



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Sept 21st 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 is '*ganja*' in Jamaican?
2. What is Nelson Eddie's occupation in *Rose Marie*?
3. What color is the stripe on a Mountie's dress pants?
4. What Bombay-born writer was called *The Bard of Empire*?
5. What are you if you suffer from Baker's leg?
6. How many seconds must a cowboy stay aboard a rodeo bronc?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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
Oct 19th	Students of the Month
Oct 26th	Don Higgins P/C
Nov 2nd	Joe Kolodziej P/C

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Chantel Wonder
Susan Walker	Hope Peterson
Christine Patel	Jim Fikkert
Theresa Pinnix	Starlyn Fikkert
Phil England	Jana Vrettos
Doug Oppenheimer	Don Vauiso
Don Higgins	

Guest of Rotarians:

Christina Brown	Jerry Krauss
Conor Burkhart.....	Kevin Burkhart
Rick Smith.....	Bob Dobson
Mike Waddell.....	Janet Waddell

Rotarian Birthdays:

Jim Fikkert.....	9/17.....	65 Yrs
Christine Patel.....	9/25.....	54 Yrs

Visiting Rotarians:

David Gerald.....	Indian Rocks Beach
Pam Ora.....	Dunedin North

Making A Difference !

Last Week's Program:by *Jim Plunkett*

Program Chairman Jerry Krauss presented a special video presentation honoring the events surrounding the 9/11 crisis, and the courage and fortitude displayed by police officers, firefighters, and ordinary citizens. Nearly 3,000 people were killed as a result of two terrorist -commandeered commercial airplanes, striking the twin towers in the Manhattan District of New York City. What followed can truly be considered as New York City's finest hour, as over 500,000 people were evacuated from the island in less than 9 hours, easily exceeding the famed evacuation of Dunkirk during World War II, in which over 360,000 British soldiers were evacuated in 9 days. Several weeks later, President George W. Bush, wearing body armor and with a fully armed Secret Service agent, dressed as one of the umpiring crew threw out the first pitch of the October 30, 2001 World Series game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees. New Yorker Vincent Ardolido, Capt. Of "The Amberjck", summed up the feelings of the day:



“That day, we did what needed to be done. I tell my kids, if you wanna do something.....you just do it.”

The program was concluded with a quote from Alexis de Tocqueville:

“The Golden Triangle of Freedom:

“Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor without faith.”

Historical Sports Gems:

Don Meredith, Dallas Cowboy once said:

“ Coach Tom Landry is such a perfectionist that if he was married to Raquel Welch, he would expect her to cook.”

Reggie Jackson commenting on Tom Seaver: “Blind people come to the ballpark just to listen to him pitch.”

This Week's Program:

Students of the Month



&

Dixie Hollins High School

Pinellas Park High School



Next Week's Program:

**Josh Astarita will conduct a
Club Assembly.**



From Rotary International:

Why it's not good enough just to bring in new members.

By Daniel Vankov, president of the [Rotary Club of Brisbane](#), Queensland, Australia

One of the biggest conversations around Rotary these days is membership growth. There are quite a few stories flying around and all of them provide good advice. But there is a second topic that is as important, if not more so, than membership acquisition, and that is retention. What can we do to keep these members we have worked so hard to bring in? **The grim statistics suggest most clubs lose 50 percent of their new members within a year, and another 25 percent within two to three years.** I knew I needed to do something but also didn't want to undertake a monstrous effort or reinvent the wheel. So we looked back on some things Rotary clubs have done in the past and decided to dust a couple off and try them. First, we focused on vocational visits. But we put some thought into how to make sure we weren't just boring club members by having them sit in someone's office listening to how their fellow member crunches numbers or browses the web. We thought hands-on would be a better way to go. Our second focus will be on leadership development. The club has organized an outing with the Institute of Managers and Leaders for a seminar open to members and non-members alike. Soon, we plan to put some other innovative ideas to work such as using virtual reality to build awareness for the dangers of driving under the influence. Through all this, what we have learned is that membership retention is very much as important as member acquisition!

Happy Events: by..... *Jim Plunkett*

Joe Minarik - Happy to see the Bears playing the Bucs this weekend, and that he will be splitting his leftover Jackpot winnings with his wife Pat.

Dave Sideri - Paid \$10 because he was thrilled not to have to read insurance policies.

Tammy Scheele - Paid a Happy \$5 because everyone had made it through the big storm.

Richard Breske - Was happy that his Daughter, Son-in-Law, and family are staying with them over the weekend.

Josh Astarita - Happy that he made it through the storm. However, he is still without power.

Jerry Krauss - Happy that **Harry Alchin, Buddy Brown & Kevin Krauss** helped with the hurricane cleanup at his house. He will make a donation to our Rotary Club foundation in their names.

Kevin Krauss - Happy to see that Harry Alchin's \$500 truck was parked in the garage in a \$1.8 million hurricane storm proof house on the water.

Tom Stewart - Happy that his kids came home from school to stay with him at his home on the water during the storm.

Kenny Krauss - Paid \$5 as he stayed with the Krauss family at Sunrise lanes during the storm. This brought back memories of the family staying at Sunshine Bowl over the past years during storms.

Bob Dobson - Happy for the birth of his two granddaughters over the weekend.

David Allen - Paid \$5 just for making it through the storm.

Jerry Wennlund - Happy that we dodged a bullet, but sad that Fordham famous football team lost to Army 64-6.

Yvonne Fay - Happy that it was nice to see everyone in the community come together.

Janet Waddell - Thanked **Josh Astarita** for providing concrete screws for her plywood, and **Kevin Krauss** of Seminole Lanes for providing ice.

Words of Wisdom:

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

Henry Ford

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: Kevin Krauss won the 50/50 for \$11 & donated it back to the club. No Ace of Clubs today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$11. The new card to draw is the Ace of Clubs.

