



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday May 30th 2019—12:15 P.M.**  
**Volume # 47th Edition 2018–2019**



**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.**

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**Trivia Questions:**

1. How many Home Runs did Babe Ruth hit?
2. Who is the Prime Minister of Canada?
3. What three countries border Mexico?
4. How long is the border between the United States and Mexico?
5. What war resulted in the most fatalities?
6. How many deaths resulted in just 4 years from the Black Plague from 1347 to 1351?



**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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| May 30th | International Convention<br>Hamburg, Germany...Scheele's, Waddell's & Allen's |
| Jun 6th  | Jim Plunkett P/C  |
| Jun 11th | Final Board Meeting   |
| Jun 13th | David Allen P/C   |
| Jun 15th | Road Cleanup  |
| Jun 20th | Richard Breske P/C  |

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Paul Scheele.....06/01.....76 Yrs

**Club Anniversaries:**

Jeff MacKellar.....05/31.....1 Year  
 Janet Waddell.....06/05.....5 Yrs  
 Kevin Burkhart.....06/06.....10 Yrs

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Pete & Sally Hervey.....05/24.....62 Yrs  
 Tami & Paul Scheele.....06/01.....22 Yrs

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Charlotte Higgins.....wife of Don Higgins  
 Stephanie Astarita.....wife of Josh Astarita

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Donna Cloud.....Honorary Rotarian

**Missed Last Week:**

David Allen	Buddy Brown
Wendy Sideri	Kevin Burkart
Doug Oppenheimer	Christine Patel
Ken Bray	Joe Minarik
Paul Scheele	Tami Scheele
Joe Kolodziej	Jim Fikkert
Jimmy Hammond	Jana Vrettos
Jerry Wennlund	Starlyn Fikkert
Chantel Wonder	Theresa Pinnix
Cory Krauss	Hope Peterson
Phil England	Yvonne Fay

**Making a Difference!**

### **This Week's Program :**

Program Chairman **Josh Astarita** will present a surprise to be announced program of great interest to all.



### **Next Week's Program:**

Program Chairman **Jim Plunkett** will present a trivia challenge program involving his two favorite subjects, Music and Baseball.



**You are Cordially Invited to the  
Rotary Club of Pinellas Park's  
2019-20 Installation Banquet  
to be held**

**Thursday June 27, 2019**

**Renaissance Vinoy ....Terrace Room  
Marchland's Bar & Grill**

**501 5th Ave NE (complimentary valet parking)  
Cocktails (Cash Bar) 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm**

**Program 7:30pm**

**Choice of Entrées**

**Coq Au Vin, Ribeye or Gulf Grouper**

**\$60 per person**

**Please RSVP to David Allen - [david.allen@allenindustries.com](mailto:david.allen@allenindustries.com)**

**As soon as possible, so that reservations may be made**

**Welcome Back Kenny Krauss & Joe Minarik**

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

Program Chairperson **Janet Waddell** introduced **Michelle Walag**, the Director of Operations for **Ready for Life, Inc.**, a non-profit organization that assists Foster Children as they age out of Foster Care. Michelle introduced **Kathy Mize**, the Chief Executive Officer, and **Shadia Simmons**, Youth Specialist Supervisor. Shadia presented a very informative talk about the struggles that a Foster Care child endures and shared an open and honest perspective of a person who has graduated out of the Foster Care program into the **Ready for Life** program. She extended her education through the program, and is currently attending St. Pete College.



The program consisted of an on site presentation including a tour of the facility at the Ready for Life location at **2300 Tall Pines Drive, Suite 100, Largo, FL 33771.** Michelle talked about what challenges that Foster Care Children have as they age out of the program. The **Ready for Life** organization acts as an extended family for these young adults, ages 15 through 25. The program includes developing life skills, filling in learning gaps, and removing barriers preventing these young people from reaching a level of self-sufficiency. **Ready for Life** has 14 employees, including 5 who have participated in the program, but mainly is a volunteer organization, supported by the community. 80% of the people in prison were once in Foster Care. The average person graduating out of the Foster Care program and entering the **Ready for Life** program has been in 30 Foster Care homes. **Ready for Life** recently celebrated 10 years of service, There are currently 425 young adults in the program, plus 103 of their children. Participants are served meals, can do laundry and even take a shower. There is also a clothing closet, a toy room, and a snack room. There is also continuing education support, including financial literacy courses, mentoring, mental health therapy and employment preparation. There are currently 34 young adults who are currently enrolled in post-secondary education, and 39 who have already obtained a degree or certificate.



**Happy Events:** by Janet Waddell

**Josh Astarita:** Happy to be here and to have an extra hour with his lovely wife, Stephanie, who came to the meeting with him today. He thanked Steph for paying for his happy event as he did not have any small bills!

**Barbara Todd MacKellar:** Happy \$1 as her daughter was ordained as a Minister this past weekend in Orlando.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Happy to have had a great time at Ronald McDonald House breakfast last Saturday. Tom's sausage balls were excellent.

**Kenny Krauss:** Happy \$10 to be back with the club. Happy to have helped his brother, Jerry and wife, Joan, celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Happy to have talked with Jerry Wennlund this week. He was originally given "days" to live, but now is happy to be doing chemo and to have found a surgeon who may be able to do surgery to remove the tumor. Please, everyone keep Jerry in your prayers!

**Janet Waddell:** Talked to Joe Minarik today. He had a Dr appt this morning and one early this afternoon and was not going to be able to make the meeting. He is recovering quickly and will be at the meeting next week. Was great to listen in to Kenny and Jerry Wennlund's conversation the other day. Jerry is sounding very positive!

**Donna Cloud:** Happy to be here.

**Dr Pal Nanda:** Happy to announce that there is a new baby in the family. He is now a Great- Grandpa.

**David Sideri:** Happy \$10 to be here. Happy \$10 to announce the start of fishing season. He is ready to go out in the boat and not have to do "catch and release".

**Kevin Krauss:** Happy \$10 for a great week in Las Vegas with his bowling team buddies. Happy \$10 for his Dad, Jerry, and Mom, Joan's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy to thank Kevin & Mary Ann for hosting their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at their house. He was able to swim in the pool with his great-grandkids whether they liked it or not! He is happy to be celebrating 65 years with the best woman ever.

**Jim Plunkett:** Happy that he has worked his way up to being able to walk around the block, so now his wife, Linda, will go dancing with him!

**Words of Wisdom**

**"It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in Baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."**

Hank Aaron

**Club Buddies**

David Allen	Richard Breske
Chantel Wonder	Jim Fikkert
Jana Vrettos	Theresa Pinnix
Wendy Sideri	Starlyn Fikkert
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Doug Oppenheimer	Harry Alchin
Kenny Krauss	Hope Peterson
Christine Patel	Jim Plunkett
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Buddy Brown	Jeff MacKellar
Joe Kolodziej	Phil England
Jimmy Hammond	Tami Scheele
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Paul Scheele	Dr Pal Nanda
Barbara MacKellar	Josh Astarita
Jerry Wennlund	Kevin Burkart
h Sandy Donaghy	h Donna Cloud
h Dolores Caunitz	h Carolyn Burns

**50/50 Winner:** There was no drawing this week due to the event being held off site. The grand Jackpot starts today at **\$93**.

