



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday Dec 28th 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:

New Year's Eve - Globally & Locally

1. How long does it take for the ball to drop in Times Square, NYC?
2. What year did the ball begin dropping in Times Square, NYC?
3. What is the first country to celebrate New year's Eve each year? *HINT: Consider the location of the International Date Line.*
4. On New Year's Day, what is the name of the parade held in Pasadena, CA?
5. What is the diameter of the ball that drops in Times Square? 6FT, 10FT, or 100FT?
6. What is the ball made of - Mirrored Glass, Waterford Crystal, or Aluminum?
7. Is New York's Times Square the biggest New year's Eve celebration?
8. January is named after what Roman god who had two faces so he could look ahead to the future and back at the past at the same time?
9. The new Gregorian calendar was adopted and named January 1 the beginning of the new year—in which year?
10. Which country began what is known as "toasting"?



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Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| 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 8th | Rotary Hockey Night |
| Feb 13th | Board Meeting |
| Feb 15th | Students of the Month |

Missed Last Week:

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| Wendy Sideri | Jana Vrettos |
| Jerry Wennlund | Yvonne Fay |
| Doug Oppenheimer | Kenny Krauss |
| Jim Plunkett | |
| Don Vauiso | Bob Dodson |

Guest of Rotarians:

Marie Hacker.....P.P Rotary Club

Rotarian Birthdays:

Don Vauiso.....11/14.....85 Yrs
 Tom Stewart.....12/28.....61 Yrs

Visiting Rotarians:

Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, Mi.

A Happy & Prosperous New Year to All !!



Last Week's Program:

Students of the Month



"My name is **Jenna Le** and I am currently a student in the Cambridge Academy at Dixie Hollins High School. This rigorous program has challenged me, ensuring that I reach my full potential. I'm currently taking 8 college-leveled courses. I currently hold a GPA of 4.57 and am ranked number 4 in my senior class. Dixie has encouraged and recognized my achievements with the Cambridge Academic Endeavor Award sophomore year, AICE U.S. History Award junior year, and Dean's List every semester. I have completed over 200 hours worth of community service. I also take part in the National Spanish Honor Society where we honor culture and promote diversity. Outside of school, I engage in the arts. After taking AICE Photo and Design, I have come to enjoy photography. Next year, I plan on attending either UF or UCF and majoring in biomedical sciences. I would like to pursue a medical career and help contribute to the advancement of medicine."

"My name is **Faith Yount**. I am the daughter of Ann and Allen Yount; a senior at Pinellas Park High School's Criminal Justice Academy. I am a recipient of St Petersburg College's Mac J Williams, Sr. Academic Excellence Award for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher. I am a member of my school's chapter of the National Honor Society, the Science Honor Society and STEM Club & also I am also a Varsity Cheerleader. I enjoy volunteering. My favorite is serving on Pinellas County's Sixth Judicial Teen Court. When not in school I enjoy dancing, singing, and cheering on the Pinellas Park High School's Patriots Football team. I also enjoy tutoring younger students in math and science. My dream is to attend the University of South Florida where I want to pursue an education in Forensic Sciences specializing in Anthropology. I recently had the opportunity to spend a couple hours with a Forensic Specialist specializing in Anthropology that works for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. She was so fascinating and was so interested in me and what I wanted to know about her and her job."

"My name is **Jessica Gass** and I am the daughter of Brian and Sandi Gas. I am a student in the Cambridge AICE Program at Dixie Hollins H.S I currently hold a GPA of 4.56, and am ranked 5 in my senior class. I have been fortunate to receive many honors throughout high school, including the Law Studies award, Pre-AICE biology award, AICE Thinking Skills award, and dean's list every semester. I am also an extremely proud captain of the Dixie Hollins Cross Country and Track teams as well as a member of the debate and academic teams. I have also had the honor of serving the community through 2 years of volunteering at Hospice and the Ronald McDonald House I believe that it is important to help as many people as you can while doing what you love. I plan to major in biology so I can later become a doctor. A profession that would allow me to change the lives of others for the better and enjoy the wonderful intricacies of science at the same time."

"My name is **Tammy Huynh**. I'm the daughter of Tien Tran and Thanh Huynh. I'm a Sr. at Pinellas Park H.S. in the AVID program. I've achieved a GPA of 4.2 and a rank of 24th in my class. I am a member of several clubs, such as AVID club, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and the Treasurer for Key Club. I like to read novels in my free time. Outside of school activities, I spend most of my time helping my parents with translation. Since I'm a hard of hearing student, I spend time volunteering at a place called Family Center on Deafness to interact with different people. Ever since I have been volunteering there, I have learned a lot more about the deaf and hard of hearing culture. After graduating High School, I plan on majoring in international studies at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. Currently I am speaking 3 languages: Vietnamese, English, and Spanish. In the future, I want to learn more languages and become fluent in them, so I can be able to provide translation for people who don't understand English very well in our community and around the world. If I could do one thing to change the world, it would be to put an end to hunger and poverty. I also wish to encourage healthy food as the lack of healthy food has a tremendous impact on health."



Pictured Left to Right President Josh Astarita, Students of the Month—Faith Yount, Tammy Huynh, Jessica Gass and Jenna Le.

**Next week's Program:
Joe Minarik**

This week's Program:President Josh Astarita
CLUB ASSEMBLY



Sanders School Students of the Month for November and December, 2017

Pictured left to right in the group picture holding Honors are:
Shemar Holmes, Kamron Penner, Braidyn Harris, and DeTrez Williams.
Thank you Rotarians Pete Hervey, Janet Waddell & Kenny Krauss for volunteering.



2017 2nd Paul Harris Lottery

Chairman Joe Minarik held our usual Paul Harris Lottery and after not winning for 32 consecutive drawings, Tom Stewart won 2 in a row for \$1000. Thank you fellow Rotarians who participated: Dave Sideri, Yvonne Fay, Richard Breske, Don Higgins, Janet Waddell, Tami Scheele, Joe Minarik, Harry Alchin and Joe Kolodziej.

YOU ARE ALL WINNERS!!!!!!



Save the date ...January 5th .. FIRST FRIDAY ..12 to 16 Volunteers are needed.
A fun-filled fundraiser in conjunction with the downtown Optimist Beer Bar!!!
We need Bartenders, Waitresses, Cashiers and lots of pretty girls to serve the public Beer on Central Avenue the entire evening.....Sign up now!!!!

Happy Events:*By Christine Patel*

Janet Waddell: happy family arrived back safe from India; 36 hour flight.
Richard Breske: thanked everyone for bell ringing; especially Jerry Krauss' friend Craig Allen, who he had to buy a beer for.
Ken Bray: happy to be retired.
David Allen: Happy to be going to North Carolina for Christmas; hopes to see some snow.
Joe Kolodziej: happy \$10 to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Kevin Krauss: wants a beer next time he rings the bell; thanked Flip for a good job on new roof at Seminole Lanes.
Joe Minarik: had a good time ringing bell and giving out turkeys; likes his new fence.
Christine Patel: thanked everyone for participating with the Christmas baskets; happy to see her daughters and son-in-law.
Jerry Krauss: thanked everyone for bell ringing; especially bowling friend Craig Allen who we had to buy a beer for.
Don Higgins: thanked everyone for bell ringing and Christmas baskets. Sorry he missed this year.
Josh Astarita: thanked everyone for bell ringing and Christmas baskets; welcomed students of the month.
Theresa Pinnix: happy \$5; looking forward to seeing Alex and Tyler on Saturday and cooking dinner for her son's coworkers (there are many!)
Tami Scheele: thanked everyone for bell ringing and Christmas baskets; Happy first day of winter; may it be a short one this year!
Hope Peterson: happy \$5; thanked everyone for bell ringing and Christmas baskets; she had a personal experience when she was raising her young children; thanked Kenny Krauss for dropping off his car for service.
David Sideri: won big in the Bahamas; paid for all his rooms!
Dr. Nanda: happy to be at the meeting today.
Steve White: thanked students and the Rotary Club.
Pete Hervey: thanked Sanders students.
Starlyn Fikkert: many family members and friends are coming for Christmas.
Buddy Brown; Congrats to Ken Bray on his retirement.

50/50 Winner: Rotarian Starlyn Fikkert won the 50/50 for \$10 & donated it back to the club. No Ace of Clubs today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts



Words of Wisdom:
“Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.”
Will Rogers

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