



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Sept 7th 2017—12:15 P.M.**  
**Volume # 10 Edition 2017–2018**



**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 river tumbles over Victoria Falls?
2. Where does Yogi Bear Live?
3. What soft drink first appeared in the old corner drug store in Waco, Texas in 1885?
4. What Keats poem contains the observation: "Beauty is truth, truth beauty"?
5. Where is the human skin the thickest?
6. What NBA basketball player is credited with 23,924 rebounds?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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| Sept 12th | Board Meeting           |
| Sept 14th | Jerry Krauss P/C        |
| Sept 16th | Special Olympic Bowling |
| Sept 21st | Students of the Month   |
| Sept 28th | Club Assembly           |
| Oct 5th   | Phil England P/C        |
| Oct 10th  | Board Meeting           |
| Oct 12th  | Kevin Burkart P/C       |
| Oct 14th  | Special Olympic Bowling |

**Missed Last Week:**

<b>Wendy Sideri</b>	<b>David Allen</b>
<b>Susan Walker</b>	<b>Hope Peterson</b>
<b>Christine Patel</b>	<b>Jim Fikkert</b>
<b>Theresa Pinnix</b>	<b>Starlyn Fikkert</b>
<b>Phil England</b>	<b>Jana Vrettos</b>

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Charlotte Higgins .....Don Higgins  
Cynthia Burnett..... Our Rotary Club

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Jerry Krauss.....9/10.....85 Yrs

Jerry Krauss	Dr. Pal Nanda
Ken Bray	Don Vauiso
Bob Dobson	Jerry Wennlund
John Donaghy	Barbara Todd

**Making A Difference !**

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

Our meeting was graciously hosted by *Girl's Incorporated* at their facility located at 7700 61st Street in Pinellas Park. **Program Director Kristina Fortner** provided a brief film outlining what the program does for girls and a tour of the facility. There are currently 75 participants, with the year round average being around 125, with up to 200 during the summer. We were shown the Computer Room, which has 20 desktop computers as well as several laptops; the Library; the Stem Lab, a laboratory for science and engineering projects; the Study Area and the Dance and Art studios. The facility is open to participants from 2 pm through 6 pm, Monday through Friday. The study area remains open an extra hour for tutoring approved students until 7pm. Participants range in age from 4 year olds (who must already be in Kindergarten) through High School. They are charged membership fees on a sliding scale ranging from \$2 to \$75 per month. The Pinellas Park Program is one of 84 facilities located throughout the US and Canada, and has strict rules against all forms of bullying, and teaches important life skills designed to improve self-esteem and encourage self-worth. Girl's Incorporated has provided a Talent Show, a Science Fair, and a Career Fair, and has plans for an upcoming "Shark Tank" to reward achievement and innovation.



**Next Week's Program:**

**Program Chairman Jerry Krauss will have a special presentation Honoring 9/11, 2001.**

**A powerful U-Tube, 9/11 Boatlift will be shown in addition to a U-Tube of the first baseball game played at Yankee Stadium in the October World Series after 9/11.**

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed, including 400 police officers and firefighters, in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in NYC, at the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., and in a plane crash near Shanksville, PA.

**Both of these events show how true Americans of all races, religions and color come together in the world's only true Republic, the U.S.A.**



**This Week's Program:** Program Chairperson Yvonne Fay will introduce Dawson Knick. Dawson is an Education Support Specialist at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility. He recently graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Ecology. At SCB, they are all about resource recovery. They turn wastewater into reclaimed water for irrigation, bio-solids into fertilizers, and produce natural gas for energy. They offer FREE tours. Their 40 seat tram could take our group around our 35-acre facility where we would see how they recover resources from wastewater.



## **Rawlings Elementary School** **Dedication of our Pinellas Park Rotary 2017-2018 Pavilion Project.**



Rotarians and family attending the Ribbon Cutting ceremony were: Carolyn Burns, Yvonne Fay, Harry Alchin, Tami Scheele, Buddy Brown, Josh & Stephanie Astarita, Richard Breske, Janet & Mike Waddell, Theresa Pinnix and ADG Jonathan Brewer. Rebecca Moore, the Principal of Rawlings Elementary thanked our Club for this FANTASTIC addition to their school. The students and Faculty enjoy it every day! The 1st and 2nd graders were in attendance at the ceremony along with Pinellas Park Mayor, Sandra Bradbury, Police Chief Mike Haworth and other city employees along with the Owners of *Aluminum Specialty Corp (ASC)* who erected the building. **Another feather in the cap for our Pinellas Park Rotary Club!**

**Happy Events:** by..... *Janet Waddell*

**Don Higgins:** Happy \$5 to say that he & **Charlotte** were at the YMCA exercising last week when he saw a “**Joe Minarik for President**” shirt go by. It was **Kenny Krauss!**

**Joe Kolodziej:** Happy \$10 for a successful surgery for **Phil England**. Hope he is better soon.

**Joe Minarik:** Happy that College Football starts this week. Unhappy that UF has lost members to criminal activities and it does not bode well for a good football season.

**David Sideri:** Happy to be going to visit his grandkids in Boston.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy \$5 for football and that **Paul** brought home a cute toy poodle for the family. A real toy poodle dog!

**Richard Breske:** Told a \$5 story about going to *Rawlings Elem* this morning and watching a lady drive up over the curb with her car, hop out with an umbrella, pull a child’s drum out from under her car, put it in the car and drive off. Then he sees one of our Rotarians pull into a parking space and drive up over the side curbing with both front and back wheels! Not saying who! Richard also donated a HAPPY \$100 for a secret that he cannot share!

**Josh Astarita:** A happy \$10 for a good turnout for our Rotary meeting at *Girls Inc.*

**Tom Stewart:** A very happy \$20 to arrive and find out our lunch is NOT sandwiches. He was pleasantly surprised to find a full *Banquet Masters Buffet.*

**Harry Alchin:** Happy \$5 to congratulate **Josh** on the Pavilion project. A great project for the kids.

**Buddy Brown:** Enjoyed reading the great and funny thank you letters from the kids at Rawlings Elem. And he was just trying to get as far away from the next parking space as possible to protect his new car!

**Janet Waddell:** Happy to be sitting with DHHS guidance counselor, **Cynthia Burnett.** Sorry it will be her last time here in that capacity. Wish her the best in her new endeavors.

**Kenny Krauss:** Happy \$2 Thanks to **Jim Plunkett’s** endorsement, he went to **Dr. Young’s** for a stem-cell injection in his bowling hand. It REALLY feels better! Great improvement in mobility and he has no pain.

**Carolyn Burns:** Happy to be here at the meeting at Girls Inc and happy that **Donna Cloud** made the meeting also. It is good to see her.

**Words of Wisdom:**

“ There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he does not mind who gets the credit.”

*Ronald Reagan*

**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
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Starlyn Fikkert	Wendy Sideri
John Donaghy	Barbara Todd
h Ann Carter	h Donna Cloud
h Dolores Caunitz	h Carolyn Burns

**50/50 Winner:** Paul Scheele won the 50/50 for \$38 & donated it back to the club. No **Ace of Diamonds** today! Next week, the **Grand Jackpot** starts at \$873. 4 cards are left.

