



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday June 7th 2018—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. What are the colors of the Italian flag?
2. Who were the stars of the classic film *Sleuth*?
3. How many transatlantic trips did the Titanic make before sinking?
4. What is considered the sister language of English?
5. What is *SOS* in International Morse Code?
6. How many points are there on the star on a Chinese Checkers' board?



**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

June 12th	Board Meeting
June 14th	Flag Day
June 14th	Richard Breske P/C
June 21st	Chantel Wonder P/C
June 28th	Josh Astarita P/C
July 5th	Harry Alchin, P/C
July 12th	David Allen P/C
July 14th	Installation Banquet

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Jeff MacKellar.....New Member Inductee

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Paul & Tami Scheele.....6/01.....21 Yrs  
 Kevin & Mary Ann Krauss....6/11.....30 Yrs  
 John & Sandy Donaghy.....5/23.....43 Yrs

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Paul Scheele.....6/01.....75 Yrs  
 Dolores Caunitz.....6/11.....91 Yrs

**Club Anniversaries:**

Janet Waddell..... 6/05.....4 Yrs  
 Kevin Burkart.....6/06.....9 Yrs  
 Don Higgins.....6/11.....34 Yrs

**Missed Last Week:**

<b>Christine Patel</b>	<b>David Sideri</b>
<b>Wendy Sideri</b>	<b>Paul Scheele</b>
<b>Kevin Burkart</b>	<b>Richard Breske</b>
<b>Jimmy Hammond</b>	<b>Tami Scheele</b>
<b>Ken Bray</b>	<b>Joe Kolodziej</b>
<b>Theresa Pinnix</b>	

John Donaghy	Don Vauiso
Bob Dodson	Dr. Pal Nanda

**Making A Difference!**

### **Last Week's Program:**

Program Chairperson **Janet Waddell** introduced **Scott Pringle, AICP**, the Senior Supervising Planner for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority. He discussed the various mass transit options moving forward for the Tampa Bay area, which covers three counties, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco, and provided information concerning the Regional Transportation Feasibility Plan. He is requesting that members complete an on-line survey, in order to provide feedback and input. Janet has made the survey available through e-mail.

At this point in the process, the top two performing connections are (1) a 41 mile bus rapid transit line that runs from Wesley Chapel down through downtown Tampa and the Westshore area, that ends in downtown St. Petersburg; and (2) a 9-mile CSX urban rail line that runs from USF to downtown Tampa. Both connectors have potential, but they must identify which one should be the first project, which would provide a vision and act as a catalyst for future projects.

The 41 mile bus rapid transit line would use the existing interstate corridor, and partner with the FDOT, using existing highway shoulders to add dedicated (exclusively for buses) express lanes for bus rapid transit. These buses look more like trains on wheels than current buses. The bus would only stop every one to two miles. The cost is estimated at \$1.3 to \$1.6 billion, with local cost being around \$380 to \$455 million. The remainder of the cost would be paid for using state and federal grant money.

The CSX alternative involves using existing CSX freight rail, and would cost around \$490 to \$620 million. This would involve negotiations with CSX over using existing resources, and setting up neighborhood stations, where people would have easy access to buses, which would then transport them to the train station locations.

**Welcome:**

**New Member: Jeff MacKellar**

**This Week's Program:**

There will be a Club Assembly in which President **Josh Astarita** and President-Elect **Joe Minarik** will discuss the upcoming July 14th Installation Banquet, which will be held at the Salt Rock Grill, and other topics.



**Next Week's Program:**

Program Chairman **Richard Breske** will present a program honoring **Flag Day**.



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## Happy Events:.....By Jana Vrettos

**Josh Astarita** - Happy to induct **Jeff MacKellar** today - you will be a great member! Also happy to have **Donna Cloud** here today!

**Barbara MacKellar** - Happy that **Jeff MacKellar** is joining Rotary today. He is so excited to join!

**Kevin Krauss** - Go Rays!

**Donna Cloud** - Happy to be here today!

**Yvonne Fay** - Happy to see **Donna Cloud** and **Jeff MacKellar** here today, and I am sorry I was unable to let my buddy know I wasn't going to be here last week.

**Hope Peterson** - Happy **Donna Cloud** is here today!

**Don Higgins** - Happy to have **Jeff MacKellar** as our new member today! Next week I will be at a wedding in Jacksonville.

**Janet Waddell** - Happy I will be on vacation for 10 days up north.

**Marie Hacker** - Happy to go on the district cruise!

**Jim Fikkert** - Happy that **Starlyn Fikkert** is here today!

**Starlyn Fikkert** - Happy that **Jim Fikkert** is home from his fishing trip!

**Jeff MacKellar** - Happy to join the club today! Enjoyed doing the road cleanup with everyone!

**Jerry Krauss** - **Al Caunitz's** wife **Delores Caunitz** was in the hospital with pneumonia, but she is doing better.

**David Allen** - Welcome **Jeff MacKellar**!

**Words of Wisdom:**  
 "Our Constitution protects  
 aliens, drunks and U. S.  
 Senators"

*Will Rogers*

### 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:** Barbara Todd MacKellar won the prize for \$8. No Ace of Clubs today. Next week, the Grand Jackpot starts at \$73.

