



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Dec 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 Allen, & Doug O.**
- ☛ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**

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Trivia Questions:

1. Which Christmas song's second verse begins with, "See the blazing Yule before us?"
2. Which song's second line begins with, "Led by the light of faith serenely beaming?"
3. In 1953, what was Eartha Kitt's biggest hit of her career?
4. What is the name of Gene Autry's 1947 hit song about Santa Claus?
5. In "*Twas the Night Before Christmas*" what song did the townspeople create to attract Santa Claus?
6. In 1946, what was the song that Nat King Cole recorded about chestnuts roasting over an open fire?



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Upcoming Programs & Events:

Dec 28th	Club Assembly
Jan 4th	Joe Minarik P/C
Jan 5th	First Friday
Jan 9th	Board Meeting
Jan 11th	Kevin Krauss P/C
Jan 18th	Students of the Month
Jan 25th	Doug Oppenheimer P/C
Feb 1st	Jim Plunkett P/C
Feb 3rd	Poker Run (save the date)
Feb 8th	Tammy Scheele P/C
Feb 13th	Board Meeting
Feb 15th	Students of the Month

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Tom Stewart
Jerry Wennlund	Jana Vrettos
Doug Oppenheimer	Kevin Burkart
Phil England	Teresa Pinnix
Joe Kolodziej	Christine Patel
Starlyn Fikkert	Paul Scheele
David Allen	David Sideri
	Chantel Wonder

Guest of Rotarians:

Ken Bray.....Rim Canavicious

Rotarian Birthdays:

Don Vauiso.....11/14.....85 Yrs
Starlyn Fikkert.....12/11.....62 Yrs

Don Vauiso

Bob Dodson

Merry Christmas to All!

Last Week's Program:

Program Chairman **Dr Pal Nanda** presented **Dr. Meena Jain**, a primary Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeon working primarily out of St. Petersburg General Hospital's Robotic Center for Gynecology. She has been involved with over 2,600 robotic procedures, and presented a slide presentation on chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis, and ovarian cancer in women.



She stressed the importance of an early diagnosis of ovarian cancer. She stated that with an early diagnosis and the advent of the Da Vinci (Robotic) Surgical System, that ovarian cancer is both preventable and treatable. Many women develop problems when they are teenagers, and are misdiagnosed, because traditional testing leads physicians into believing that there is nothing wrong. There are over 50 possible causes of chronic pelvic pain. Endometriosis is a disorder caused by the growth of tissue that normally lines the uterus growing outside of the uterus. Symptoms include depression, fibromyalgia, low back pain, and irritable bowel syndrome. A patient with endometriosis is seven times more likely to develop ovarian cancer. *Advances in minimally invasive surgeries (MIS)* result in smaller incisions, reduced blood loss, faster recovery, less scarring, and shorter hospital stays. *There is no additional charge for having robotic surgery, which is covered by insurance.* *By: Jim Plunkett*



This Week's Program: Students of the Month
Dixie Hollins High School & Pinellas Park High School
Thank you Dixie Jazz Band for our Christmas show.



More Christmas Basket Pictures that came in late.





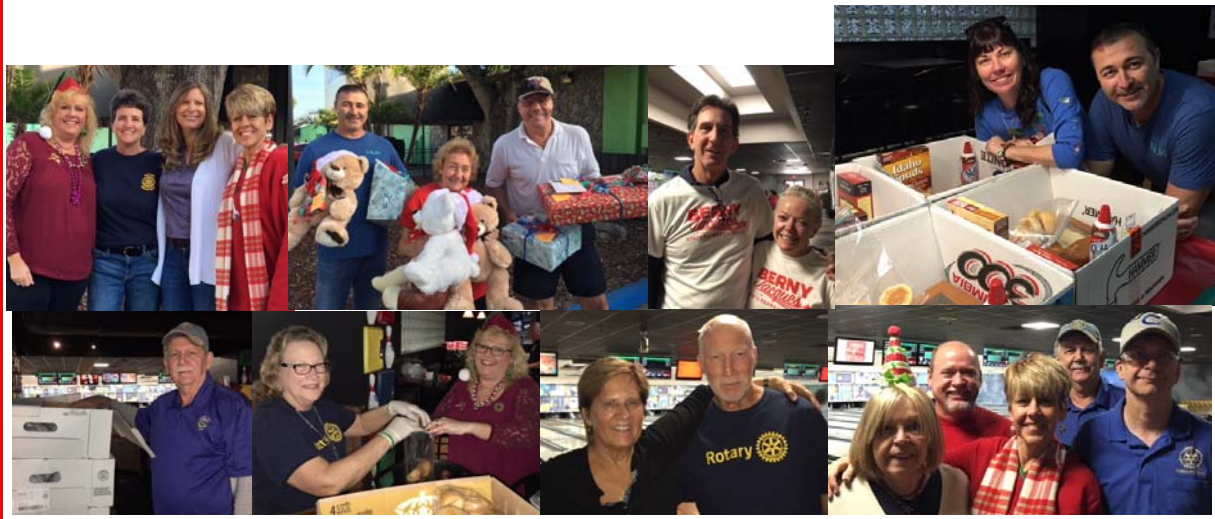
President Josh Astarita presented our server Ray Ano with a Christmas gift from our Rotary club. Buddy Brown stated that he did not expect anything and was blown away with our gift. Merry Christmas to



2017 CHRISTMAS BASKET BONANZA

"A great big thank you to all of you that made our annual Christmas Basket event a success! We served 40 families, including over 120 children. Buddy.....wonderful job with purchasing all the food and dad for the boxes..... thank you Joe for securing the turkeys (I will be sure to send Alan (Banquet Masters) a separate thank you from the Club) and the bags we placed them in.....thank you to Seminole Lanes for hosting the event (I will pay my dollar on Thursday ☺) and to all the Rotarians that took the time to purchase gifts, wrap and label them.....we saw many happy children on Saturday! Theresa...thank you for taking pictures and Harry, please be sure to thank your very special mom for all the gifts and special "friends" (teddy bears).....it was great to have the entire Minarik family helping out again this year....it would not be the same without all of you and your special Christmas hats!" *My sincere thanks to all. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

.....*Christine Patel*



2017 Christmas Bell Ringing



Happy Events: Not available this week!

A Happy Rotary Christmas Story
 This is your Rotary club: a new approach to keeping members.



Kocca of the Rotary Club of Central Ocean-Toms River, New Jersey plant a tree, an example of the kind of projects that can give new members ownership and responsibility.

So many Rotary membership events focus on engagement and retention. It makes sense. For every member that joins Rotary, it seems there's another member walking out the door. Long term engagement and retention are an important part of successfully growing a club for the simple fact that new membership gains can be quickly wiped out by non-engaged members choosing to leave.

The advice being given by membership chairs and leaders is sound: get new members involved right away. Their club has taken this one step further by explaining something important to the new members.

50/50 Winner: Rotarian Harry Alchin won the 50/50 for \$8 & donated it back to the club. No Ace of Clubs today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$135.



Words of Wisdom:

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

George Bernard Shaw

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
	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