



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 two U.S. states border the most others?
2. What Hollywood actress was nicknamed *The Legs*?
3. What was the name of former Haitian leader Francois Duvalier?
4. What country is the setting for Edgar Allen Poe's script *The Pit and the Pendulum*?
5. What, translated literally, is the Ninth Month?
6. Who is the last Major League baseball player to bat .400?



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Upcoming Programs & Events:

Feb 10th	Valentine's Cruise
Feb 13th	Board Meeting
Feb 15th	Students of the Month
Feb 20th	Sanders Students of the Month
Feb 22nd	Christine Patel P/C
Mar 1st	Hope Peterson P/C
Mar 8th	Ken Bray P/C
Mar 13th	Board Meeting
Mar 15th	Students of the Month
Mar 22nd	Theresa Pinnix P/C

Rotarian Birthdays:

Kevin Burkart.....1/17.....54 Yrs
 Pete Hervey.....2/02.....85 Yrs
 Phil England.....2/12.....55 Yrs

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Yvonne Fay
Kevin Burkart	David Allen
Theresa Pinnix	Phil England
Christine Patel	Chantel Wonder
Don Vauiso	Bob Dodson
Ken Bray	Dr. Pal Nanda

Club Anniversaries:

Pete Hervey..... 1/1.....46 Yrs
 Christine Patel.....1/26.....6 Yrs
 Dr. Pal Nanda.....2/02.....6 Yrs
 Wendy Sideiri.....2/09.....6 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries:

Kevin & Liz Burkart.....2/01.....21 Yrs
 Chris & Jayanti Patel....2/02.....28 Yrs

Guest of Rotarians:

Paul Kolodziej.....Joe Kolodziej
 Marie Hacker...Foreign Exchange Student

Making A Difference !

This Week's Program:

Program Chairman **Tammy Scheele** will present **Jennifer Bell**.

Jennifer is the Director of Business Development for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Tampa Bay Chapter. They are fighting to free individuals - and the families who love them - from the harmful effects of muscular dystrophies, ALS, and related life-threatening diseases so they can live longer and grow stronger. She will be presenting about local services and programs offered to families pertaining to research updates and treatments. She will also discuss how the community can get involved to make a difference and how funds raised stay local to support individuals served in the Tampa Bay area.

There will be a focus on Myasthenia Gravis (MG) which is one of the 43 muscle diseases covered by MDA, with information on medical management and research.



Last Week's Program :

Program Chairman **Jim Plunkett** presented a history of the modern Presidency. The Democrats controlled the White House from 1932 (Roosevelt; Truman) through 1952 (Eisenhower). The 22nd Amendment—passed by Congress on 3/21/47— provided that no person shall be elected President more than twice. This prevented Eisenhower from seeking a third term, and paved the way for the first televised debates, wherein the handsome & charismatic John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in 1960 (303-219). The assassination of Kennedy, on 11/22/63, elevated Lyndon B. Johnson to the White House, and resulted in many positive social changes, but also massive escalation of the Vietnam War. The assassination of Robert F. Kennedy on 6/06/68, prevented him from likely becoming a two-term President. This allowed for the election of Nixon and the Watergate Scandal, which led to his impeachment and resignation on 8/09/74. This opened the door for the Democrats to regain power. They still almost blew it with Jimmy Carter narrowly defeating unelected incumbent, Gerald Ford, in 1976 (297-240). Carter was subsequently routed by Ronald Reagan in 1980 (489-49). George H. Bush succeeded Reagan but was doomed by a weak economy and lost to Bill Clinton in 1992 (370-168). Despite being vulnerable due to numerous scandals, Clinton faced only token opposition in 1996, and was re-elected over Bob Dole (379-159). Bush's son, George W. Bush, defeated Clinton VP Al Gore (271-266) in 2000, but faced almost certain defeat in 2004. The Democrats seemingly returned the 1996 favor, nominating an extremely weak candidate in John Kerry, who still barely lost (286-251) in 2004. This paved the way for Barack Obama, who defeated token opposition in John McCain in 2008, and then was re-elected over Mitt Romney (332-206) in 2012. The Republicans expected Jeb Bush to be their 2016 nominee, who likely would have defeated Hillary Clinton, who resigned from her only significant position as Secretary of State under Obama. Instead, a complete outsider, Businessman Donald Trump, despite never holding any public office, destroyed Bush in the primaries, and shocked Hillary (304-227) in 2016.



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



Seventh Annual Rotary Poker Run: Pictured below are Rotarians, family, and friends who participated in this year's Poker Run. Some members never made the picture show but did participate with gifts, prizes, and time to help make this project a success. Others made the picture show more than once! Pictured is the leader of this event **Hope Peterson**, and Kevin Fay, Joe Minarik, Wendy Sideri, Yvonne Fay, Janet Waddell, Harry Alchin, Dave Sideri, and Marie Hacker (our exchange student from Germany). Josh Astarita manned Biffburger, Kenny Krauss & Marie worked the Big Storm stop, Jim & Starlyn Fikkert worked the Finley Irish Pub, and Bob Baile was at the registration desk. Barbara, Todd, and some of the Central Pinellas Rotarians helped set up and worked the event along the way. If we missed anyone, we apologize. **Hats off to Hope Peterson, Great Job!!!**

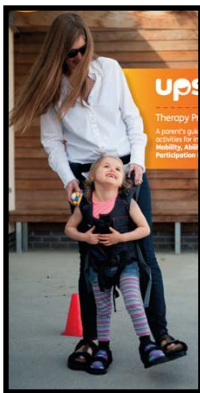


Interact Club of Dixie Hollins Raises Over \$500.

The D.H.H.S. Interact Club and club Advisor, **Brenda Harkin**, participated in a fundraiser January 27 at the Elk's Lodge and raised \$514.00. They're going to purchase a **Firefly Upsee** to donate it to the Nina Harris School in Pinellas Park. It is a device that allows handicap children to experience walking upright.

GREAT WORK BY ALL!

Thank you **Marie Hacker** (Rotary exchange student) for the scoop!



Happy Events:By *Jana Vrettos*

Hope Peterson – I am happy so many Rotarians have thick skin and are participating in the Poker Run. We have at least 50 participants currently! Happy to see **Barbara Todd** here, and congratulations to her as she got married! Congratulations to Great Bay Signs, **Jim and Starlyn Fikkert** on receiving the Small Business of the Year award from the Pinellas Park Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Todd – I am happy to be here!

Richard Breske – Having a Super Bowl party at home and we are not even going to turn on the TV!

Tami Scheele – Happy to see **Barbara Todd** here this week. I welcomed a new Granddaughter last week! Enjoyed a night out at the Evening of Excellence at the Mahaffey Theater with **Janet Waddell**.

Janet Waddell – Had a great time last night at the Evening of Excellence. We were up for Partner of the Year. Congratulations to **Barbara Todd** getting married!

Starlyn Fikkert – **Jim Fikkert** and I put Poker Run information at Mahaffey.

Doug Oppenheimer – I have 6 family members coming for a family reunion!

Jim Plunkett – I shot a 700 this past week, and I am going on a cruise next week!

Jerry Krauss – Great to see **Barbara Todd** here and welcome to **Joe Kolodziej's** twin brother **Paul!**

Joe Kolodziej – Happy to have my twin brother here with me today.

David Sideri – Good luck to the Pats this weekend – if they lose I will put \$100 in the pot next week!

Josh Astarita – It's good to see **Barbara Todd** here and Congratulations to her! Thank you **Hope Peterson** for the Poker Run emails. Go Eagles!

Joe Minarik – Good to see **Barbara Todd**. I am going to PETS this weekend!

Buddy Brown – I bet **David Sideri** is NOT going to fall asleep during the Super Bowl!

Tom Stewart – **Kenny Krauss** set the fire alarm during breakfast at Ronald McDonald House! Nev-

Words of Wisdom:

“Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.”

-Winston Churchill

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 **Jana Vrettos** won the prize for \$ & donated it back to the club. No **Ace of Clubs** today! Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at ?

