



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday March 9th, 2017—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 Questions: 'Pinellas Park'**

1. When was the City of Pinellas Park formally incorporated ?
2. What was the primary crop?
3. How many Volunteer Firefighters did the Dept start with? In what Year?
4. How many families lived here then?
5. In what year did the Fire Dept hire its first full-time PAID firefighter?
6. In what year was the Police Dept organized?
7. In size, how does Pinellas Park rank in relation to other cities in Pinellas County now?
8. What is the current estimated population?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| Mar 11th | <b>Rotary goes to the Races</b> |
| Mar 14th | Board Meeting                   |
| Mar 16th | Wendy Sideri, P/C               |
| Mar 18th | <b>Country in the Park</b>      |
| Mar 23rd | Club Assembly                   |
| Mar 30th | Students of the Month           |
| Apr 6th  | Ken Bray P/C                    |
| Apr 8th  | <b>ROTARY BOWL-A-THON</b>       |
| Apr 11th | Board Meeting                   |
| Apr 13th | Paul Scheele P/C                |
| Apr 20th | Students of the Month           |
| Apr 29th | <b>Rotary Road Cleanup</b>      |

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, MI

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Yvonne Fay.....Kurt Hedstrom

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Jim & Starlyn Fikkert.....3/13.....7Yrs

**Rotarian Birthday's:**

Barbara Todd.....3/10.....75 Yrs

**Missed Last Week:**

<b>Jim Plunkett</b>	<b>Josh Astarita</b>
<b>Phil England</b>	<b>Jim Fikkert</b>
Jerry Krauss	Bob Dobson
Don Vauiso	Starlyn Fikkert
Bill Ashcraft	Wendy Sideri

**Club Anniversaries**

Jimmy Hammond.....3/10.....43 Yrs.  
 David Allen.....3/12.....2 Yrs.  
 Susan Walker.....3/12.....2 Yrs.

**Rotary Serving Humanity**

**This Week's Program:**  
**PINELLAS PARK NOMINEES**  
**For OUTSTANDING**  
**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!**

**Bert Williams** was named **Firefighter of the Year**. He joined the department in 1984, earned an Associates Degree from SPJC and is a State Certified Paramedic and Fire Officer.

**Paramedic of the Year, Derek Twardowski**, began his career in Pinellas Park in 1998 and is a certified acting lieutenant, engine operator, squad operator and truck operator. He is a leader among his crew. His calm demeanor, paramedic skills and leadership indicate that he is a true professional.



**Police Officer of the Year, Roxanne Hunt**, began her career with the City in 2001. She has worked Patrol, Vice/Narcotics and Investigations, and currently works with Special Services where she serves as the agency Police Recruiter, Field Training Officer and Instructor.



**Jeffrey Coker** is the City's **Public Works Employee of the Year**. Prior to joining the City in 1990, Jeff served in the Marine Corp for 7 1/2 yrs. He has worked on many important projects at Helen Howarth Park, Freedom Lake Park, Shoecraft Park and England Bros Park.



**Minh Huynh**, **Professional Services Employee of the Year**, began his career in 2010 with Human Resources Retirement Services. His vast knowledge of all aspects of HR has proven to be invaluable, no

task is too small or too big for him. He was instrumental in the implementation of their new ERP Payroll system last year. Minh also enjoys helping the City's Vietnamese residents as a volunteer translator whenever needed anywhere in the City's administration.



**2017 Bowl-a-Thon - Saturday April 8, 2017**

- ❁ **Talk to your friends to set up teams**
- ❁ **Solicit Items for the Raffles—We are still in need of MANY MORE items for the Raffles**
- ❁ **Send or bring items for the raffles to Kevin Krauss (Trudy) at Seminole Lanes ASAP**

**Last Week's Program:** Chairperson Tami Scheele presented writer and speaker **Keith Long**. **Keith** is a self-described Investigative Journalist motivated to make a balanced narrative to make informed decisions. He believes in Greek Philosopher Heraclitus's quote, "The only thing that is constant is change". He also is a fan of **Benjamin Franklin** who was America's 1<sup>st</sup> self-published author with his "*Poor Richard's*" *Almanac*. There are many institutional obstacles to setting up one's own business. However, now *Amazon* allows authors to upload their manuscripts, *Amazon* makes it into a book and will sell it on their site for you, similar to a consignment shop. Many professionals and CEO's today write books using "ghost writers". "*Create Space*" is available for "print-on-demand" for small orders of books.



## COUNTRY IN THE PARK

**England Bros Park**  
**5010 81st Ave N**  
**FUN FUNDRAISER**  
**Sat Mar 18th 8am - 8pm**



*Pinellas Park*  
**FLORIDA**

We will be Serving:  
 "Grilled Chicken on a Stick with Tator Tots"  
 "Grilled Chicken on a Stick with Garden Salad"  
 "Orange or Apple Juice with Cereal Bar Combo"  
 We still need volunteers for both Saturday shifts  
 (10am-3pm) & (3pm-8pm)  
 Please Sign up with Susan Walker



**50/50 Winner:** Tami Scheele won the 50/50 for \$17 and donated it back to the club.  
 No Ace of Diamonds today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot is \$316.



**ROTARY GOES TO THE RACES**  
**Sat Mar 11th**  
**Tampa Bay Downs**



**To Benefit ROTARYS CAMP FLORIDA**  
 Volunteers needed to work for a 3 hr shift. Or just bring your family & friends for a day of fun.  
 \$5 admission fee gets you \$5 in food coupons and a souvenir umbrella

## Happy Events:

**Yvonne Fay:** Happy to have **Jana Vrettos** and **Donna Cloud** here at the meeting today.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy to have her Speaker, **Keith Long**, and **Jana Vrettos** here today.

**Joe Kolodziej:** \$5 to let the Club know that **Phil England** is back in the hospital having a treatment.

**David Sideri:** Happy to have taken his Granddaughter from Boston fishing. She loved it.

**David Allen:** Enjoyed a Hockey game with his grandchildren.

**Ken Bray:** Happy to say that he has Opening Day tickets for the *Tampa Bay Rays* on April 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Kevin Krauss:** Also Happy to see **Jana Vrettos** and **Donna Cloud**. Happy also to have *United Air Conditioning* putting in new A/C units at *Seminole Lanes*.

**Buddy Brown:** Happy to announce that **Harry Alchin** rolled ANOTHER 300 on Tuesday morning

**Harry Alchin:** Happy \$5 to celebrate his 300 Game.

**Kenny Krauss:** *Pinellas Park HS* is raising money by selling Renaissance Tickets, regularly \$20 each they are selling for \$15 for 2 tickets if anyone would like tickets.

**Chris Patel:** Happy to be on Spring Break. She will be going up to visit her daughter, **Alex**.

**Madison Valesky:** Happy that Finals are over. She will be spending Spring Break in Savannah, GA.

**Kevin Burkart:** Happy to be here at our meeting today. Inspired by **Tom Stewart** and **Phil England**, he went for his 1<sup>st</sup> Colonoscopy. He was glad to say he received a good report.

**Jana Vrettos:** Happy \$5 to be back after her Leave of Absence.

**Richard Breske:** Happy \$5 to have **Jana** and **Kevin Burkart** here today. Also happy that his Tuesday morning bowling team's anchor bowler, **Harry Alchin**, rolled another 300.

**Susan Walker:** Happy \$2 to have **Jana** back. Happy also to thank **Janet Waddell** for all of the work she has been doing to get organized for our *Country in the Park* "Grilled Chicken on a Stick" Booth.

**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy to have her buddy, **Jana Vrettos**, back at Club meetings.

**Janet Waddell:** Happy to have **Jana Vrettos** and **Kevin Burkart** back today.

**Jerry Wennlund:** Happy to have enjoyed a Family Event at the Gasparilla 8 K. Also happy his son-in-law won the longest drive event at a Golf Tournament with a drive of 338 yards.

**Richard Breske:** Was happy to report that he saw the Happy Couple (**Wennlunds**) celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Telum, Mexico on Facebook.

**Tom Stewart:** Happy \$20 to say he will be at the *Valspar Golf Tournament* working the 16<sup>th</sup> Hole. He was also happy to report that his twins are celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday, but unhappy that they won't be staying with Dad for the whole day.

## Words of Wisdom!

**“ PEOPLE WHO  
LAUGH A LOT ARE  
HEALTHIER THAN  
THOSE WHO  
DON'T .”**

*The Editors*

## **CLUB BUDDIES**

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