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Our club welcomes all visitors. Why not join us either by zoom and in person on Wednesday mornings?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays
Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.

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What is CART?

Today, we have Randy Nilsson as our program and she will speak about Rotary's CART program. My first experience was with my former club in Zebulon, NC, when they passed around a bucket for Rotarians and visitors to throw change into. While we have had members and Red Badgers affected by Alzheimer's, we have only occasionally passed around the CART bucket.

CART started in 1996 with Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings. One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge Alzheimer's Disease research. As of May 2020, CART has awarded \$9.2 million dollars in 55 grants to recognized US research institutions. All administrative expenses of the Fund are paid from interest earned from invested contributions.

Meeting Notes from June 9, 2021—Sherrie Davis Kinkead

Gary Coughlin greeted Rotarians and guests, which included **Jennifer Bullock** of Mease Life, **Doug Oppenheimer**, prospective member, **Richard Gilliam**, neighbor of Dick Spong, and **Jay Craig Wright**, former Rotarians with Safety Harbor. Teresa Cordova O'Dea encouraged us to "be the change in your world" and that "change begins with a single thought" and "costs nothing" before giving the invocation and Michael Smith led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We were missing our sgt-at-arms, Pat Snair, so John Tornnga filled in.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Edie Wiseman, our Trash pick-up chair, called Rotarians who came out this past Saturday to the front to get their star: Welch Agnew, Doug Campbell, Rick Lawrence, John Tornnga, Michael Smith and Sherrie Davis Kinkead.

HAPPY BUCKS: **JoAnn Rooney**—glad to be back in person, missed us guys. Mary Beth Carroll—car was sideswiped first time she made it back to church in April after she stayed late to take pictures, and she finally gets it back today! **Jaquelin Nuila**—husband Mitch

is in Guatemala but remembered to get a banner during his travels this year so that President Mark can brag about a banner exchange during his year. (Did you know we have banners that you can take when visiting another club?). Mitch stayed in a hotel where two of VP Harris' security force members were mugged. **Kert Rhodes**—more members are returning in



person just in time to sing Happy Birthday to Candice Kelly. **Jay Craig Wright**—son Brandon is in Air Force intelligence and doing well, youngest just got their associates degree and Jay is in his 5th year of raising bees to make Meade, which he donated a bottle of his Meade named Aphrobesiac to our golf tournament. **Dick Spong**—sitting with two guests with the first one being Jennifer Bullock, who took over at Mease Life for Mike Mahan, and Richard Gilliam, his neighbor who is playing in our golf tournament and also interested in membership. Dick's goal is to add one member per letter for

a certain football team that just happens to spell out O-H-I-O. Alan Gustafson and Mary Beth Carroll are also fans of this team. Edie Wiseman—Jennifer has a trash legacy to fill as Michael Mahan often participated in our Saturday quarterly exercise. **Welch Agnew**—welcome back, JoAnn, who gave her normal greeting of a hug. Then he praised the Lightning and the best team in baseball—Go Rays! **Gary Coughlin**—glad to be back as grandma was able to take his son to school today. Apparently, Gary is raising a little capitalist, who upon receiving his normal amount for all A's, requested a \$40 bonus. **Edie Wiseman**—two grandsons were designated as delegates to a week-long seminar in DC representing an East Lake area school. Her granddaughter also did something important but this editor can't read her notes. Kris Gray paid **Sherrie Davis Kinkead**'s happy buck so she could also brag about her granddaughter #3's report card of all A's.



Perhaps earlier, Sherrie mentioned her trip to Hawaii and then the Keys, plus granddaughter #2 graduating from the high school VA program at UNC School of the Arts. If not, she owes a few more bucks. Mary Beth Carroll—she saw a statue in Keith Wilson’s house for a Valedictorian of Merkle High School with no name. She quizzed him about it and found out the trophy was made before the last test. Obviously, he did better than others to get the trophy. Prez **Mark Middleton**—great to have all the in-persons. He covered 2042 miles in 6 days on a rental car, including visits to Crater Lake and Yosemite, sleeping in the car for 5 nights. Great time to reflect on life by oneself, because as Mark commented, “when you smell bad, no one comes around.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jay Craig Wright told about a throw down that benefits the Safety Harbor Library. Search for Wrestling Connect 4 for more info.

PROGRAM: Our biggest (and only) fundraiser of the year happens this Friday, the **Dunedin North Charity Scramble**. Planning and details were reviewed.

Doug Campbell closed the meeting with the 5-Way Test.

Golf Tournament was a big success!

We had many volunteers and lots of players, which made for a great day on the course! Best sponsor spot was taken by our Presenting Sponsor, Raymond James, whose tent handled check-in. The Campbell Team set up on hole 10 near the club house with a wine and cooler drawing, won by Toby Hom and Jeff Stolbom. Solvd Realty had the beer to bring players by. Winners for the day included CJ Quiri, closest to the pin; Kert Rhodes, longest drive; Kert, Bobby Dorries, Ryan Nowlin and Donnie Hathaway, low score; Ken Rush, Jason Miller, Joe Trepani and Ben Wampa, 2nd low score; James Gilliam, Richard Gilliam, Norman Hatter and Pete Keish, 3rd low score. The best thing is the money raised, an anticipated \$14,000, that will go back to community non-profits.

Notes from the July 16 Meeting —Sherrie Davis Kinkad

Guests included **Doug Oppenheimer**; **Hayden Richardson** (Tony Mitchell’s grandson), guest of Michael Smith; **Joe Mackin** from Dunedin Cares; and **Christina Botto**, guest of Mark Middleton.

While this note taker Zoomed in, she got to experience how hard it is to hear anyone away from the speaker on Mark’s computer. Something about coffee being spilled on guest Christina, who kept smiling in the face of adversity and that Joe Mackin might just join our club in the future.

Joe came to present the **2nd place peanut award** for civic organizations, smaller than our past two, but now we’ll just need to do better. The **PB&J Drive** raised 64,000 points/pounds for Dunedin Cares, our local food pantry. First place overall went to Garrison Jones Elementary, who had 6400 points/lbs, with second place taken by San Jose Elementary, who had 4400 lbs, all in peanut butter.

Liz Fields of Rotary’s Camp Florida Zoomed in for our program presentation. Many in our club were probably not aware of the jewel we have near Brandon, which began through the efforts of Rotarians. Rotary’s Camp Florida provides a safe, fun space for children and adults with disabilities to learn, grow, and play in a barrier free environment. To find out more, visit <https://rotaryscampflorida.org>.

RI Virtual Convention Wrap-up

Thousands of people experienced friendship and fun at Rotary International’s second straight virtual convention. The event, held 12-16 June 2021, was conducted online after the convention originally planned for Taipei, Taiwan, was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nearly 10,000 people registered for the robust program that included more than 20 guest speakers, informational and inspiring breakout sessions, the interactive House of Friendship, and a variety of engaging virtual activities and entertainment.

During the opening general session, Rotary International President Holger Knaack acknowledged that he was worried about how successful his presidency would be, since he couldn’t visit clubs and projects and provide encouragement and support due to travel restrictions. “But what seemed like a problem turned out to be an advantage,” he said. “By visiting clubs online, I could be everywhere, every day.”

Knaack talked about how rewarding it was to be able to visit clubs and districts around the world in just one day. “In a virtual environment, I could visit a dozen Rotary clubs a week and participate in their projects. It was exciting and rewarding. And I was so proud of the work you did in such difficult times,” he said.

“The pandemic continues to bring great devastation and, for far too many, a very sad ending for

people important to us,” Knaack said. “We must continue to honor those who have passed and do whatever we can to bring this devastation to an end as soon as possible.”

Despite the challenges of the past year, Knaack also highlighted successes, including the historic announcement that the World Health Organization’s African region had been declared free of the wild poliovirus. He encouraged Rotary to build on that positive news by staying focused on our commitment to ending polio worldwide. Until early May of this year, he said, just two cases of wild poliovirus were reported worldwide. Wild poliovirus is still circulating in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus gave a video address to online attendees, crediting Rotary for continuing to focus on polio. “When COVID-19 struck, you didn’t abandon your vision of a polio-free world,” he said. “You redoubled your efforts.”

“The pandemic has highlighted that unprepared and underserved communities anywhere are a threat to health everywhere. Rotarians know this,” Tedros added. “And I want you to know that your investment in public health will inspire future generations to live up to your motto of Service Above Self.”

Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, gave an update on COVID-19 vaccines and spoke about the importance of restoring access to routine vaccinations that were disrupted by the pandemic.

Berkley said 14 COVID-19 vaccines have been approved around the world and more than 1.4 billion people have been vaccinated in the “largest and most complex vaccine development deployment in history.” Gavi is co-leading COVAX, a worldwide initiative aimed at establishing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. By the beginning of next year, Berkley said, more than 1.8 billion doses of the vaccine should be available to people living in the 92 lowest-income countries that otherwise would have limited or no access to the vaccine.

Entertainment included performances by The Filharmonic, an a cappella group featured in the hit movie Pitch Perfect 2; the Hiplet Ballerinas, a hip-hop and classical ballet fusion group; Idris Goodwin, a breakbeat poet and a US Artists Fellow; and DDC Breakdance, a Germany-based dance group. View more at <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/events/convention-images-videos>

Next year the convention will be held in Houston, TX.