12th | Joe Minarik - Rotary Camp FL |
| Jan 19th | Students of the Month |
| Jan 26th | Dr Pal Nanda P/C |
| Feb 2nd | Doug Oppenheimer P/C |

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

Missed Last Week:

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| Yvonne Fay | |
| Theresa Pinnix | Jerry Wennlund |
| Joe Kolodziej | Phil England |
| Jimmy Hammond | Bob Dobson |
| Jim Fikkert | Pal Nanda |
| Hope Peterson | Susan Walker |
| Starlyn Fikkert | Bill Ashcraft |
| Don Vauiso | Christine Patel |
| Wendy Sideri | |

Rotarian Birthdays:

Bill Ashcraft Dec 11th77 yrs
 Starlyn FikkertDec 11th 61 yrs young

Rotary Serving Humanity



This Week's Program:



December Students of the Month Celebration

Pinellas Park High School

Jodi Green Ilce Quezada-Contreras

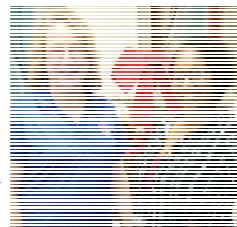
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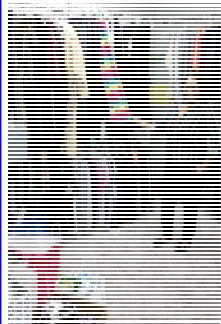
CHRISTMAS PARADE - Saturday Dec 10, 2016

Last Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Janet Waddell** introduced **Shadai Simmons**, the Youth Development Coordinator for **Ready For Life (RFL)**, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young people, mostly ages 18 through 24, make the transition to adulthood after leaving the Foster Care Program. These young people would otherwise have little or no support as they turn 18. The **RFL** program is available to both boys and girls. Shadai oversees the "**Mommy & Me**" program. The "mommys" are young foster girls who have little children and appreciate **RFL's** help and advice.



Shadai also introduced **Greg Belcher**, a 41-year old man who is the Youth Services Resident Advisor and the resident adult at the **RFL** home with five boys. He told the tragic story of his running away from an abusive stepfather after his Mother committed suicide. After being dumped into foster care, he spent the next 9 years in 30 foster homes, being further abused. After drugs and alcohol led to homelessness, he eventually found salvation through the church and dedicated himself to helping others. He has been working with **RFL** for 8 years. Shadai indicated that there are 100 core group members and that **RFL** serves up to 450 young people on a given day. **Ready For Life** makes the youth feel as though they are part of a large, caring family. They also have a clothes closet at the facility so that when a program member is in need, clothes are available, not only for them, but for their small children. *Submitted by Jim Plunkett*



Next Week's Program: President **Yvonne Fay** will hold a Club Assembly next week to update the Club on upcoming projects and to advise as to the status of current projects.



Upcoming Events for Pinellas Park Rotary Club

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 - 9am until 11am

BIG ISLAND CLEANUP - Partnering with Safety Harbor Rotary Club - Jan 21, 2016

**POKER RUN - Need Volunteers to staff the "stops" Jan 22, 2016
sign up with Hope Peterson**

**Jan 28th - Gasparilla Pirate Fest—Staff a BEER BOOTH at the
Gasparilla Parade to help Camp Rotary Florida**

**Ronald McDonald House Breakfast—Saturday Feb 18th - 8:00am
401 7th Ave So - Sign up with Josh Astarita to bring food and to volunteer.**

**Country In the Park—Sat Mar 18th - Serving "Grilled Chicken on a Stick"
Susan Walker will have more info to come soon!**

Happy Events:

Josh Astarita: Looking forward to Holidays.

Janet Waddell: Today is her daughter, Suzanne’s 39th Birthday. She is now the same age as Janet!

Tami Scheele: Really enjoyed this year’s Christmas Party.

Paul Scheele: Had a great time at the Christmas Party and looking forward to the Christmas Parade.

David Sideri: Happy to have had a great time at the Christmas Party!

Don Higgins: Looking forward to Christmas with his family and likes the “Joe” shirts

Kenny Krauss: Happy he went to the High School Bowling Awards Banquet, sponsored by Seminole Lanes. His grandson, Kaden’s, PPHS team won an award for High Team Game.

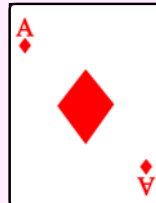
Joe Minarik: Had a great time at the Christmas Party. Happy that Jerry did up the great “Joe for President” shirts. Last time he ran for President, they made bumper stickers and sold them for \$20 each. One of his bowling team members still had the bumper sticker in their bowling ball bag and gave it to him.

Ken Bray: Congrats to Joe. Tom Stewart makes a great campaign manager! Ken just came from the eye doctor’s and had his eyes dilated, so everyone looks great today! He also bought a new Buick, made his best deal and then still got another \$3,000 off the price!

Jim Plunkett: Enjoyed his grandson’s birthday party last Saturday and that was why he did not make it to the Christmas Party.

Richard Breske: A Happy \$5 to say his wife won’t have to decorate any more, it is all done! Also, he went to the Eye Doctor and his optic-crapitis is cured!

50/50 Winner: Tami Scheele won the 50/50 for \$10 and donated the money back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds! Next week, the Grand Jackpot is \$168.



Words of Wisdom!

“The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.”

Albert Einstein

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