



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday May 25th 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: Rotary Trivia

1. What year was Rotary Founded?
2. Who was the first Club President?
3. Who was the first Rotary International President?
4. What was his classification?
5. Why was the Rotary emblem chosen?
6. When were women first “officially” allowed into Rotary?
7. What did it take?
8. When was the ruling handed down?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| June 1st | Jerry Wennlund P/C |
| June 8th | Janet Waddell P/C |
| June 8th | 6950 Assembly, Dinner |
| June 9th | District Assembly, Tampa |
| June 10th | Ready for Life “Mommy & Me” Picnic - Freedom Lake Park |
| June 13th | Board Meeting |
| June 15th | Chantel Wonder P/C |
| June 22nd | Josh Astarita P/C |
| June 29th | Yvonne Fay P/C |

Visiting Rotarians:

Erica HardisonSt Pete Midtown

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jerry & Joan Krauss..... 5/2263 Yrs
John & Sandy Donaghy ... 5/23 42 Yrs
Pete & Sally Hervey5/2460 Yrs

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Jana Vrettos
Kevin Burkart	Jim Plunkett
Theresa Pinnix	Yvonne Fay
David Sideri	Pal Nanda
Phil England	Joe Kolodziej
Jimmy Hammond	Ken Bray
Don Vauiso	Pal Nanda

Guests of Rotarians:

Kasamba KokayiErica Hardison

Rotary Serving Humanity

Last Week's Program: Students of the Month for May 2017

Tia Payton is a senior in the Criminal Justice Academy at *Pinellas Park High School*. She currently holds a 3.6 GPA and has volunteered at a veterinarian hospital and a Pet Pal Animal Shelter, helping clean the animals' kennels, assisting veterinarians and giving the animals all the love they deserve. She has also volunteered at John Hopkins All Children's Hospital, mainly in the gift shop, helping to make the family members smile. During her free time, she likes to read, play with her dog, and walk along the beach, since they are all calming and relaxing. She aspires to be an Anesthesiologist. She will attend Florida Gulf Coast University, majoring in Biology with a minor in Computer Science. Then she plans to go to a medical school. She would also like to get massage therapist and esthetician licenses, since that is what she has always wanted to ever since she was little. She wishes she could make everyone smile because she hates to see them sad and unhappy. **Kimberly Ngo** is dually enrolled at *Pinellas Park High School* and *St. Petersburg College*. She is currently in the Early Admissions program and will be receiving her AA degree along with her high school diploma. With a GPA of 4.72, she is ranked 2nd in her class. She has served as a Senator of her sophomore and Junior class, Secretary of French Honor Society, President of Key Club, and as President of her Senior Class. She has contributed over 100 volunteer hours during her high school career. She tutors students and volunteers by cooking for the Uhuru food booth (which supports the African American Education and Defense Fund). During her free time, she likes to visit art museums and do arts and crafts. She plans to attend the University of Florida this summer. With a major in Biology and a Minor in art history, her ultimate goal is to become a pharmacist. **Isaiah Thomas** is a Senior at *Dixie Hollins High School*. With a GPA of 3.5, he is a member of NHS and the basketball, football and track teams. He enjoys volunteering with NHS at Toys for Tots and beach cleanups. In his spare time, he enjoys playing on a Travel Basketball team. He has participated in three Senior basketball All-Star games, including the state All Star Game held in Orange Park, FL. He is honored to have received three Dixie Hollins Sport Letterman's Club awards and many academic awards. Although he is undecided about his future college plans, he knows God has a plan for him. What defines him is the urge to be successful. No matter what obstacle comes before him, he will always find a way to overcome it. **Anthony Ruffin** is a Senior at *Dixie Hollins High School*. He currently holds a GPA of 3.95, is a member of the Cambridge Program, the NHS and will be graduating in the top 10% of his class. A member of the DHHS Marching Band for 4 years, he is currently their Drum Major. He will be attending *FSU* next year on a music scholarship. He has been playing the flute for 6 years and will continue in college. He has received superior medals at the state solo and ensemble competition ALL four years of high school. Anthony has also been a member of the Varsity Baseball team for 4 years. He has completed over 400 hours of community service, including 185 with Jr. Leader program with the city of St. Petersburg. Anthony also serves as the Student Body President, was the male lead in the school's production of *Legally Blonde the Musical* and has been working at *Winn-Dixie* for all four years. He loves keeping busy. It has been his mission to be the best that he can be in many different things. This has helped him get to where he is today. He cannot wait to see where it takes him in the future. (not pictured)



This Week's Program:

Program Chairperson Susan Walker will present Barbra Hernandez, Pinellas County's Director of Marketing and Communications. Barbra will be talking about our "Penny for Pinellas" Program.



Next Week's Program:

Program Chairperson Jerry Wennlund will introduce Susan Schneck, Lunch Pals Coordinator with Pinellas County Schools. Lunch Pals is a mentoring program during school lunch.



Big Storm Brewing Company Evening of Fellowship
President-Elect Josh Astarita led our group at



the Evening Fellowship Meeting at *Big Storm*. Kenny Krauss, Josh Astarita, Kevin Krauss, Bruce Sobut, David Sideri, Joe Minarik, Debbie Potter, Stephanie Astarita, Paul Scheele, Theresa Pinnix and Tami Scheele enjoyed the food, the beer and the fellowship.



Rotary Exchange Student
Visiting Rotarian Erica Hudson introduced her son, Kasamba Kokayi. Sponsored by the St Pete Midtown Club, he will be traveling next year to Germany, staying in a small town between Cologne (Koln) and Dusseldorf. Kasamba is graduating from *St Petersburg Collegiate HS*. He has been a member of the *Inter-*



act Club and the *NHS*. To help with funding his year abroad, he raffled off one of his photo-

Paul Harris Recipient

Congratulations to Rotarian Tom Stewart who has participated in more *Pinellas Park Rotary* Paul Harris Lotteries than any other member. As a result of his "losses", he has earned another Paul Harris Pin. Richard Breske presented Tom with his pin and Tami Scheele did the honors pinning him. Congratulations to Tom!



Happy Events:

Josh Astarita: Happy to see **Cynthia** and **Steve** and the students here again this month.

Richard Breske: Sorry that this will be **Madison Valesky's** last meeting with us as she is heading to Savannah GA for College.

Madison Valesky: Sorry to be leaving, but happy to be heading to college to earn her degree in Art Design/Theatre Management.

Christine Patel: Wished a Happy Mother's Day to her Mom. Chris is happy to be visiting her daughter, **Alex**, in Atlanta. She will be helping to paint **Alex's** new house.

Doug Oppenheimer: Happy to be vacationing in Yellowstone next week. It is snowing out there this week.

Kenny Krauss: Happy \$ - His granddaughter, **Kailey** & Hubby, **Tony**, will be moving. **Tony** is in the Air Force and **Kailey** has already found a job in their new city.

Buddy Brown: Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers!

Kevin Krauss: Happy \$3 One for his Mom on Mother Day, two for teammates **Joe Minarik** and **Harry Alchin** to celebrate another great season of bowling.

Joe Minarik: Happy \$ for his bowling team with **Kevin**, **Harry** and sometimes **Buddy Brown**.

Starlyn Fikkert: Happy \$ for her mother who is recovering from her 2nd knee surgery and hopefully will be better in time for her Surprise 80th Birthday party in June.

Visiting Rotarian Erica Hardison: Happy \$ for her son, **Kasamba**, who will be graduating next week from *St Pete Collegiate High School* and a happy \$ for getting to see **Cynthia** from Dixie that she used to work with.

Don Higgins: Happy \$5 to have spent time with his Daughter and Grandkids in Minneapolis where the high was in the 70's!

Josh Astarita: Sorry to be losing **Madison** as she heads for college. We will miss her.

Janet Waddell: Happy to see the Students of the Month again, but sad to see **Madison** leaving. We will miss her.

PPHS Steve White: Happy that our club was able to rearrange our schedule to have the students here this week. Also happy to be exchanging his tie next week for "tie-died" clothes for the summer break!

50/50 Winner: **Richard Breske** won the 50/50 for \$18 and donated it back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds today! This week, the Grand Jackpot is \$481.



Words of Wisdom:

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

Abraham Lincoln

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
Paul Scheele	Dr Pal Nanda
	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