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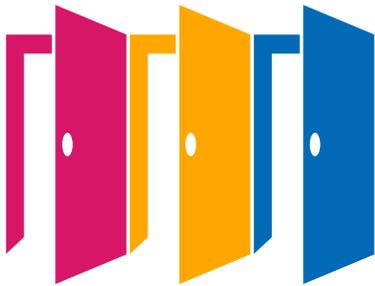
# The Northern Light

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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.

### MAILING ADDRESS:

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

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[DunedinNorthRotary.org](http://DunedinNorthRotary.org)

## Meeting Notes from January 13, 2021

We have 11 in-person attendees now! Just 9 more on a regular basis and we can discuss meeting with a breakfast served. Consider coming in-person as a regular, even without food being served. The fellowship and unmuted conversation is wonderful. Masks are welcome and we socially distance at your comfort level.

Before her invocation, Teresa compared the ingredients in a cake, such as oil, flour and raw eggs, that taste “yucky” when eaten alone but wonderful when mixed together and baked to life with trials and tribulations. You must trust that all the bad will culminate in something wonderful. Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prez Mark related how Teddy bears and care bags helped infants and young children in England, with \$40,000 raised for the service project.

Happy bucks always focus on sports at the time of the year, and Dick seem to catch the most ribbing as Ohio State lost to Alabama, by quite a bit. Not sure who muted Jay when he played and danced to the Alabama fight song, and Gary gave \$5 in shame bucks for betting on Ohio State, a team he loathes who played a team he despises. John wore a red shirt and so did Kert, and Dick tried to save grace by saying that it's not bad being #2. Mary Beth achieved a first... her first speeding ticket received in Carrollwood as she rushed to a birthday party. The ticket is even more costly as she pledged to throw in a \$10 fine with her club dues. Kert is happy to host the golf tournament committee's first meeting tomorrow, which will be attended by Gary, Mark and Dick. Mark your calendars for April 16. Mark thought he was dying from brain cancer the past two weeks based on symptoms experienced; with help from Dick, he was able to find a doctor who alleviated his fears by diagnosing a very bad ear infection. Mark took a lot of ribbing because of his fear of needles, and hence doctors.

Mark is heading up a strategic planning session this Saturday at the Dunedin Golf Club, 10am-1pm, over lunch. Those who prefer to not come in person may Zoom.

Our guest speaker today, Kim Dowdy, a fellow Rotarian from Greenville, MS, is the community development manager for the Delta Health System. She also happens to be Gary Coughlin's sister and president-nominee slated to serve as president of her club the same year as Gary serves as ours. Greenville is a small city of 24,000 in a county of 54,000. With Covid-19, the rural hospitals are struggling with many having to close. The cost of caring for a Covid patient with elective surgeries being postponed, was too much for many. Delta Health was one of the first to have free, drive-thru testing regardless of age or number in the car. Delta also opened RICUs (respiratory intensive care units) and developed telehealth services.

Kim touted the work of Dr. Maroun El Hayeck, who developed an infusion “cocktail” of drugs to treat Covid patients that lessens the length of hospital stay and/or risk of death. Although some find it controversial, out of 130 patients treated, only 1 was hospitalized and none died.

Dr. Bill Huntley spoke up about one misconception on billing and charges: labeling a patient as having Covid does not warrant higher payments. Adding codes for such things as ICU care, ventilator need, etc. is what generated higher charges.

One comment by Kim... It's ironic that liquor stores were considered essential services while dentistry wasn't when the country was forced to shut down.

After questions were answered and comments made, Prez Mark closed with *The 4-Way Test*.

**PDG Tim Schuler joins RLI International Inaugural BOD**

(Evanston IL) – January 15, 2021 Under the direction of Michael McGovern, Rotary International Chair and Past Rotary International Vice President, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) International will seat its inaugural board of directors this month. Two Rotarians from the RLI Sunshine Division (covering Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean) have been tapped to serve on this new board: Past District Governor Timothy Schuler of District 6950 and Past District Governor Margie Kersey of District 6900.

Schuler and Kersey will join eighteen other Rotarians from around the world on the new board. The inaugural board has been charged with developing by-laws, reviewing procedures and creating policies for the organization. The goal is to create a consistent product that serves the needs of the Rotarians and member Districts.

Schuler is a real estate attorney in Seminole, Florida. He was instrumental in the founding of RLI Sunshine Division in 2005. Schuler, along with other like-minded leaders, organized the eight Florida districts and then applied to become a Division. Tim continues to serve RLI Sunshine as a Discussion Leader and General Counsel. He has served in multiple positions, including twice as the Chair of Sunshine Division – the only member to do so.

#### **ABOUT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

Founded in 1992, RLI delivers training to over 400 Rotary districts around the world, operating successfully and efficiently with a small group of dedicated people who volunteer their time and experience. Michael McGovern, Rotary International Chair and Past Rotary International Vice President, took the helm in 2020 after the retirement of founding Chair, Past Rotary International Director David Linett.

#### **ABOUT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SUNSHINE DIVISION**

RLI Sunshine Division is one of the biggest and most successful RLI Divisions, serving fourteen Districts in Florida and Georgia as full members and one District in Alabama as an online-only member. Currently, Sunshine is operating the most successful online RLI program in North America.

The Seminole Lake Rotary Club is proud of our leader and long-time member Tim Schuler!!! Congratulations Tim for this accomplishment! Schuler can be reached at [tcs@timschulerlaw.com](mailto:tcs@timschulerlaw.com).

### **Rotarian's push for Alzheimer's research is personal**

Rotarian Randy Nilsson, the chair of our district's CART Fund, recently emailed an update on donations this year. Many who received the email may not know how Rotary's participation began.

The Coins for Alzheimer's Research (CART) Fund provides funds for cutting edge research to cure Alzheimer's disease and 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.

The Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of representatives from the Rotary districts that support the program. It is a 501(C)3 organization, Federal ID #31-1466051. The Fund is chartered as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of South Carolina.

Alzheimer's Disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. It is currently ranked as the 6th leading cause of death in the USA, but recent estimates indicate it may rank 3rd just behind heart disease and cancer.

If you have a family member or friend who has or have had dementia or Alzheimer's Disease, you are aware of how this illness destroys the person and affects those around them. It is simply devastating. Randy's participation and drive are very personal. Randy's dad suffered with Alzheimer's Disease for more than 10 years

and before he passed, did not even recognize his wife of more than 50 years or his children. We had two members of our club pass away due to complications of Alzheimer's, Neal Popham and John Wylde. Neal participated in a study after being diagnosed, hoping to help others in the future. Neal handled the progression of the disease with his typical sense of humor, greeting several of us at Woody Register's funeral with a hearty handshake, saying he didn't remember us but was glad to see us. A former Red Badger, Ken Beard, was devoted to his wife, who suffered from Alzheimer's, and brought her to our meetings several times before she passed away.

### **Rotary Cares About the Environment**

RI and Rotarians are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

Will climate change bring more poverty? Will we be able to stop its worst effects? Former Rotary scholars and peace fellows who studied environmental issues offer their thoughts. [Read more...](#)

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. See what members are doing now to protect the environment. [Read more...](#)

Tackling a contentious issue in rancorous times, the Citizens' Climate Lobby brings an evenhanded approach to advocacy. [Read more...](#)