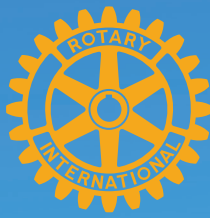


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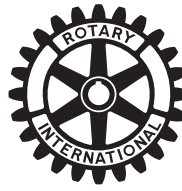
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## Welcome to the Rotary Club of New Port Richey

### December 16, 2020

Today we welcome our very own John Stewart.

*Due to the Christmas Holiday there will be*  
**NO LUNCH MEETING NEXT WEEK  
DECEMBER 23**

— AND —

*Due to the New Year Holiday there will be*  
**NO LUNCH MEETING  
DECEMBER 30.**

*Our next Lunch Meeting will be*  
**JANUARY 6, 2021**

He loved everything about Kentucky including Kentucky bourbon and the Kentucky Derby. He went to Dentistry School at the University of Louisville where he met his partner Dave Thompson. Gary said, "Dave had all the qualities of a great Rotarian and a great story teller. He would embellish a story more each time he told it." Dave was a great sportsman, fisherman (both line and spear fishing). He loved golf and racketball. Gary said, "He was very competitive and loved to win."

Dave Thompson spoke about how they met at the University and how they were looking for a place to open their business and Don Cadle begged them to come to New Port Richey. They settled in and after being in business together for 40 years they sold it in 2016.

Don Cadle then spoke about what a great dentist Dave was saying, "He was an asset to the community, a great diver and a great friend."

It was a very touching and heart-warming meeting honoring a great Rotarian and friend. He will be missed. To quote Evie Parks, "RIP brother Dave. Heaven is ready for you, but our hearts are not."

the past and will shop at the Wal-Mart in Hudson or on-line.

2. Shoppers will wrap the presents that they purchase and there will be no wrapping party.
3. Shoppers will coordinate with their family by phone for a delivery on December 21st or December 22nd and will either deliver the presents themselves or delivery by seeking assistance from other Rotarians. The dates are important as the Gift Certificate to Winn Dixie has to be used before Christmas Eve.
4. The delivery person will not enter the home of the family and will be masked at all times during delivery.
5. There will be some additional instructions as we go forward.

This is asking a lot more of the Shoppers but the Committee is trying to minimize the threat and still fulfill the vision of John Hudson's Christmas for the needy families.

Thank you,

The JEH Rotary Santa Committee

### Last Week

Our program last week was honoring our Fellow Rotarian and friend, Dave Shelton, who passed away on December 6th.

Bruce Mills read a letter from Brent Simon. Gary Gann spoke about Dave and what a great family man and true Kentuckian that he was.

### John Hudson Rotary Santa

The John Hudson Rotary Santa project is as impacted by the virus as other community events. The Committee has responded by implement some significant changes.

1. Shoppers will be assigned families as in

### Blood Drive

There is always a great need for blood, and between the holiday season and Covid 19, the need is even greater. It costs you nothing and you get a free health check up including a cholesterol test and a test to see if you have Covid as well as if you have the antibodies. It is scheduled for December 17 from 12:30 to 3:00.

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### MONDAY

Dade City..... 12:00  
Kafe Kokopelli

### TUESDAY

East Pasco Sunset..... 6:30 pm  
Al's Pizza  
Holiday ..... 12:00  
The Widow Fletcher's

### WEDNESDAY

Zephyrhills Daybreak..... 7:00 am  
First United Methodist Church  
New Port Richey..... 12:15  
Spartan Manor  
Palm Harbor..... 12:15  
Leo's Italian Grill  
Land O' Lakes/  
Wesley Chapel..... 12:15  
Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club  
West Pasco Sunset..... 6:00pm  
Whiskey River On The Water  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

### THURSDAY

Seven Springs..... 7:30am  
Seven Springs Country Club  
Hudson ..... 12:00  
CARES Rao Musunuru, M.D.  
Enrichment Center  
Zephyrhills..... 12:15  
Zephyrhills Rotary Youth Bldg.,  
Shepard Park  
Tarpon Springs..... 12:15  
Cypress Run Country Club  
Spring Hill Central ..... 12:15  
Beef O'Brady's

### FRIDAY

Port Richey..... 12:00  
The Columbian  
Trinity ..... 12:15  
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For traveling Rotarians, a complete listing  
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**July** - Start of new year with new  
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**August** - Membership and New  
Club Development  
**September** - Basic Education and  
Literacy  
**October** - Economic and  
Community Development  
**November** - Rotary Foundation

**December** - Disease Prevention  
and Treatment  
**January** - Vocational Service  
**February** - Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution  
**March** - Water and Sanitation  
**April** - Maternal and Child Health  
**May** - Youth Services  
**June** - Rotary Fellowships Month

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Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



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## Immediate Downsizing Measures Employed

The recent announcement that Donner and Blitzen have elected to take the early reindeer retirement package has triggered a good deal of concern about whether they will be replaced, and about other restructuring decisions at the North Pole.

Streamlining is due to the North Pole's loss of dominance of this season's gift distribution business. Home shopping channels, the Internet, Amazon, and mail order catalogs have diminished Santa's market share. He could not sit idly by and permit further erosion of the profit picture.

The reindeer downsizing was made possible through the purchase of a late model Japanese sled for the CEO's annual trip. Improved productivity from Dasher and Dancer—who will retrain at the Harvard Business School—is anticipated. Reduction in reindeer will also lessen airborne environmental emissions for which the North Pole has received unfavorable press.

I am pleased to inform you that Rudolph's role will not be disturbed. Tradition still counts for something at the North Pole.

## Office Holiday Memo

To: All Employees  
From: Management  
Subject: Office conduct during the Christmas season

- Effective immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance

with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).

- Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.
- Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden (it runs up an incredible long distance bill)
- Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah humbug."
- Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.
- All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.
- Egg nog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.
- In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday.

*Last year I actually saw some flying reindeer. And that's the last time I put homemade moonshine in my eggnog.*



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## KNOW-tary

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1. Who said, "The brand of Rotary is the message of what we stand for – our knowledge, our commitment to the community, our expertise in solving social issues."?
2. In 1958 what 13-year-old recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"?
3. What is represented by the following?

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The answers will be published in next week's bulletin. A drawing will be held the first Wednesday of the month from all members who submitted correct answers for the previous month.  
(If a member has four correct answers for the month, their name will be in the drawing four times).

## KNOWTARY ANSWERS!!!

### Last Week's KNOW-tary:

1. In South Texas they call Elaine Hernandez the "Hunger Lady."
2. Mistletoe is the official floral emblem of Oklahoma.
3. What is represented by the following?  
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Charlie Rogers announced recently that monies donated to the Annual Fund (PHF) are now being matched by the District. The match is for all monies given between \$200 and \$500. If you only have \$200 in your account, \$400 from you and a \$400 match from the District will make you a Paul Harris Fellow or upgrade to a multiple PHF. Recently Nanci Larson received her PHF+3. Congratulations Nanci!

## Gulf High Donation

Gulf High School received a donation from our Club and sent us the following:

"A special thank you and with the greatest appreciation to the New Port Richey Rotary on their generous donation to Gulf High School Athletics. It is great to be a Buccaneer and live in this amazing community. On behalf of our students and coaches, thank you Mr. Parrish and all the members of the New Port Richey Rotary that helped make this possible."

## Acts Of Christmas Kindness Christmas Warmth

Nichole Philipps shared a Christmas story she received about a down-on-her-luck mother and son with the Grand Forks Herald. The two had been thinking about the cold, t-shirt-clad boy that had served them that day at the Wendy's drive-through when they received a generous holiday gift from their local church. Speeding off to Walmart, the pair spent their present on a jacket, afterwards heading back to Wendy's to surprise the boy with his gift.

"But you don't even know me," he protested as he received their generosity.

"Doesn't matter. I know you needed a coat," the mother replied.

## A Car For Christmas

Reggie's brother gave him an automobile as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve Reggie came out of his office, and saw a street urchin admiring his shiny new car.

"Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Reggie nodded in affirmation, "My brother gave it to me for Christmas."

The boy was surprised. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you anything? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated. Reggie knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like the one Reggie has. But what the lad said was far beyond Reggie's expectation. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

For a few seconds words failed Reggie and then he impulsively added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned towards Reggie. His eyes were glowing and he said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?" Reggie smiled a little. He thought he understood what the lad wanted. He wanted to show it off to his neighbors that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Reggie was wrong again.

"Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked. He ran up the steps. In a little while Reggie heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little brother who was physically challenged. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car. "There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And some day I'm going to give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Reggie got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. His brother whose eyes were gleaming with joy climbed in beside him and the three of them embarked on a memorable holiday ride.

That Christmas Eve, Reggie learned what Jesus meant when he said: "It is more blessed to give..."

## 11/18/20 MEETING

### MEMBERS IN PERSON - 22

Gail Armstrong, Mike Bishop, Bob Carroll, Gary Gann, Chris Ghissoon, Charlie Grant, Frank Grey, John Herig, Bonnie Howard, Laura Kinkead, Theo Koutsos, Nanci Larson, Mark Mathews, Carol McCormick, Bruce Mills, Tom Mitchell, Carol Parris, Derek Pontlitz, Charlie Rogers, Farhan Siddiqi, Greg Smith, Patti Templeton

### MEMBERS ON ZOOM - 24

Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Charles Anderson, Gary Amundson, Don Cadle, Kurt Conover, Sue Dillinger, Merl Faupel, Brenda Glass, Jeromy Harding, Amanda Hart, Carolyn Hersh, Mary Julian, Tia Magnus, Debbie Manns, Craig McCart, Tom O'Neill, Evie Parks, Reinhard Seipp, Allen Sigmon, Shelita Stuart, Woody Tucker, Tim Wilfong, Rich Williams, Carlos Zubillaga

### GUESTS - 2

Paula, wife and guest of Gary Gann  
Dr. David Thompson joined us on Zoom

### KNOW-TARY

Know-tary had six correct answers submitted by Charlie Rogers, Mary Rogers, Brenda Glass, Nanci Larson, Kurt Conover and Evie Parks.

The Know-tary winner for October, sponsored by Carol McCormick with George's Wholesale Tire Pros was Nanci Larson.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Theresa Benjamin, December 16  
Joe Karl, December 22  
John Herig, December 23  
Bobbie Lowrey, December 29  
Tom Mitchell, December 29  
Kristine Bigelow, December 30  
Gina Taylor (Aguis) December 31  
Heike Seipp, January 1  
Brenda Glass, January 4  
John Skelton, January 4  
Bob Steinke, January 4

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Stan & Jeanne Mills, December 19  
Doug & Becca Benjamin, December 22  
Walt & Lauzanne Casson, December 25  
Greg & Julis Gay, December 29  
Bruce & Monica Mills, December 29  
Tyson & Julia Brown, January 6

## CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Lee Koutsos, December 17 (6 years)  
Don Lynch, December 19 (2 years)  
Brenda Glass, December 21 (9 years)  
Gary Gann, January 1 (32 years)  
Brian Kehoe, January 4 (15 years)

## WILD GAME DINNER MEETINGS

WGD Chair Mark Wickham and Co-Chair Reinhard Seipp have a tentative schedule for the WGD meetings. Dates are as follows, locations to be determined. Red Badges are encouraged to attend these meetings as well as the chairs of the different committees.

January 5, 2021	February 2, 2021
January 12, 2021	February 9, 2021
January 19, 2021	February 16, 2021
January 26, 2021	February 23, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DUE TO COVID-19, EVENTS BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION**

**BLOOD DRIVE - December 17, 2021**

12:30pm to 3:0pm - Spartan Manor

**SAVE THE DATE - April 10, 2021**

Chasco Boat Parade. Theme will be the Roaring 20's, same as this year's cancelled event.

**SAVE THE DATE - April 10, 2021**

Chasco Country Concert

**SAVE THE NEW DATE - May 29, 2021**

Rotaract Beer & Wine Festival

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