



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
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This Week's Agenda:

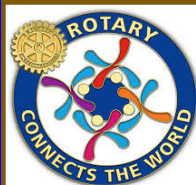
- ✿ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✿ Singing of *God Bless America* or *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✿ Rotary Prayer: **Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert**
- ✿ Rotarian & Guest Introductions: **Cory Krauss & Doug Oppenheimer**
- ✿ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**

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1. **What was the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?**
2. **What year did the Battle of the Alamo occur?**
3. **What was the cost of the Louisiana Purchase?**
4. **What was “Seward’s Folly”?**
5. **Who was the Democratic nominee for President who lost to Abraham Lincoln in 1860?**
6. **Who was “Packy East”?**



Upcoming Programs & Events:

Jan 7th	Board Meeting
Jan 9th	Jeff MacKellar P/C
Jan 16th	Students of the Month
Jan 23rd	Paul Scheele P/C
Jan 30th	David Sideri P/C
Feb 4th	Board Meeting
Feb 6th	Tom Stewart P/C

Guests of Rotarians:

Anna Plunkett.....Jim Plunkett’s Mom

Visiting Rotarians:

Al Valk.....Walden, N.Y.

Rotarian Birthdays:

Carolyn Burns.....11/10....78 Yrs Young
Chantel Wonder.....12/03....35 Yrs Young
Sandy Donaghy.....12/10....76 Yrs Young
Starlyn Fikkert.....12/11....64 Yrs Young
Tom Stewart.....12/28....63 Yrs Young

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Yvonne Fay
Chantel Wonder	Jim Fikkert
Jimmy Hammond	Joe Kolodziej
Jerry Wennlund	Ken Bray
Starlyn Fikkert	Paul Scheele
Tami Scheele	Chantel Wonder
Barbara Todd MacKellar	

Club Anniversaries:

Jerry Wennlund.....9/13... ..30 Yrs
Pete Hervey.....1/01.....48 Yrs

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Last Week's Program: Students of the Month

Tanisha Delice is a senior at *Dixie Hollins High School* in the AVID program. Born in Orlando, she was raised in Haiti. Creole was her primary language and French her second language. She was taught French in kindergarten at the age of 4. First Grade was in the "New American School" in Haiti where she had to learn English while going to school. She went to school every day, pretending she understood, but she failed first grade. In 2007, she came back to America. She was still struggling to learn English and was placed in the "English for Speakers of Other Languages" program (ESOL). Each year she improved. She went from a failing student to an honor roll student who now carries a 3.68 GPA. She is in the top 20 % of her senior class, is actively involved in nine clubs including the National Honor Society and is on the varsity Basketball and Flag Football teams. She has 120 hours in community service hours. She plans to attend SPC full time to get her Associates in Science, then transfer to FAU to further her education, majoring in nursing and eventually receive her Masters as a Nurse Practitioner.



Haley Vetter is a senior at *Dixie Hollins High School* in the Cambridge Program. She has taken the AICE Global Perspectives and AP Research classes, AICE Marine Science and AP Computer Science Principles and AP World and AICE US History. She has been involved in Student Council since her freshman year and this year, she serves as V P. On the swim team for 4 years, she is now the Captain. She is the secretary of Dixie's Interact Club, the Homecoming Committee and the newly formed Student Union. She is President of the National Honor Society. She volunteers with Suncoast Hospice and has taken patient and family training, which allows her to work directly with the patients. Her primary goal there is to make the patients' day better. She enjoys reading, swimming, biking, and spending time with friends and family. She plans to graduate high school with the Cambridge Diploma and Capstone Diploma and use her Bright Futures scholarship at a Florida college.

Brianna Morelli is a senior at *Pinellas Park High School* in the First Responder Magnet Program, carrying a 3.8 GPA. First Responders gave her the opportunity to intern at a fire protection company called Piper Fire where she continues to work part time. She loves her job and her co-workers. Her participation in The Fellowship Of Christian Athletes club has allowed her to develop in her growing faith. Since she joined the "Happy Hands Signing Chorus" at Cross Bayou Elementary, her love for the language and culture has flourished. In her 4th year of American Sign Language, she is serving as the ASL Honor Society President. She is also involved in Key Club, Photography Club, the Ping Pong Club and the Lady Patriots Soccer team where she earned the honor of being the Most Improved Player. Every week, she returns to Cross Bayou Elem to mentor the kids in Happy Hands Signing Chorus. She also helps at the Children's Village Christmas Project, a street of group homes for foster children that have been taken away from unsafe homes. She loves to reading, animals and "Lazy Sundays" with family. She plans to attend the University of North Florida in pursuit of a nursing degree.

Anh Duy Nguyen is a senior at *Pinellas Park High School* in the First Responders magnet program and will be the valedictorian of his class with a current class rank of 1 and an WPGA of 4.6452. He is the president of their National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, English Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society clubs. He is also the treasurer of Key Club, historian of the Senior Body Student Government, Parliamentarian of STEM club, and Student Advisor of the school's Academic Team. He also participates in the Art Honor Society, the Principle's Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Florida Future Educators of America, the Asian Student Association, and as the school's representative at the Student Rights and Responsibilities Council for the Pinellas County School Board. He is working as a waiter at *Lotus Vegan Restaurant*, where he shares his love of environmentalism and healthy living. He has been involved with Karate for six years, and Tae Kwon Do for 4 years. He believes in medicine of music. He has been playing the piano since the sixth grade. Because of severe acne, his goal is to become a board-certified dermatologist. He hopes to continue his education at the University of Florida and then head to medical school.

This Week's Program:

A CLUB ASSEMBLY

Presented by President David Allen

Tom Stewart wins another Paul Harris Fellow!

The Paul Harris Lottery was held on Dec 19th.

The other participants were Cory Krauss, Yvonne Fay, Jim Fikkert, David Sideri, David Allen, Don Higgins, Harry Alchin, Joe Minarik, and Joe Kolodziej.



Next Week's Program:

Next week's Program Chairperson, Jeff MacKellar will present Antony Cooke, an American Cellist, Recording Artist, former University Professor, Composer, and Author of published books and articles on Musicology and Astronomy.



Teacher—Speaker Awards

Rotarians **Alex Cruz** and **Janet Waddell** presented \$25 Teacher / Speaker awards to 5th Grade ELA teacher Delonda Boyd and 2nd grade teacher, K. Sinski at Pinellas Park Elementary School.



Rotarian **Josh Astarita** presented \$25 checks to Rawlings Elementary School VPK teacher, Kimberly Adams and to Music teacher, Xavier Allen-Reddich.



Also pictured is Rawlings Elementary Principal, Rebecca Moore.



Blood Drive Jan 14th

There will be a blood drive at Confident Smile Dentistry, 5265 Park Blvd, in Pinellas Park between 12:30pm and 3:30 pm on Monday, Jan 14th.



Happy Events— by Janet Waddell:

Kevin Krauss: He has been out of town the last two weeks, but he is happy to be back.

Chris Patel: Thanks to everyone who has purchased toys. We will be handing out baskets and toys to 41 families.

Don Higgins: Happy to be at our last Rotary meeting of the decade!

Jeff MacKellar: Merry Christmas to all.

Josh Astarita: Happy to see Steve White and the students again. Go Buckeyes!

David Sideri: Merry Christmas to all of our Rotarians. He will be representing Rotary at the New Year’s Day Outback Bowl.

Doug Oppenheimer: Happy to be heading to Dallas to spend Christmas with his family. Wishes everyone here a Merry Christmas.

David Allen: Heading to the Gator Bowl in Miami.

Theresa Pinnix: Happy to have the Students of the Month here today. She is blessed to have Rotary in her life.

Richard Breske: Happy \$5 for the 5 more days before Christmas.

Jim Plunkett: Happy to have his mother here today with him at the meeting.

Phil England: Happy to be closing on his new 5 acre Floral City property on December 31st.

Kevin Krauss: Taking and giving the Clemson Challenge.

DHHS Guidance Counselor Steve White:

Glad to take the Clemson / Buckeyes challenge. He is looking forward to his two-week Christmas break – time off to go up north for a hopefully white Christmas.

Words of Wisdom

“A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on .”

Winston Churchill

Club Buddies

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

50/50 Winner:

Tom Stewart won the prize for \$10 and donated it back to the club. Grand Jackpot starts at \$20. The Ace of Spades wins.

Another Lexophile

♦ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.