



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday April 13th 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 & Guest Introductions: **David A, Susan W & Doug O.**
- ☛ 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:** Pray it Forward

1. What German artist made the famous brush drawing of praying hands?
2. What prayer is said 10 times during each sequence of a Catholic rotary?
3. On what Jewish holiday is the “Kol Nidre” prayer recited?
4. According to the 1940 jingle, after two men pitched did Braves’ fans “pray for rain”?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

- Apr 13th Paul Scheele P/C
- Apr 20th Students of the Month
- Apr 22nd \*\*\*Rotary Road Cleanup**
- Apr 27th Jana Vrettos P/C
- May 4th **Law Day (at Kiwanis)**
- May 9th Board Meeting
- May 11th Student of Month / RYE
- May 16th Sanders School SOM
- May 18th Night Meeting @ Big Storm Brewery**
- May 25th Susan Walker P/C
- June 1st Jerry Wendlund P/C
- June 8th Chantel Wonder P/C
- June 13th Board Meeting

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Al Valk.....Walden, NY  
 Eva Jones.....Seminole, FL

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Kenny & Carole Krauss.....4/16.....51 Yrs  
 Yvonne & Kevin Fay.....4/10.....13 Yrs

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Hope Peterson.....4/15.....48 Yrs

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Trudy D'Angelo.....Kevin Krauss

**Club Anniversaries:**

Hope Peterson.....4/17.....14 Yrs

**Missed Last Week:**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Christine Patel | Theresa Pinnix  |
| Kevin Burkart   | David Allen     |
| Starlyn Fikkert | Jana Vrettos    |
| Wendy Sideri    | Madison Valesky |
| Chantel Wonder  | Susan Walker    |
| Bob Dobson      | Don Vauiso      |
| Bill Ashcraft   | Richard Breske  |
| Kevin Krauss    |                 |

**BOWL-A-THON Results!**

# Our Rotary Bowl-A-Thon

**Last Week's Program:** Program Chairman **Ken Bray** introduced **Dick Crippen**, Executive Director of Community Development and the "voice" of the *Tampa Bay Rays* baseball club. **Dick** also heads up the *Rays of Hope Foundation*, a charitable organization that benefits many under-privileged people. He was named the *Florida Sportscaster of the Year* four times in the 1990's. Dick and his wife just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He expressed optimism for the upcoming season, touting the recent signing of Gold Glove Center Fielder **Kevin Kiermaier**, and the new playing turf at *Tropicana Field*. He mentioned his friendship with Hall of Famer **Wade Boggs**, who spent 6 years in the minor leagues before making it to the majors. Dick explained that minor league players travel on buses and commercial airlines and receive only \$35 per diem expenses, which is in sharp contrast to the minimum major league salary of \$500,000.00. The Rays have over 200 employees, including 18 full-time scouts. They are the only team in Baseball that has 9 minor league teams. The Rays also run a Baseball training academy in Venezuela and one in the Dominican Republic.



*By Rotarian Jim Plunkett*



## **This Week's Program:**

Program Chairperson **Paul Scheele** will introduce **Greg Kalil**, Public Address Announcer for the *Tampa Bay Rays*.



**50/50 Winner:** Tom Stewart won the 50/50 for \$21 and donated it back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot is \$406.



**Dixie Hollins High School**

## **Next Week's Program:**

Students of the Month for April 2017



**Pinellas Park High School**

Alejandro Ramirez  
Kaci Crook

# n Raised over \$29,000!!!



**President Yvonne Fay and President Elect Josh Astarita** gave checks to our Charities at the Bowl-a-thon: **Josh Estremera** and the students from DHHS 5000 Role Models (back row), **Angela Pietras** - Pinellas Park Library; **Kristina Fortner**-Girls, Inc, **Susan Conza**-Morning Star School and **Samantha Houser**-Vincent House. (Boys & Girls Inc, St Pete College & Sanders School not pictured)  
**Big Ticket Item Winners (below):** **Amy England** - Liquor Basket; **Alex Brodsky** - \$250; **Harry Alchin** - \$250 Home Depot Card; **Walt Davis** - \$250; **Bill Nesmith** - Weekend Mercedes Car Rental; **Wendy Sideri** - Regions "Green" Bike; **Tom Stewart** - Fishing Trip; **Tami Scheele** - Sheppards Beach Resort; **Linda Brogie** - Dyna Glo 5 Burner Gas Grill; **Angie Gabor** - \$250 Amazon Gift Card.



## Happy Events:

**Josh Astarita:** Happy to have **Dick Crippen** to talk about the *Rays*

**Yvonne Fay:** Happy \$5 as she had a great baby shower for her son. Happy to have **Dick Crippen** and **Trudy** here today.

**Janet Waddell:** Happy to have **Trudy D'Angelo** here today. She is doing a fantastic job putting everything together for the raffles. Glad she gets a break for lunch today.

**Eva Jones (Seminole Rotarian):** Happy \$3 to be here today and to see **Phil England**. He is a special person.

**Hope Peterson:** Happy to have **Eva Jones** here at our meeting today. She and **Charlie Coffman** are great Seminole Rotarians.

**Phil England:** Happy to see **Eva Jones**. He hasn't seen her for a few years. He dated her daughter years ago. He went to Seminole Lanes last week for the Bowl-a-thon, bad news - the Bowl-a-thon is THIS week!

**Donna Cloud:** Happy to see **Dick Crippen** here today. He and her older brother were friends.

**Doug Oppenheimer:** Was in Austin, Texas last week with lows in the 50's and highs in the 90's and winds that went from 0 to 60 miles an hour. Felt like a tornado.

**Joe Kolodziej:** Happy \$5 – He and his brother went to the Horse track. His brother did well!

**David Sideri:** Happy \$1 for Bowl-a-thon this week.

**Dr Pal Nanda:** A happy \$1 to be here.

**Buddy Brown:** Happy to have 59 teams for the Bowl-a-thon. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday.

**Jim Fikkert:** Picking up **Starlyn** at Airport after the meeting today.

**Al Valk:** Happy to have gone to a baseball game this week and just missed being hit with a baseball during batting practice. Unhappy that the baseball hit his wife!

**Jerry Krauss:** Glad the bowl-a-thon will be over this week. Glad to see **Donna Cloud** at our meeting today.

**Joe Minarik:** Happy to have seen the *Rays* final preseason baseball game with his grandson, **Alex**. A line drive ball hit a *Phili's* fan. He was in a great place to watch the game.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy to be here today.

**Paul Scheele:** Happy \$1 since that is all **Tami** gave him today. Glad to be back after missing the last few weeks.

**Ken Bray:** Happy to have **Dick Crippen** and **Donna Cloud** here today. If anyone is interested in adopting a cat, he has one currently at the Vet's office on Sunset Point Road. Just pay the \$900 for the Root Canal and the cat is yours!

**Jerry Wennlund:** He thanked **Steve White** (PPHS) and **Cynthia Burnett** (DHHS) for choosing such great candidates for S4TL. He and **Tami** will be choosing the final students who will be going to S4TL, sponsored by our club.

**Don Higgins:** Enjoyed the Groundbreaking ceremony for our pavilion at the *Wounded Warriors Abilities Park*.

**Hope Peterson:** Happy to be celebrating her 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Rotarian.

## Words of Wisdom!

“ It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted upon would save 1-1/2 the wars of the world.”

*Thomas Jefferson*

## **CLUB BUDDIES**

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| 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       |
| Paul Scheele      | Dr Pal Nanda     |
| Bill Ashcraft     | Bob Dobson       |
| Christine Patel   | Don Vauiso       |
| Starlyn Fikkert   | Wendy Sideri     |
| John Donaghy      | Barbara Todd     |
|                   |                  |
| h Ann Carter      | h Donna Cloud    |
| h Dolores Caunitz | h Carolyn Burns  |
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