



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
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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. What country is bordered by Lebanon, Syria, Jordan & Egypt?
2. What Beatles album contains the script *Michelle*?
3. What was the name of Germany's largest WW II battleship?
4. Who were *The Three Musketeers*?
5. What's the oldest and most numerous class of animals?
6. What side would the wind be coming from on a starboard tack in sailing?



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Upcoming Programs & Events:

Jan 27th	Road Cleanup
Jan 28th	Ronald McDonald House
Feb 1st	Jim Plunkett P/C
Feb 3rd	Poker Run (save the date)
Feb 8th	Tammy Scheele P/C
Feb 10th	Valentine's Cruise
Feb 13th	Board Meeting
Feb 15th	Students of the Month
Feb 22nd	Christine Patel P/C
Mar 1st	Hope Peterson P/C

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Dave Sideri
Kevin Burkart	David Allen
Chantel Wonder	Starlyn Fikkert
Jim Fikkert	Theresa Pinnix
Christine Patel	Tammy Scheele
Dr. Pal Nanda	
Don Vauiso	Bob Dodson
Ken Bray	Kevin Krauss

Rotarian Birthdays:

Kevin Burkart.....1/17.....54 Yrs
 Don Higgins.....1/22.....73 Yrs
 Doug Oppenheimer.....1/31.....72 Yrs

Club Anniversaries:

Pete Hervey..... 1/1.....46 Yrs
 Christine Patel.....1/26.....6 Yrs

Guest of Rotarians:

Marie Hacker.....Janet Waddell

Making A Difference !

This Week's Program: Program Chairman Doug Oppenheimer will introduce his son, Christopher Oppenheimer. Christopher is employed by Safety Harbor company Intrega Business Systems as a software expert. Intrega sponsors and conducts a free computer coding program for local 8 to 16 year old students. Coding, which Chris will explain, is the computer language that make computers work, like developing websites, apps, programs, and games. Students participate in segmented programs where they learn specific computer skills and earn achievement belts and prizes. The after-school classes are held at the Safety Harbor Library and continue through the school year, with personal mentoring by company employees and older students. Approximately 250 have participated so far, gaining experience into the high paying computer and tech industries."



ROAD CLEANUP

Need Volunteers for Saturday, Jan 27, 2018 Please sign up with Phil England.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Need Volunteers for Sunday, Jan 28, 2018 Please sign up with Yvonne Fay.

POKER RUN

Need Volunteers for Saturday Feb 3, 2018 Please sign up with Hope Peterson.

Next Week's Program:

Program Chairman Jim Plunkett will provide a historical program regarding the history of the Presidency over the past 57 years.



Rotary



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Harry Alchin reported our Rotary Club collected \$60.35 last week for a Grand Total to date of \$256.05 for CART.



Last Week's Program:

Dixie Hollins High School & Pinellas Park High School

Students of the Month



“My name is **Eliana Gil**. I am a senior at Pinellas Park H.S. and I’m attending the AVID program, also a mainstream student. Since my sophomore year, I’ve participated in many clubs, such as Key ; National Art Honor Society ;and AVID club. The past two summers, I volunteered at Morton Plant Hospital. Beside attending school and performing service for my community, I also I love painting, mostly landscapes. After I graduate, I would like to spend my first two years at St. Petersburg College or Valencia College, then transfer to U.C.F. or U.S.F. to pursue my dreams of becoming a registered nurse .Volunteering at the hospital helped give me an idea of the environment I will be working in as a nurse and it assured me that nursing is my dream career! If I could have dinner with anyone, it would be my grandmother, Alcira. At the age of 17, she left Colombia alone, leaving behind everything and everyone. She came to America, not knowing any English, to pursue a better life for her and her mother. My grandmother is my role model.”

“My name is **Khanh Le** and I am currently a senior at Dixie Hollins H.S. I just moved to the United States from Vietnam three years ago. Due to the studying environment I experienced in my country, I am used to study hard, which help me perform well in my school right now. I have a 4.0 in both high school and college GPA thanks to the two Dual Enrollment classes I took last semester. Beside from that, I also participated in a volunteer program at my school, the teen court program, which is designed to help 9th and 10th graders. Every day after school I go to a Taekwondo club with my cousins to strengthen my body and mind. I do not have any job right now because I don’t have a driver license Most of the time I am not at school, I help my family look after my cousins and take care of my dog. I plan on going to SPC after I graduate in May as I have already submitted my application to SPC last week. I also plan on transferring to USF College of Pharmacy after getting my AA degree because I want to become a Pharmacist in the future. “

“Hello my name is Austin Kirk, the son of Jeff and Annette Kirk, and I'm a senior at Pinellas Park H.S. in the Criminal Justice Academy. My GPA is within the top ten percent of students. I have also created my own club called “The Play-triots” where students can come after school on Fridays and play board games. I am a Boy Scout in Troop 263 and am finishing up the final requirements for the award of Eagle Scout. Through scouts, I participate in a program called National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) which teaches young Scouters leadership skills such as communication and problem solving. Volunteering at NYLT has allowed me to accumulate over 200 community service hours. After high school, I plan on attending either the University of Florida, Florida State University, or the University of South Florida to study Biology or Criminology, with plans on becoming a Crime Scene Investigator. If I could have dinner with anyone, I would probably have dinner with my grandfather because he always had great advice for me and would help guide me through my senior year.”

January Students of the Month...

Pictured from left to right: Austin, Elaina, Khanh, & Rachel



Rotarians Donate Major Grants to Rotary Foundation



**Don Higgins and Tom Stewart receive awards for their major grants
Tom Stewart + 7 \$8000 Don Higgins + 3 \$4000**

Happy Events:*By Jana Vrettos*

- Yvonne Fay** – Happy to be Happy!
- Janet Waddell** – Happy that my grandson is turning 9 today!
- Josh Astarita** – Happy to see the students of the month, and happy that this cold snap isn't going to last too long!
- Joe Kolodziej** – Here's \$10 since I haven't been here in a couple of weeks.
- Jim Plunkett** – My wife had a party for her 60th birthday.
- Steve White** (Representative from Pinellas Park High School) – Happy to be here, and hopefully the Vikings will go to the Super Bowl!
- Tom Stewart** – There was black ice on the Veterans Expressway this morning, and I am glad I didn't have to drive on it!

Words of Wisdom:
 “The only difference between a tax man and a Taxidermist is that a Taxidermist leaves the skin.”
Bulletin Staff

Club Buddies

David Allen	Richard Breske
Chantel Wonder	Jim Fikkert
Jana Vrettos	Theresa Pinnix
David Sideri	Kevin Burkart
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Harry Alchin	Doug Oppenheimer
Kenny Krauss	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: Rotarian Phil England won the prize for \$8 & donated it back to the club. No Ace of Clubs today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$168.

