



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Dec. 22nd 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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Christmas Trivia:

1. Which country first used trees for Christmas?
2. When were Christmas trees first sold commercially in the US?
3. Where did the fishing schooner, "Christmas Ship" tie up to sell spruce trees from Michigan to Chicagoans?
4. In what year was the National Christmas tree not lit up?
5. Why was it not lit up?
6. How tall is the tallest living Christmas Tree?
7. How old is it and what kind of tree?
8. Where is it located?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| Dec 29th | Josh Astarita, P/C - MADD |
| Jan 5th | Kevin Krauss - Bowl-a-thon |
| Jan 10th | Board Meeting |
| 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 |
| Feb 9th | Kenny Krauss P/C |
| Feb 14th | Board Meeting |
| Feb 16th | Students of the Month |
| Feb 23rd | Theresa Pinnix P/C |

Visiting Rotarian:

Martin VincentWakefield, Rhode Island

Rotarian Birthdays:

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

Missed Last Week:

Theresa Pinnix	Joe Kolodziej
Phil England	Jim Fikkert
Kevin Burkart	Harry Alchin
Jim Plunkett	Wendy Sideri
Starlyn Fikkert	Bill Ashcraft
Don Vauiso	Paul Scheele
Bob Dobson	Jerry Wennlund
Ken Bray	

Rotary Serving Humanity

Last Week's Program:

December Students of the Month Celebration Pinellas Park High School



Guidance Counselor, Steve White introduced the Students of the Month from Pinellas Park High School.

Ilce Quezada-Contreras is a senior at PPHS. At school she is part of AVID club, Girlfriends, and the Principal's Advisory Board. On the weekends, she volunteers at Palms of Largo Retirement Home, but her favorite community service project is volunteering at Oak Grove Middle School where she is a teacher's assistant and reads and tutors the kids. She always encourages them to work harder so they can advance as she sees her younger self in them. Four years ago, she was the first person in her family to ever go to high school. She felt lost, confused, and scared. Everything was exotic and different, but she had nobody at home that understood or could help her through this new part of her life. She knows how much she has grown these last three years. She is more confident and knows what she wants to be - a surgeon. She now has an Iron will and a fierce determination that will get her through college. She just received an acceptance letter in the mail and will be the first person in her family who will graduate high school and go on to college. Like a drop in the ocean, she wants to be able impact the world for the better with waves of change that will inspire other young Hispanics, like that ones she tutors at the middle school, to study hard because they are all the future of America.

Jodi Green is also a senior PPHS. She is on the Yearbook Staff, Principal's Advisory Board, the Multicultural Club and Key Club. Last Saturday, she was in the City of Pinellas Park's Annual Christmas parade with the with the Key Club and she does most of her volunteer work with the Key Club. In the past, she has volunteer with her church, making goody bags to pass out to the homeless in downtown St. Petersburg. In her free time, she likes to read & watch Disney movies. One of her favorite Disney movies is Wall-E, because it portrays many environmental issues that today's society approaching. Last year, she took an AP Environmental Science class and fell in love with the idea of majoring in Environmental Science. After high school, she plans to attend SPC for 2 years and then transfer to a 4 year university to study environmental policy. One day, she would like to work for the Environmental Protection Agency. If she had the power to change one thing about the world, she would make diversity something to be celebrated instead of feared.

Note: (Info on the Dixie Hollins HS students will be in a January bulletin)



Ilce Quezada-Contreras, Steve White & Jodi Green

This 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. She will be joined by many of our Project Chairpersons who will explain about upcoming events.



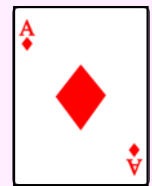
Next Week's Program:

President-Elect Josh Astarita will introduce Alexis Escalante, program specialist of the *West Central Florida Affiliate of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)*. MADD provides free services to victims of drunk and drugged driving accidents. Their Motto is "Helping Survivors Sur-



50/50 Winner:

Jerry Krauss won the 50/50 for \$9 and donated the money back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds! Next week, the Grand Jackpot is \$177.



Upcoming Events for Pinellas Park Rotary Club

BIG ISLAND CLEANUP

Partnering with Safety Harbor Rotary Club - Jan 21, 2016 - See Dave Sideri to sign up

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 raise funds for Rotary Camp Florida - See Yvonne Fay for info

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!

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

Happy Events:

Josh Astarita: Happy to see Cynthia, Steve and the students here today.

Buddy Brown: Happy \$5 to thank **Hope Peterson** for the use of her Military troop transport truck for our Parade Float last week. Also happy we timed our Bead distribution so we didn't run out before the end of the parade route.

Kenny Krauss: Happy to see DHHS student of the month, **Ramius Stiehler**, as Kenny coached him at the bowling center many years ago when Ramius was at Starkey Elementary.

Chris Patel: Looking forward to the Holidays and to **Alex's** wedding the week between Christmas and New Years'. Some of the families from England and Scotland have already arrived.

Susan Walker: Happy to have been involved in the Parade. She had a great time and thanked **Tami Scheele** for all of the decorations that she brought to light up the float.

Richard Breske: Asked all the group if they had noticed all of the acorns on the ground this year. It is a "Mast Year" when 10 to 50 times more than normal acorns are produced. Some believe it is a sign of cold weather to come.

Joe Minarik: Joe and his kids are old enough to know the Trivia Questions. His daughter, **Holly**, is celebrating her 51st birthday and his son, **Joey**, will be 48 on the 22nd of December.

Kevin Krauss: They had a good party for Kevin's niece, **Alex**, who will be getting married between Christmas and New Years'.

Yvonne Fay: Happy to see **Carolyn Burns** at our meeting today.

Pal Nanda: Enjoyed his trip to New Jersey with his daughter.

Dave Sideri: He and **Wendy** enjoyed their shopping spree to buy presents. *Seminole Lanes* looks great with the new furniture in the center.

Hope Peterson: Thanks to all who decorated the "green" truck to make it look festive. She had fun driving the 6 x 6 with wheels that don't turn!

Jerry Krauss: Happy \$3 for a great weekend with **Mackenzie** home. The family, including his kids and grandkids, went to a Holiday show at the Mahaffey Theatre with two new guests who may become members of the family one day.

Steve White: Glad to be back again this month and happy to be starting an 18 day winter vacation from work.

SOM Ilce's mom: Thanked God and Rotary. She is very proud of Ilce.

Tami Scheele: Many thanks for **Hope's** great driving and had a great time shopping for the Christmas gifts with **Chantel, Yvonne and Theresa**.

Cynthia Burnett: Glad she finally remembered to bring cash to our meeting. She had been enjoying coming to our meetings for 7 years now and worried that we didn't think she had anything to be happy about! She remembered to hit the ATM before the meeting today!

Josh Astarita: Happy for **Theresa Pinnix** that she is able to be on Vacation again this week!

Tom Stewart: a Happy \$10 both of his daughter's report cards had all A's and only two B's for this past semester in college.

Words of Wisdom!

**"A CLEVER PERSON
SOLVES A PROBLEM.
A WISE PERSON
AVOIDS IT."**

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