



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Oct 19th 2017—12:15 P.M.**  
**Volume # 16 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 capital city does the Liffey River flow through?
2. Who declared "I think I'll go out and milk the elk?"
3. What ocean was Amelia Earhart flying over when she disappeared?
4. What are the most common initials of Superman's friends and enemies?
5. Do seagulls drink seawater?
6. What did cowboys refer to as *tonsil paint*?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

Oct 21st	6950 Alzheimer's Classes
Oct 26th	Don Higgins P/C
Oct 28th	Polio Golf Tournament
Nov 2nd	Joe Kolodziej P/C
Nov 9th	Starlyn Fikkert P/C
Nov 11th	Veterans Day Celebration
Nov 16th	Students of the Month
Nov 16th	SPC Student Showcase
Nov 23rd	Thanksgiving

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Kevin Burkhardt.....	Liz Burkart
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Donna Waechter
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Richard Lucewicz
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Nina Lucewicz
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Blanka White
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Mark Lieberstein
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Drew Nolan
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Sally McCauley
Kevin Burkhardt.....	Liz Burkart

**Missed Last Week:**

<b>Wendy Sideri</b>	<b>Doug Oppenheimer</b>
<b>Susan Walker</b>	<b>Tammy Scheele</b>
<b>Starlyn Fikkert</b>	<b>Chantel Wonder</b>
<b>Paul Scheele</b>	<b>Theresa Pinnix</b>
<b>Kevin Krauss</b>	
Bob Dobson	Don Vauiso

**Club Anniversaries:**

Harry Alchin.....10/23.....3Yrs

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Teresa Pinnix.....10/02.....49 Yrs

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Ken & Georgia Bray...10/23.....17 Yrs

**Making A Difference !**

**Last Week's Program:**

Program Chairman **Kevin Burkart** was our featured speaker. His program was entitled **“Solving the Investment Problem”**. Kevin has been a CPA for 30 years. He presented a highly interesting and detailed overview of investment strategies and the common mistakes that are made by most investors—who react on an emotional level based on short-term results, as opposed to looking at the long term picture. Kevin explained that you should never pay someone to invest for you based on commissions. Instead you should select a Financial Planner who is paid on a fee basis. Based on history, if a person invested \$1. in 1927, the same dollar would have been worth \$5,405 today. (stocks, 9 % compounded interest); \$24. (bonds, 3% annual growth); or \$14. (inflation, kept in safe). He explained that 6 of the 10 best days in the stock market occurred within 2 weeks of the worst days. In the words of fictional television character J. R. Ewing: **“When everyone else is selling, buy...and when everyone else is buying, sell.”** Kevin explained that this method is called “Rebalancing,” which removes emotion from the decision-making process, with the goal of keeping a portfolio at 65% stocks (high risk) and 35% bonds (low risk). Kevin also explained that investment should be based on investing in “Asset Classes” as opposed to speculating on individual stocks. He advised that the failure rate for stock picking or stock speculation was 88%. **The goal of any investor should be (1) to protect what you have already earned; and (2) to earn more.**



**“To be a successful investor, take away the emotion.” - Kevin Burkhart**

**Next Week's Program:** Program Chairman **Don Higgins** is very pleased to announce that **Beth Maday** the **Executive Director of the Bardmor YMCA** will be his guest speaker. **Beth** was born and raised in New England and went to the University of Vermont and Emerson College in Boston, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Business and Organizational Communication.



**Student Success Showcase Open House & Reception**

SPC Health Education Center

7200 66th Street N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Thursday Nov 16th, 2017 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Rotarian **Christine Patel** would like to invite as many Rotarians as possible to attend the event.



**This Week's Program:** Students of the Month  
**Dixie Hollins High School & Pinellas Park High School**



**2017 Special Olympics:** Chairman Joe Minarik reported that the Special Olympic County games were (once again) a rousing success. 23 Rotarian families & friends participated in feeding over 500 Special Olympians, their families and volunteers. Everyone had a really fun time. Our volunteers included Kevin & Cory Krauss, Tom & Jessica Stewart, Yvonne Fay, Christine Patel, Phil England, Jim & Starlyn Fikkert, Rich & Beverly Breske, Jerry & Kenny Krauss, Exchange Student Marie Hacker, Courtney Gornik, Chris Pesch, Alex Brodsky, Joe & Joey Minarik, Janet & Mike Waddell, Doug Oppenheimer and Buddy



**Happy Events:** by..... *Jana Vrettos*

**Don Higgins** – Just got back from the balloon festival in Albuquerque, check out our Facebook pics!  
**Josh Astarita** – Nice to have everyone here, including **Kevin Burkart** and Company; looking forward to **David Sideri** taking me offshore fishing.  
**Ken Bray** – 49 days until retirement, or 33 working days!  
**David Sideri** – Happy to take **Josh Astarita** fishing, but you will have to fill the boat up with gas.  
**Dr. Pal Nanda** – **Yvonne Fay** loves me!  
**Yvonne Fay** – President **Josh Astarita** is doing a great job!  
**Richard Breske** – I noticed the words to God Bless America weren't on the screen today, which must be why I was asked to sing instead of **Kevin Burkart**, since he can't remember the words.  
**Jerry Wennlund** – My daughter bought me a book with the name "Grandpa" in the title – Yes, I am going to be a Grandpa!  
**David Allen** – Happy to have my daughter here for a week.  
**Joe Kolodziej** – Thank you for everyone helping me get here every week.  
**Jerry Krauss** – My nephew in California just moved to Napa Valley and they had to Evacuate their home because of the fires. The good news is that they are all safe.  
**Kenny Krauss** – Watch the Soccer World Cup, it's going to be held in Russia. At the beginning of the games, both teams stand for their National Anthems and no one kneels. The USA failed to qualify for the first time in 31 years.  
**Kevin Burkart** – Thank you for the privilege of speaking and having all of these guests here today; my Daughter joined a business fraternity and she helped me with my presentation.  
**Guest Richard Lucewicz** – Happy to be here and to be vertical!  
**Joe Minarik** – The Special Olympics are this Saturday at Seminole Lanes  
**Tom Stewart** – Thank you to **Jerry Krauss** –Alzheimers Research charity was discussed at the board meeting and he and **Joan** pledged to be one of the first donors.

**50/50 Winner:** **Harry Alchin** won the 50/50 for \$13 & donated it back to the club. No **Ace of Clubs** today!  
 Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$50.  
 The new card to draw is the Ace of Clubs.



**Words of Wisdom:**

**“I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.”**  
*Florence Nightingale*

**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