

Rotary



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.

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The Rotary Club of Dunedin North
(Club #4270) was chartered on
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Meeting Notes from January 20, 2021

We were missing our leader, Prez Mark Middleton, at our last meeting as our club was forced into an only-Zoom meeting after the Dunedin Golf Club canceled all indoor meetings due to Covid infections at the club. Unfortunately, Mark also received a positive Covid test on Sunday and is feeling the effects more than he likes. PE-Nominee Gary Coughlin stepped up to the place and hosted the weekly meeting. He did a fine job and got a taste of duties he assumes in about 18 months. Teresa prayed after giving advice to keep company with people who uplift you; you are what you think; and to have a friend, be a friend. Gary was a little out-of-order on the Rotary minute, giving it after the happy bucks, but we heard how 3 clubs partnered in Maine to donate PPE to an organization that helps children in need with developmental disabilities.

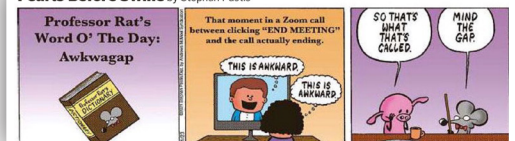
Priscilla is officially homeless in NY after her home sold and the check deposited in a safe place. **Jay** did something this past weekend he claims all Alabama red necks like almost as much as AL winning... going fishing! **Gary**, still feeling sorry for Dick about his team's loss, put in \$2 to cheer him up. **Sherrie** was happy to play tennis with a friend this week who had open heart surgery about 5 months ago and was just cleared to pick up her racquet again. **Kert** has begun working on the golf tournament details with his inaugural committee that he needs all our support to make a success. **Gary**, also on the committee, wants to return this fundraiser to an annual event. **Lynne** may have been one of our first members to get a vaccine shot and is looking forward to her second so she's in the clear for the birth of her second grandchild in early spring.

All members were invited to stay on Zoom for our **January board meeting**. Sherrie gave news that **Ann Shepherd**, who was Dunedin's librarian for years, passed away from Covid 19. Her husband, **Tim**, a former member, is in intensive care.

Our program this week was given by **Sandra Erickson**, who is a member of the **Dunedin Youth Guild**. Many of us may not know everything the Youth Guild is involved with other than the events that Rotarian Teresa sells tickets for, such as the Tour of Homes and Fashion Show Tea. Marie Beaty is currently president but was working and could not Zoom in. DYG helps several non-profits, choosing one activity per month, such as providing diapers to Dunedin Cares, participating in Clothes to Kids' Drop Your Drawers, donating school supplies for children, etc. A little known fact is that the DYG started the tradition of a Christmas parade in Dunedin. They help with youth sports, the Community Center youth room, the Rotary Nature Center on Honeymoon Island, scouting program and the US Naval Suncoast Sea Cadets. Their scholarship program awarded 9 scholarships worth \$38,000 last year, which is renewed yearly for the four years of college as long as the student achieves a 3.0 GPA. The scholarships are awarded to students who attend a Dunedin school or live in Dunedin. One of their largest fundraisers is the Christmas Tour of Homes, helped virtually this year. Former Rotarian Steve Beaty, husband of Marie, posted videos of the homes online along with sponsor ads. Gary Greer did the videography for free. Additional money was raised with an auction and sale of handmade cards and ornaments. Sandra closed by relating that the first Dunedin Youth Guild playground was pitched to former member, Pat Kennedy, who was head of Parks & Rec. Questions brought out that while all current members are women, men can join, too. They meet the third Tuesday of the month and dues are \$20/year. If interested in Zooming in, send an email via their website to receive the Zoom link.

Join us next week for Colin O'Brien, our Red Badger from across the pond, who is always entertaining. And the meeting was closed with Gary leading *The 4-Way Test*.

Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis



January Board Meeting Items of Interest

The main topic at the board meeting was our upcoming golf tournament scheduled for April 16. Kert's plans to coordinate with the Dunedin Golf Club is delayed after the club manager was diagnosed with Covid. The committee currently is building the framework for sponsorships and foursome costs, referencing the fees of the golf tournament put on by Safety Harbor and Dunedin Waterside.

Upcoming programs include Colin O'Brien on January 27 and a WWII vet on Feb. 3.

Our strategic planning session last weekend was postponed. John Tornga offered to facilitate when we reschedule, hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

We have a CD at First Citizens Bank that is maturing February 14 and need to decide whether to roll it over or move the funds elsewhere.

Covid-19 projects in the US

On July 22nd, 2020 the **Oak Ridge Rotary Club** (TN) members volunteered for the Aid to Distressed Counties of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) School Supplies program. This program provides backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for kids who are eligible. COVID changed the program slightly this year, so they did not get to pack the backpacks due to safety concerns. The club picked up the backpacks and school supplies and delivered them to the school for the teachers and counselors to prepare for the students at the Glenwood Elementary School. Supplies were delivered for 96 students to start the school year successfully with all their supplies.



Grant Funded: Rotarians in Chicago area finished delivering 264 iPads with Bumper Guards in time for Thanksgiving to 47 nursing homes, 21 acute care and safety net hospitals, 2 pediatric hospitals, 1 VA hospital, 2 hospice centers, 1 behavioral health hospital, 1 long term care hospital, and 4 emergency units in hospitals. Most hospitals are restricting visitors and nursing home residents have been on lockdown 258 days so iPads meet a need of patients, residents, families, and healthcare providers. iPads are used for: communication among patients, nursing home residents, and their loved ones while in isolation or at end of life; telehealth between nursing home residents, staff, and clinicians for health consultations for routine care and when a nursing home resident is experiencing a rapid decline in their health; communication and support between domestic violence organizations and victims in the emergency room and the hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE).

GRANT FUNDED: A gift to the Franciscan Health Foundation's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Fund from the **Michigan City Rotary Club** will help the hospital to remotely monitor discharged patients, assisting their recovery. The \$5,070 donation will cover the cost of 200 pulse oximeters, which will be part of COVID kits sent home with patients who are discharged from the hospital. The kits allow physicians to remotely monitor the vital signs of patients, ensuring that they're recovering well at home or providing a signal that additional treatment may be needed.

GRANT FUNDED: The YMCA of **Kalamazoo** received District and Club grants for a crisis food program and emergency childcare for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although now transitioned into Summer Day Camp, the YMCA offered an Emergency Child Care program for essential workers who must keep doing their job in order to keep the community functioning. This included health care workers, first responders, government employees, and others providing critical services and infrastructure to keep others safe and well. The Emergency Child Care program consists of supervised recreation, academic enrichment, healthy snacks, and social support for school-age children in families who are affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo was also the COVID-19 Food Grant Recipient: "District 6360 Helps Feed Our Community."

The **Kissimmee Rotary Club** wanted to honor and recognize their essential workers in different sectors that have worked tirelessly during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is

their way of saying "thank you" and that they see them, and truly appreciate their efforts to support their community everyday through out the roles that they do each day. The signs have been placed around the Cities of Kissimmee and St. Cloud to show support for these essential workers and to promote Rotary.



Every year, Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Canton** (GA)



participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record childhood literacy initiative to set a new record for reading the same book on the same day. Canton Rotarians love to read to the students at Hasty Elementary School Fine Arts Academy, the Rotary club's Partner in Education. However, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented our Canton Rotarian Readers from being able to read to the students in person this year. So, Canton Rotarians, being People of Action, are reading virtually for 2020 Read for the Record Day on Thursday, October 29. The Jumpstart-selected book this year is "Evelyn Ray is Moving Away" by Meg Medina, a touching story about a first childhood friendship interrupted when Evelyn moves away with her family. Jumpstart promotes the book as "a celebration of lasting friendship, the power of connection, and encountering change."

GRANT FUNDED:

Unshattered is a local non-profit organization that empowers Women in recovery to develop their job skills, find their strengths and prepare for their future. **LaGrange Sunrise Rotary Club** (NY)'s donation purchased material for these women to make COVID-19 masks that were distributed to local Healthcare workers and Professionals.

