

The Northern Light A publication of the Rotary Club of Dunedin North



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



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697 The Rotary Club of Dunedin North (Club #4270) was chartered on November 21, 1971.

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Notes from October 20 Meeting –Sherrie Davis Kinkead

Two corporate member stand-ins were present: **Jody Craig** and **Paulee Bowin**. **Kim Begay** of the Audubon Society came for the second half of her presentation on local birds. Teresa Cordova O'Dea encouraged us to write down our goals if we want to achieve them, then gave the invocation. Prez John Tornga led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Edie Wiseman was our greeter, along with a few other members.

Happy Bucks: Bill Huntley went somewhere where the road was covered with oak trees. Doug Campbell worked the beer truck at OLL Fall Festival, along with Dr. Pat, but he was most happy over celebrating 42 years of marriage to Gwen. Mark Middleton was grateful for the last two mornings, which gave him a beautiful view of a full moon rising over the causeway during his run. Teresa Cordova O'Dea has \$25 tickets to the Dunedin Youth Guild's Tour of Homes on December 4th.George Ann Bissett showed off her tam from Santa Fe, one of many in her collection, and asked for help finding golfers for their upcoming tournament; the pre-Trashy Treasures sale takes place this Saturday at the Cottage location from 10-2. Angie **Eisele** thanked Doug for working the beer truck, because she and Tom had the photo booth at Inverness' 50th anniversary celebration. She highly recommends a day trip to Inverness after seeing the restored courthouse and old theatre used in their celebration. Gary Coughlin will explain corporate memberships to our newer members who were unaware of that category. It's sure to be a topic at the next schedule new member orientation, which Mary Beth Carroll will host. Sherrie Davis Kinkead found buttons in the closet that publicize our club when we wear other organizations' T-shirts-be sure to pick up a few and wear them everywhere. She also agrees that Inverness is quite beautiful and enjoyed working with the Sheriff's Office when handling their account for Roberts Printing. Kert Rhodes returned from Branson, MO, aka "Redneck Central." He played a course that has over 1000 buffalo that roam the courses. His friend jumped the fence to retrieve a ball, but quickly backtracked when all in the herd started lowering their heads.

Announcements: The **Heart of Dunedin** is scheduled for February 6, not the 13th as reported in last week's bulletin.

The **Celtic Festival** is November 20. All volunteers receive a beer ticket, free entry, a T-shirt, and a make-up! Ten are needed for the morning hours and 10 for the afternoon. In addition, we have a membership tent that Gary Coughlin needs help staffing to show people what our club is all about.

Spotlight: Richard Gilliam proves that our members are as interesting as our speakers. Richard started Rotary in 1974 and served as president of the Countryside Club for two terms. He got out of Rotary around 1985 when work took him to Amsterdam and then Dusseldorf. His past company makes beer cans and bottle tops, and even though he retired 12 years ago, he stays involved with those companies that use his patents. He spent most of his life, 55 years, as a husband. He was born in eastern KY, coal country. His father was a miner and carpenter. His grandparents owned a farm, with relatives living along the road. All farmed the same 5 acres, growing vegetables and raising livestock. The land also had 75 apple trees, which they traded at the general store for credit to buy what they didn't raise. He lived in Lynch, a small town owned by US Steel, where students attended a single school and the church was used for services by all the denominations in the town. His father was very talented, and taught him plumbing and carpentry. After graduating, Richard attended the University of KY, where he met his wife. They have two daughters, one son, and 7 grandchildren from ages 8-24. His son joined the Air Force and developed a close relationship with a general, which led him to Lockheed Martin and the pentagon after he left the service. One daughter is a pharmaceutical rep and adopted 3 girls from China. The oldest graduated in May and is working in Fauci's lab before going into pre-med with a focus on Alzheimer's.

Program: Kim Begay returned to tell us more about our local birds, this time focusing on the birds that bring many birdwatchers to our area. The reddish egret, the rarest wading bird in North America, are found in our tidal flats. They almost went extinct when hunters killed them for their feathers. Three Rooker is home to 10,000 nesting birds, including the red knots, which migrate 8-9,000 miles. We learned that the nickname for the snowy egret is "golden slippers". White pelicans do not dive for fish like the brown pelicans. Instead, they hunt like a duck. The county now has signs posted to educate anglers on how to remove hooks and prevent line entanglements with the birds in our area. They



are also cautioned about feeding fish scraps to the pelicans, which is one of the leading causes of injuries.

And our meeting was closed with Richard leading The 5-Way test.

Great Pumpkin Drive Thru

Saturday was a beautiful day for the Halloween event. Our club combined efforts with the downtown club to decorate and wave to the cars and golf carts driving through. Prez John, Sherrie, Mark, Eileen and her friend Ronnie represented Dunedin North. Wendy Barmoor headed up the downtown club's involvement. And let's not forget to mention that mascot, Neptune, also came out to help bark, "Trick or Treat!"







Board Meeting Notes of Note

The biggest topic of discussion was our Nov. 17 breakfast when we celebrate our club's 50 year anniversary. Kris Gray and Pat Snair offered to plan the meeting. Because one hour is not enough time for Rotary information and a great program lined up by Jay LeFebvre, the board approved extending the meeting to 9am. Mayor Julie Bujalski will be present to read the proclamation, along with past members and children of charter member Rotarians who died. The charge for the breakfast will be \$6 per person, which is possible because of the generosity of the Dunedin Golf Club. Approval was given to order 100 stemless tumblers with our 50 Year logo that will be given to members to commemorate our anniversary and used as speaker gifts. Members who want additional tumblers will have a chance to purchase.

The November 21 social was canceled so we can focus on the breakfast, plus many members may have Thanksgiving travel plans that begin on the weekend.

The cornhole financials were presented. We show a net profit of \$8332, thanks to donations of Jay Lefebvre for the cost of the guitar and Mark Middleton for the guitar raffle tickets. The entire amount will be presented to Randy Nilsson for Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

(CART) at our November 3 meeting.

The board also approved donating \$200 to Dunedin's Send a Kid to Camp program, which was the same amount given last year.

Kert Rhodes currently is filling three positions on the board as Presidentnominee, sergeant-at-arms and one-year director. The board approved Jaquelin Nuila to assume his position as one-year director for the balance of 2021-2022.

A budget was presented as part of the financial report but discussion was held until the November board meeting to give time to review.

We have several potential members who have expressed interest in joining our club. Gary Coughlin, who is membership chair, will work on getting applications completed and to the board for approval.

The nominating committee is still working on a slate for 2022-2023.

Many of our members may not be aware of who our officers and board are. We've actually had two replacements approved by the board since the vote last December because of directors who resigned from our club.

Officers and Directors 2021-2022 President: John Tornga PP/Vice President: Mark Middleton President-Elect: Gary Coughlin President-Nominee; Kert Rhodes Co-Secretaries: Kris Gray, Candice Kelly Treasurer: Sherrie Davis Kinkead 1-Year Directors: Kris Gray, Jaquelin Nuila, Teresa Cordova O'Dea 2-Year Directors: Angie Eisele, Jay LeFebvre, Steve Schwartz 3-Year Directors: Alan Gustafson, Dr. Pat Snair, Dick Spong Sergeant-at-Arms: Kert Rhodes

Did You Know?

Celebrate Community, a joint initiative of the four major volunteer service organizations, will launch this year with a focus on local community service during the week of October 10 to 16. Just think what these four clubs can do together!

UPCOMING MEETING DUTIES			
Date	Member Spotlight	Greeters	Speaker
10/27	Drew Gracy	Richard Gilliam	Birthdays and Spotlights and Prez John's Tidbits
11/3	Alan Gustafson	Drew Gracy	Suze MacDonald - Force Blue, veterans assisting in marine and coral reef conservation
11/10	Priscilla Hoag	Alan Gustafson	ТВА
11/17	None	TBD by Breakfast Committee	50th Anniversary Breakfast/ Scott Deitche, Author of <i>Cigar City Mafia</i>