



Issue 4: August 4, 2021

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**MEETING TIME/LOCATION:**

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

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The Rotary Club of Dunedin North  
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## Meeting Notes from July 28, 2021 — Sherrie Davis Kinkead

We continue to have a few Zoomers who cannot break away to attend in person: Lynne Faimalie and Eileen McNeill. **Roy Jones** from Eckerd Connects and **Richard Gilliam**, who would leave as a member, were our guests. We had 4 new members greeting: Jennifer Bullock, Joe Mackin, Mel Ora and Doug Oppenheimer. Teresa gave us inspiration and invocation, followed by Kris Gray leading the *Pledge*.

**Happy Bucks:** **Pat Snair** gave us another reason to be known as Champa Bay—our City of Dunedin Pipe Band are now world champs! **Kris Gray** just returned from a 7-day cruise with 1700 vaccinated cruisers and a negative Covid test upon her return. **Priscilla Hoag** wished both US men and women golf teams success in the Olympics. **Gary Coughlin** thanked Roy Jones for speaking today and looked forward to inducting Richard Gilliam. **Steve Schwartz** is still playing tourist after moving to our area and found that he could walk from Clearwater Beach to the tip of Caladesi Island. He also got his Coast Guard Boaters certificate and will gladly practice on anyone's boat. **Sherrie Davis Kinkead** praised Mark Middleton for setting up the Cornhole Tournament website.

**New Member Induction:** **Richard Gilliam** is a Rotarian once more! His first time around was with Clearwater Countryside. Thank you, Dick Spong, for inviting your neighbor to play in the Charity Scramble and then sponsoring him as our newest member. Welcome to our club, Richard!

**Announcements:** Our next **member social** is **August 26** at Clear Sky Draught Haus, 6pm, with all three Dunedin clubs. It's a great time to celebrate our successes, reconnect with Rotarians and brainstorm future projects.

The schedule to **greeters and member spotlights** are on the back of the *Northern Light* bulletin. Please let us know if you cannot make a meeting on your designated day as a spotlight or find another to take your place if you are a greeter.

Jay LeFebvre gave more details on the **Cornhole Tournament** website and will have fliers that can be printed out or emailed.

Don't miss our meeting next week. **Dr. Heywood Mathews**, marine biologist, will speak.

The 3-Dunedin Rotary clubs' **Peace Pole** project should be completed by World Peace Day, September 21, when the dedication is planned. Our club joined in to fund the cost of the Peace Pole and two benches, which will be in Highlander Park. Watch for more details.

PP Mark Middleton invited us to attend the **International Committee meeting** on Monday, Aug. 2, 6pm at Clear Sky Draught Haus, with discussion on the Kibera water project in Africa.

**Birthday memories:** **Mel Ora** is the only member with a birthday in July. His favorite memory? Every birthday, because he's still here!

**Member Spotlight:** **Welch Agnew** was born in Memphis, TN, and was in the hospital for 6 weeks with polio in 1949. Growing up, he played basketball and baseball, with a little football thrown in. He received an appointment to West Point, graduating #1 in his class...alphabetically. He was assigned to Ft. Bragg (NC) where he learned to jump out of airplanes and become a trained killer as a ranger. Assignments in Washington and Detroit followed, along with flight school as he tried to figure out what he wanted to do. 1200 hours in the sky flying a fixed wing in Vietnam came next before he returned to CA and played a lot of golf. Grad school in Madrid for a Masters in Spanish allowed him to return to West Point as an instructor. Vet School at University of TN and a health professional scholarship to Puerto Rico were followed by a position in Copenhagen, where he inspected sardine plants in Scandinavia. Inspections in Greenland, which is huge and NOT green, were toughest, as roads were scarce and planes and boat schedules might



*Greeters Doug, Mel and Jennifer.  
Welch with Jaqueline and John.  
Richard is pinned by friend and  
sponsor, Dick. Roy Jones, our speaker.*

only be weekly. Norway was his favorite country. Back to San Antonio for a Master in Public Health, followed by War College, back to Ft. Bragg, then Ft. Lee (VA) where he was responsible for the safety of commissaries throughout the world. Two years in Korea preceded his assignment to the surgeon general's office in DC. Retirement followed, with a house in Dunedin and another career heading up Pinellas County Animal Services. Welch retired from Pinellas County but still volunteers his vet skills in spaying and neutering cats and dogs. Welch and his wife, Carol Ann, celebrated 55 years of marriage—40 of them together. She went everywhere with him but Vietnam. Asked about moving so many times, Welch said it was a breeze, because the army loads up everything for you. The 23 years spent in Dunedin is the longest he has lived anywhere.

**Foundation Awards:** Welch is also Foundation chair and segued into giving out recently received awards. **Jaquelin Nuila** received her PHF+2 and Prez **John Tornga**, his PHF+1.

**Program: Roy Jones of Eckerd Connects** gave an update on services provided by the organization. While many of us are familiar with Raising Hope, the clothing and supply closet, Eckerd Connects provides much more to troubled youth. A sad statistic: 1/2 of kids in foster care will be homeless, 1/2 of those in prison and 1/2 of those will lose their own children into foster care. Skid Row began in LA, where the services for the poor and hungry were limited to a 4-block radius, stretching 16 blocks today. But Skid Row is not just in LA. It happens everywhere. Eckerd Connects has a presence in 20 states with 140 unique programs and over 2000 employees, whose mission is to connect at-risk kids with opportunities to learn skills and a work ethic to break the cycle of poverty.

**Joe Mackin**, another of our newest Rotarians, did a great job leading us in our **5-Way Test**.

## Rotarian News

**Sue Thomas**, a Tarpon Springs Rotarian with ties to Dunedin, passed away last week after a short illness. Per Sue's wishes, there will be no services. She donated her body to the Florida University system for research purposes and was taken to UCF this past weekend. For solace and comfort, she would grab her camera and go out for a walk in a park, in the neighborhood, in a forest, on the beach. She observed nature in it's finest details - flowers, trees, leaves, birds, insects, spiderwebs - everything could end up in one of her many Facebook photo storybooks! She would be thrilled to know that all of her friends took a little time for a simple walk in nature in her memory.

## Food bags fill void left by pandemic

—By Roger Bjoroy-Karlsen, Rotary Club of Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras

I am on a small boat fully loaded with food bags headed for the people of St. Helene, a small island about two miles long and one mile wide, separated by a canal from the island of Roatan. Roatan is the largest of the Bay Islands located off the northern coast of Honduras.

As the waves are striking our boat, my thoughts wander to the approximate 1,000 people in 218 households who are in need of the food we're delivering. Many of whom have no income because they lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Helene has no roads and no infrastructure. Its people are descendants of African slaves brought by the British to Jamaica and the Cayman Islands who then migrated to Roatan after gaining their freedom in the 1830's.

Last year they got electricity for the first time. And 14 months ago, as the first part of a Rotary global grant, members completed a fresh water project. Phase two of the grant has been approved.

We landed on a Friday in September 2020 at a dock that was built by grant money and the effort of Rotary members. Our trip could not have happened without funds from the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar (Ontario) and the Rotary Club of Evergreen (Colorado).

In addition to the food, we provided 600 N95 masks and 250 face shields to residents of

St. Helene thanks to a donation from Michael McCarry of Mount Sinai Hospitals in New York City. A special thanks to Sterling Lucas and his boat captains who brought us to the island. The islanders received their bags of provisions as they were checked off of a list. They then loaded into their boats and flipped up their umbrellas and went back to their homes either by sea or along crooked paths around the island. The bags will provide each family with enough food to live on for about a month.

## Rotary Around the World

**USA:** In October, about a dozen Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Eau Claire Morning, Wisconsin, along with some of their family members, used a product called Invisible Spray to stencil temporary, water-activated artwork on sidewalks throughout the city. Rainworks, manufacturer of the hydrophobic, nontoxic liquid spray, donated the product, which allows users to create designs that only appear when the sidewalks get wet. At a cost of about \$130, 16 ounces can cover up to 110 square feet. "We thought in the difficult times of the pandemic, we could bring smiles to our community" and inspire other organizations to do the same, says Sarah Stackhouse, a co-president of the club. A "thank you" below an image of a firefighter's hat was traced outside a fire station, while a drawing at the entrance to a theater featured musical notes and suggested "singing in the rain."



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Highway Pick-up – August 14
- Rotary Rays Day – September 19
- World Peace Day & Rotary Peace Pole Dedication – September 21
- Cornhole Tournament – Oct. 3
- Alzheimer's Walk – October 9
- TRF Grants Training – October 9
- World Polio Day – October 24
- Highway Pick-up – November 13
- 50th Anniversary Celebration – November – details to come
- Heart of Dunedin – February 6
- Highway Pick-up – February 12
- District Conference – March 23-26

Spotlights and Greeters		
UPCOMING MEETING DUTIES		
Date	Member Spotlight	Greeters
8/4	George Ann Bissett	Welch Agnew, Jennifer Bullock, Joe Mackin, Mel Ora, Doug Oppenheimer, Richard Gilliam
8/11	Jennifer Bullock	George Ann Bissett, Jennifer Bullock, Joe Mackin, Mel Ora, Doug Oppenheimer, Richard Gilliam
8/18	Doug Campbell	Jennifer Bullock, Joe Mackin, Mel Ora, Doug Oppenheimer, Richard Gilliam
8/25	Mary Beth Carroll	Doug Campbell, Richard Gilliam