



Issue 6: February 10, 2021

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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The Rotary Club of Dunedin North
(Club #4270) was chartered on
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Meeting Notes from February 3, 2021

Back to in-person feels so good! Those who are out of the habit of coming need to see what a lift in spirits you get from seeing other members in person. While Zoom is great for social distancing, the tables in our room are spaced to make all feel comfortable.

Teresa Cordova O'Dea Zoomed this meeting and started with a very appropriate analogy to ball players this week (spring training is right around the corner) before she gave the invocation, including putting in a word for the Buccaneers (must have worked—they won!).

Kert Rhodes was happy for Mark, who made trips to find the camera for Zooming. **Sherrie Davis Kinhead** was glad to be over 65 and have vaccine 1 done, with the second one scheduled in two weeks. Pat Snair also praised Mark and his technology expertise. **Kris Gray's** happy Mark continues to improve and she received shot 1; she's also proud of a grandson in the Army and a granddaughter who made straight A's and pledged Delta Zeta. **Welch Agnew's** daughter received help from Mark and JoAnn Rooney in buying a house. **Michael Smith** is happy the Douglas property was purchased for a park. **John Tornga** paid to compliment Sherrie on not looking her age (maybe Sherrie should pay John) and congratulate Kris on her grandson's Army career. Prez **Mark Middleton** fined himself for dropping the ball on the camera and logging people in late this morning, but as he stated, a fumble only gives one a chance to recover (and he did it well!). He was also happy about the Douglas property and seeing his letter in the most recent issue of *The Beacon* regarding our club's support of the purchase. I think he was most happy over running 4.2 miles without being out of breath. **Teresa** felt lucky—she misplaced her original story, but next's week's was at hand. **Sherrie** remembered another happy occasion—the 2021-2022 theme of *Serve to Change Lives* was announced by the incoming RI president, which is a great one for John's year. **JoAnn Rooney** joined the others in being glad to have Mark back, then announced that Tracie West of Valspar would speak next week, followed by a program by the Horse Soldiers, one of the first to Afghanistan who now make bourbon. **Jay Pitts** walks his dog on the trail daily and noticed a person sleeping on the bench. He returned to check on the person and now he and his family take food to the homeless woman first thing each day. They are also trying get help for her through HEP. **Eileen** gave a bittersweet buck because while her cat is gravely ill since New Year's, she, with her nursing training, is able to administer the IV that is keeping her cat alive and happy.

Mark was a little out-of-order with the Instagram report that focused on the new theme.

Eddie Wiseman reminded us that **trash pick-up** is scheduled for Saturday, 2/13. Please email her at kewise@verizon.net if you plan to help.

For those who prefer **paper directories**, Sherrie pulled a list off DACdb and emailed the PDF of our members, with contact information, to Mark. If you want a copy, just let Sherrie or Mark know.

Welch Agnew reported that he has a lot of updated and/or new **PHF pins**, but prefers to wait until we are all meeting in person again.

Our program featured two friends of John Tornga who are involved with the **Honor Flights**. Honor Flight of West Central Florida, Inc. ("Honor Flight") was established as a regional hub of the Honor Flight Network in October, 2010. Their mission is to recognize American Veterans for their sacrifice and service by flying them FREE OF CHARGE to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials dedicated in their honor. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill Veterans. Honor Flight is committed to fly Veterans from the Korea, Vietnam, Gulf wars and other conflicts.

The introduction was performed by **Mark Welsh**, who's best friend and golfing buddy is **O'Neil Ducharme**, a veteran of WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars. O'Neil is a first generation American who was born in Canada but moved to Maine when he was young. When O'Neil was 10 years old, he was sitting on the front steps of his church when he saw a gentle in uniform walking. Asking what service, he found out the gentleman was a Marine. So impressed, O'Neil followed him the rest of the day and decided to become a Marine when old enough.

Eight years later, Pearl Harbor was bombed and O'Neil signed up, going from base to base for training, then to San Diego and onward to the south Pacific. He prepared for the invasion of Okinawa with a brief break in New Zealand before the event. After the war, he returned to the US and saw a lady in a Navy uniform. He decided she would be his wife and pursued her until she finally said yes. O'Neil served his country in active and reserve duty until he retired 39 years later in 1985. On Feb. 6, 2016, he lost the love of his life. His friend Mark, worried about his depression, signed him up for Honor Flight. After filling out the paperwork, O'Neil made the trip with 74 vets and his depression floated away as he found a new purpose in life—serving as the head of the ambassadors. He is at the airport early to see the veterans off and back late at night as they return. He thanks God that he is an American and we have the freedoms we do. On Feb. 11, O'Neil turns 96. We are thankful to have to meet O'Neil, who helped make sure we are free, and who makes other veterans feel appreciated and proud of their part in ensuring our freedom endures.

After thanking O'Neil for being an example of service to others, Prez Mark closed out the meeting by leading **The 4-Way Test**.



Have you checked out Rotary Works?

THE MISSION

Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

THE PROJECT

The first Rotary Works program to launch was our Career Development Professional Series, offered on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm Eastern time, via Zoom. Each month includes a session with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These "mentors" will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Interested Rotarians and Rotaractors may also request the help of a one-on-one coach to assist with and accelerate their career transition plans.

Coming this spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a "Job Board," where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources.

Finally, we are establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

The potential to help those in need is a top priority for us. Rotarians helping Rotarians in career development is the essence of Vocational Service.

SUPPORT THE IMPACT FUND

If you're able, please contribute to the Impact Fund, which will provide grants to Rotarians in need due to unanticipated career transition. To contribute to the Impact Fund, make your check out to Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation ("Impact Fund" in the memo field) and mail to P.O. Box 785, Troy, NC 27371.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Rotary Works: Building Your Personal Brand - February 10, 2021

Rotary Works: Essential Tech Tools for Marketability - March 10, 2021

Rotary Works: So You Want to be Your Own Boss? - April 14, 2021

Polio experience helps with Covid procedures

By Dawn Rochelle, governor of Rotary District 7730

Looking at the newest update on COVID-19 in November, my fellow governors in North Carolina, USA, felt we had to do something. Having been a part of two National Immunization Day trips to India in 2015 and 2019 with Zone 33 regional Rotary Foundation coordinator Nancy Barbee, I knew that Rotarians had the ability to respond with a vaccine on the horizon. The global polio eradication partnership gives a blueprint that provides strategy that is effective in any community. Rotary can be a part of the COVID-19 response strategy in the same way it has been for polio and other viruses.

Together, our six district governor classmates, part of the Zone 33/34 "Flamingos," came together by contacting the Office of the Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) offering support based on our past work to eradicate polio. From these initial conversations, the beginning of a coordinated strategy has emerged that involves more than 12,200 Rotarians in North Carolina standing ready to help when called upon.

Rotarians across the state are receiving information to elevate their confidence in the vaccines available and answer their questions. This will better equip them to provide guidance and build confidence in others, as Rotarians are looked up to as leaders in their communities. The more we have thought space together, the better. View the webinar we held 21 January with the Department of Health and Human Services at <https://vimeo.com/504959100>.

We sent the link to the presentation along with materials to all participating Rotarians to review and share with their clubs: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/COVID19-Vaccine-101-Deck-Final.pdf>

Additionally, Rotary has offered to support local health departments, who are actively vaccinating North Carolinians. Our district governors have coordinated points of contacts for Health and Human Services for all 85 local health departments. The state department has sent this list out to all local departments. Support will look different in different communities, but can include food trays for health workers and volunteers so they can eat and not spend extra time getting food, assistance with check in processes, helping with vaccinations if you are a health worker, providing data entry support, and helping with traffic control, in conjunction with local law enforcement.

Just think what could happen if all states used the power of Rotary.