



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday August 10th 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: **Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert**
- ✿ 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:**

1. What 2 cities are at the end of the Trans-Siberian Railway?
2. Who played Mr. Peepers?
3. What did Winston Churchill describe as “a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma?”
4. How many lines are there in a limerick?
5. How many bones are there in a human body?
6. Who was the “Splendid Splinter?”

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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| Aug 17th  | Jim Fikkert P/C        |
| Aug 20th  | <b>Rotary Rays Day</b> |
| Aug 24th  | Bob Dobson P/C         |
| Aug 31st  | Surprise               |
| Sept 7th  | Phil England P/C       |
| Sept 12th | Board Meeting          |
| Sept 14th | Jerry Krauss P/C       |
| Sept 21st | Students of the Month  |

**Missed Last Week:**

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| <b>Wendy Sideri</b>   | <b>Doug Oppenheimer</b> |
| <b>Tammy Scheele</b>  | <b>Paul Scheele</b>     |
| <b>Jana Vrettos</b>   | <b>Susan Walker</b>     |
| <b>Kevin Burkhart</b> | <b>Starlyn Fikkert</b>  |
| <b>Dave Sideri</b>    | <b>Chantel Wonder</b>   |
| <b>Don Vauiso</b>     | <b>Dr. Pal Nanda</b>    |

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Richard Breske,,,,,,,,,8/9.....75 Yrs

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Rick Smith.....Bob Dobson  
 Jessi Dorsini.....Yvonne Fay  
 Marie Hacker.....Exchange Student  
 Dee Bagaric.....Exchange Host

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Dale & Don Vauiso.....7/31.....40 Yrs  
 Wendy & David Sideri...8/02.....9 Yrs  
 Joe & Priscilla Kolodziej..8/10.....59 Yrs  
 Teresa & Larry Pinnix.....8/11.....28 Yrs

**Making A Difference !**

**Last Week's Program: .....by:.....*Jim Plunkett***

Program Chairman **Richard Breske** presented a presentation of a history of many Pinellas Park Rotary Club projects. It provided current Rotarians with a glimpse into the past with a brief look at projects through the years and ideas, as our club prepares for the future. Past projects included a 1972 project where Rotarians became newscasters in order to utilize a local radio station for fundraising. The club also built a children's playground at 66th Ave and 40th St. It took 8 full weekends to construct. In 1996-97, the club partnered with a Rotary Club in Venezuela to supply boat motors in order to transport children and supplies to and from school. In 1998-2000, the club established a computer learning center at the Boy's & Girl's Club, and later upgraded the system in 2009-2011. Current programs include the dental sealant program headed up by Rotarian **Christine Patel**.



**District 6950 Rotary Exchange Student from Germany & Sponsor Introduced by Kenny Krauss**

*Rotarian Kenny Krauss* introduced **Dee Bagaric**, the host Sponsor for District 6950 who is originally from Bosnia. His family will host **Marie Hacker**, our RYE (Rotary Exchange Student) from Cologne, Germany. They will be our guests at future meetings throughout the



school year. It was a coincidence that our Rotarians, **Kenny Krauss** and **Janet Waddell** were returning from a river cruise vacation in Germany and came back on the same flight from Frankfurt. Also pictured is **Anushka Prapanna** from India who is sponsored by the Sugar Mill Woods Rotary Club.

# Today is the last day to sign up!

Lower Box Tickets w/ Hat are \$45  
Lower Corners Tickets are \$25  
Upper Reserved Tickets are \$25

**Deadline to purchase is Thursday, August 10th, 2017.**

All prices include \$10 to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the purchaser.

Tickets are purchased through Gene Beil; checks should be made payable "Beil & Hay Trust Account."

**Rotary Rays Day XVII**

**Sunday  
August 20th  
Versus Seattle**



### This Week's Program:

DELTA AIRLINES retiree and fellow Rotarian **Buddy Brown** will speak about ways to make your check in and airport experience an easy, stress - free process for the next time you travel.



### Next Week's Program:

Program Chairman **Jim Fikkert** will present **Saroeup "Sara" Im**, a Holistic Wellness Consultant who grew up in Cambodia during four brutal years of the oppressive Khmer Rouge Regime in which over two million people (a quarter of the entire population) perished. She relocated to the United States in 1981, and became a U.S. citizen in 1987. Today, she runs a business, *Smart Healthy Living*, which enhances people's lives through natural nutrition and toxic-free living.



### **Yvonne Fay presented Rotary Awards not given out at the Installation Banquet!**



From left to right: **Chantel Wonder** -for her service to Rotary as this past year's Treasurer. **Phil England**— for his leadership role in heading up the Wounded Warrior Project in Pinellas Park.

### From the desk of Christine Patel Regarding our

**country.....America.....**

“If we do not love ourselves and what is ours, and take pride in ourselves and what is ours, we will be in no position to love others or other things. If we do not first take appropriate pride in ourselves, we cannot extend our pride to others.” ..... **Eric Metaxas**

The two delegates who attended S4TL and sponsored by our club were **Elizabeth (Libby) Casale** and **Frank Skapura**. Both students are from Pinellas Park HS, Libby is very active in many school activities including the National Honor Society as a Board Member and student government (applying for Class President). Libby also volunteers many hours at the Barbara S. Ponce (former PP Rotarian) Library including being President of the Teen Advisory Board. Libby was an excellent candidate and expressed her gratitude to the club for the opportunity to attend the S4TL seminar. Frank attends the Criminal Justice Academy at Pinellas Park HS. He was very excited to hear about the opportunity to attend S4TL because his long term commitment to Boy Scouts has put him in positions of leadership. Frank is working on his Eagle Scout project building a new home for birds of prey at Moccasin Lake Environmental Education Center. Scouting has been very important to Frank and attending S4TL would provide the opportunity to further develop leadership skills. Frank was very impressed with the quality of the S4TL seminar and thanked the club immensely for selecting him to attend the seminar. Both students proudly represented Pinellas Park HS and the Pinellas Park Rotary Club.



## Happy Events: .....by.....Hope Peterson

**Kenny Krauss** - Happy that even though his wife was hospitalized for 2 days while vacationing in Germany, she recovered and was able to complete the cruise. He is also happy because the Rotary Youth Exchange Student **Marie Hacker** was on the same flight from Germany to the U.S as he was and they got to meet her in Frankfurt, Germany

**Theresa Pinnix** - Happy to have **Marie** and a member of her host family, **Dee**, at our meeting and Happy that she had her FINAL blood test.

**Richard Breske** - \$5 happy dollars for his skydiving trip in Panama City - 14,000 feet through the clouds, no broken legs - it was fantastic!

**Don Higgins** - Happy that the church pot luck dinner was cancelled, so he got to eat all of the macaroni and cheese they had made.

**Flip (aka) Phil England** - gave \$10 happy dollars because he and **Amy** paid off their house mortgage SEVEN years early.

**Josh Astarita** - Happy to see **Marie** and **Jessie** and **Joe .Minarik's** calendar, Also happy that the pavilion at Rawlings Elementary that is almost complete.

**Janet Waddell** - Happy that she had a great time in Germany, that she was able to meet **Marie** in Germany along with **Kenny**, but she brought back a cold ☹

**Jerry Wennlund** - Happy that he will not be jumping out of any planes.

**Ken Bray** - Happy that he also will not be jumping out of any airplanes.

**Buddy Brown**- Happy because he will not be jumping out of any airplanes unless it is on fire.

**David Sideri** - Happy because he will not be jumping out of any perfectly good airplanes.

**David Allen** - Happy because he has 2 grandkids visiting from N.C.

**Bob Dobson** - Happy for his twin grandchildren.

**Joe Kolodziej** - Happy that he is celebrating his 57th year Anniversary with his wife.

**Jerry Krauss** - Happy to be able to greet **Marie** but he spoke in German so the rest of us don't know what he said !!!

**Joe Minarik** - Happy because **Richard's** successful jump means no "Segways" for him.

**Christine Patel** - Happy to be visiting her children this week and Happy for the "Celebration of Life" for her Aunt **Joan Beierlein**.

**Tom Stewart** - Also Happy that he hasn't jumped out of a perfectly good plane since 1979!

## Words of Wisdom:

**“ If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself .”**

*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
Christine Patel	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
Don Vauiso	Bob Dobson
Starlyn Fikkert	Wendy Sideri
John Donaghy	Barbara Todd
h Ann Carter	h Donna Cloud
h Dolores Caunitz	h Carolyn Burns

## 50/50 Winner:

**Phil England** won the 50/50 for \$32.00 & donated it back to the club. No Ace of Diamonds today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$718. 7 cards are left

