



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday August 1st 2019—12:15 P.M.**  
**Volume #6 Edition 2019–2020**



**This Week's Agenda:**

- ✿ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✿ Singing of *God Bless America* or *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✿ Rotary Prayer: **Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert**
- ✿ Rotarian & Guest Introductions: **David Allen, & Doug O.**

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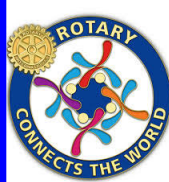
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**Trivia Questions:**

1. What is the capital of Kentucky?
2. What U.S. state has the longest border with Canada?
3. What U. S. state has the shortest border with Mexico?
4. What playing card was once known as “the Devil’s Bedposts?”
5. What two suits are the one-eyed jacks in a deck of cards?
6. Who did Winston Churchill succeed as British Prime Minister at the outbreak of World War II?



**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

Aug 6th	Board Meeting
Aug 8th	Jim Fikkert P/C
Aug 15th	Jim Hammond P/C
Aug 20th	Board Meeting
Aug 22nd	Kenny Krauss P/C
Aug 29th	Joe Kolodziej P/C
Sept 5th	Cory Krauss P/C
Sept 12th	District Governor visit

**Missed Last Week:**

Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
Dr. Pal Nanda	Tami Scheele
Yvonne Fay	Paul Scheele
Barbara MacKellar	Jana Vrettos
David Sideri	Jimmy Hammond
Chantel Wonder	Doug Oppenheimer
Starlyn Fikkert	Theresa Pinnix
Phil England	

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Dr. Pal Nanda.....7/19...  
David Sideri.....7/24...  
Kevin Krauss.....8/02...

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Alex Cruise.....Friend of David Allen

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Jana & Louie Vrettos..... 7/02....14 Yrs  
Josh & Stephanie Astarita...7/07....12 Yrs

**Rotary connects the World!**

### **This Weeks Program:**

**Program Chairman Kenny Krauss** will be with us in spirit while on his Alaskan cruise. On his behalf, his brother, **Jerry Krauss**, will introduce “**The Silly Sinatras,**” a singing group that performs at retirement homes and assisted living centers. It’s all about the chickens! All of the money that the group earns is donated to feed the poor through the distribution of frozen roasting chickens, eggs, and non-perishable products to four local area food banks.



### **Next Weeks Program:**

**Program Chairman Jim Fikkert** will introduce **Lodewijk van den Berg**, who is originally from The Netherlands. He holds a Masters and Ph.D. in Applied Science from the University of Delaware, and is currently employed as the **Chief Scientist with Constellation Technology Corporation** in Largo, Florida.



In 1985, he served as a Payload Specialist Astronaut, and also conducted crystal growth experiments in the reduced gravity environment of outer space while aboard the Shuttle and the Space Station. He specializes in the growth of single crystals of mercuric iodine from which nuclear detectors can be fabricated that can operate at ambient temperatures.

**Group photo of this years’  
June 16th through June 22nd  
participants in the Seminar  
For Tomorrow’s Leaders  
(S4TL).**

**(July 18th Program)**



## Last Week's Program;

**Program Chairman Jerry Krauss**, a “true giant among men,” introduced **George Linardos, CFA, CAIA**, and Senior Vice President and **East Regional Manager of Regions Bank**. He leads a team of 10 portfolio managers and staff providing integrated investment advice and management for private bank, fiduciary and not-for-profit relationships.

Mr. Linardos has 30 years experience in the Investment management industry. He is a voting member of the firm's Asset Allocation Working Group.

Prior to joining Regions in 2001, he spent 16 years at INVEST Financial Corporation in Tampa, Florida managing the Research and Due Diligence Department.

George gave a very informative and interesting speech on the state of the economy in this country compared to the rest of the world. An interesting fact to all of us that the interest rate on 100 year bond in Switzerland is -2%. In Germany a 10 year bond is 0%.

The economy is presently in a 10 year growth period. The Federal Reserve is currently proposing to cut interest rates, which is highly unusual, considering a low unemployment rate of 3.7% and a healthy stock market growth. He indicates that there are signs that the manufacturing sector is slowing down or weakening.

The expected growth rates for 2019 (2.1%) and 2020 (1.8%) are steady.



## Happy Events - by Janet Waddell

**Joe Kolodziej:** Happy to be here today.

**Kevin Krauss:** Happy that he and Mary Ann will be leaving on their Alaskan Cruise tomorrow. Also Happy Birthday to his son, Cory.

**Chris Patel:** Happy Belated Birthday to her nephew, Cory. She is also happy to see her grandson growing and learning new things like crawling and standing up in his crib. Her daughter had to lower the crib bed so he wouldn't fall out!

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy to have his friend, George Linardos, here as our speaker today.

**Kenny Krauss:** Happy & Sad Dollars: Sad to have lost his wife, but glad that family and friends are having him over for dinner. Had Dinner on Sunday at Chris' house and on Wed at Janet's house.

**Ken Bray:** Happy that his friend, Richard Breske, had a few extra dollars to loan him today, because Ken forgot to bring his wallet with him!

**Richard Breske:** Happy \$2. For the last few weeks as he finished working in the yard, all hot and sweaty, he has been jumping onto the pool to cool off. This week, all he needed was to take a bar of soap out with him and the rain would take care of the rest!

**Don Higgins:** Happy \$ for all who joined the new Rotary Facebook page and paid the club \$20.

**David Allen:** Happy \$80 donated by all who joined the Facebook site. Plus another \$ to celebrate getting his braces off. Now he can talk clearly again.

**Jim Plunkett:** A Happy \$ for his wife, Linda, who severely sprained her ankle recently. Hoping it will be healthy enough for dancing when they go to Argentina later this year. Also another happy \$ to celebrate moving in to their new house here in Dunedin.

## Board Meetings:

Board Meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, beginning on Tuesday, August 6th.

## Words of Wisdom

**“Don't count the days,  
make the days count.”**

*Muhammad Ali*

## Club Buddies

David Allen	Richard Breske
Chantel Wonder	Jim Fikkert
Jana Vrettos	Theresa Pinnix
Wendy Sideri	Starlyn Fikkert
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
Doug Oppenheimer	Harry Alchin
Kenny Krauss	Hope Peterson
Christine Patel	Jim Plunkett
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Buddy Brown	Jeff MacKellar
Joe Kolodziej	Phil England
Jimmy Hammond	Tami Scheele
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Paul Scheele	Dr Pal Nanda
Barbara MacKellar	Josh Astarita
Jerry Wennlund	
h Sandy Donaghy	h Donna Cloud
h Dolores Caunitz	h Carolyn Burns

**50/50 Winner:** Cory Krauss won the prize for \$6. and donated it back to the club. Grand Jackpot starts at \$158.

