



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Jan 23rd 2020—12:15 P.M.**  
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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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**Trivia Questions:**

1. The first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago in what year?
2. Who was the U.S. President at that time?
3. What was Margaret Houlihan's nickname on MASH ?
4. What are the world's three largest oceans?
5. Who was assassinated on June 28th of 1914 that triggered the beginning of the first World War?
6. What famous name was John Merrick also known by?
7. What famous name was Greta Gustafsson also known by?



**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

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|-----------------|---|
| Jan 30th        | David Sideri P/C  |
| Feb 6th         | Tom Stewart P/C   |
| Feb 11th        | Board Meeting   |
| Feb 13th        | Tami Scheele  |
| <b>Feb 15th</b> | <b><u>Valentine Party– at the Seminole Entertainment Center</u></b> |
| Feb 20th        | Students of the Month   |
| Feb 25th        | Sanders School—S O M  |
| Feb 27th        | Starlyn Fikkert P/C   |
|                 | Pin Park Employee of Year   |
| Mar 3rd         | Board Meeting   |
| Mar 5th         | Doug Oppenheimer P/C  |
| Mar 7th         | <b>BOWL-A-THON</b>  |

**Club Anniversaries:**

Sandy Donaghy .....Jan 7th .....1 Year  
 Carolyn Burns .....Jan 8th .....5 Yrs  
 Donna Cloud .....Jan 8th .....5 Yrs  
 Dolores Caunitz ..... Jan 8th ..... 5 Yrs  
 Christine Patel.....Jan 26th.....8 Yrs

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Carolyn Burns .....Dec 10th....78 Yrs Young  
 Sandy Donaghy.....Dec 10th... 76 Yrs Young  
 Starlyn Fikkert .....Dec 11th....64 Yrs Young  
 Don Higgins.....Jan 22nd....75 Yrs Young

**Missed Last Week:**

Joe Kolodziej	Wendy Sideri
Starlyn Fikkert	Doug Oppenheimer
Ken Bray	Jim Fikkert
Chantel Wonder	Jim Plunkett
Kevin Krauss	Cory Krauss
Barbara MacKellar	Jeff MacKellar
Paul Scheele	Jerry Wennlund
Jimmy Hammond	

## **Last Week's Program:** **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

**Kaitlynn McCann** is a senior at *Dixie Hollins High School* in the Cambridge program with a WGPA of 4.64. She is on the Academic Team, serves as V P of NHS, is President of Dixie's Interact club, and proudly serves as Varsity Cheer Captain. This past summer, she attended a leadership summit at the *University of Chicago* where she learned leadership skills and tips for applying to colleges. She made some life-long friends from around the world at the summit. Four of them have stayed close, even starting a book club. Every few months, they send each other a book, read the book, then talk about it in a group chat. Through Interact and NHS, she has had many opportunities to volunteer in the community, working to bring "Start with Hello" to Dixie and assisting in running the *OneBlood* blood drives. "Start with Hello" is a campaign started by the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation to make sure everyone feels included and welcome in their school, in hopes of preventing similar attacks. *OneBlood* comes to Dixie roughly once a quarter to collect blood donations. As volunteers, the NHS signs people in, makes sure people have eaten and keeps the buses organized. In her free time, she enjoys being around friends and family, going shopping, and working at *Starbucks*. She plans to attend *University of Florida* or *Ohio State University* to study Business Administration and Marketing. Eventually, she wants to use her degree to open her own real estate agency and flip houses as she has an entrepreneurial spirit and a business mindset.

**Autumn Johnson** is a senior at *Dixie Hollins High School* in the Entertainments Arts Academy with a GPA of 3.7. She is ranked 68<sup>th</sup> in her class. She is proud to have won an Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Writing Competition last year, a Best Writing award from the AEA, a Best Writing school recognition, as well as Academic Excellence twice and an Academic Excellence in AP World History. She is the president of Student Council and the Homecoming Committee, serves as the treasurer of Troupe 2055, the Public Relations Rep of the National English Honors Society. She is on the Senior Council, a member of the Literacy Team and a proud member of Florio's Flock. Throughout high school, she has written plays for her church, completed local beach and park cleanups with classmates, created props, worked on set lighting, and helped make costumes for the school's musicals. She has organized homecoming events and prom activities. In her free time, she likes to read books, analyze movies, skateboard and play video games. Her goal is to be a scriptwriter and open a foundation to aid in the research of Dissociative Identity Disorder. She hopes to attend *Florida State University* as a student in their Motion Arts College.

**Cindy Phan** is a senior at *Pinellas Park High School* and part of the Early Admissions program at SPC. This program has exposed her to different types of learning styles and environments, and she hopes it has given her a head-start on a professional Dental career, after graduating from USF with a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. She is a second-generation immigrant from Vietnam, where having an education is a privilege. Her parents came to America 30 years ago so that she and her brother could have a better education and a better life. She will be the first female in her family to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. She holds a WGPA of 4.44 and a class rank of 9 out of 424 students. She is a proud recipient of the Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship. She is involved in school clubs including Key Club, Asian Student Association, Spanish Club, Science Honor Society, Math Honor Society, English Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society and National Honor Society. She serves as the Secretary of Rho Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society) and as Treasurer of the Asian Student Association. She enjoys volunteering at relief events and at various libraries and rec centers across the County. She tutors at the school's learning success lab. She plans on pursuing dentistry in hopes of developing more ways to diagnose and treat those in need with a new and affordable technology.

**Jonathan Roa** is a senior at *Pinellas Park High School* and enrolled in the Criminal Justice Academy. As a freshman, he didn't care much for grades, class rank or anything that had to do with academics, but he has been able to turn it around and now carries a 3.4 GPA, holds a Class Rank of 117/424, and has maintained his grades on an A and B status since sophomore year. He is involved in both Cross Country and Varsity Soccer this year. He has logged over 100 hours as member of Kiwanis, helping in community events. He has also logged in over 50 hours in Teen Court at both St. Petersburg and Clearwater Courts. Teen Court provides second chances to those who wish to correct their mistakes. He plans to enroll either at USF or UCF for his 4 years. He also hopes to enlist in the United States Military Reserves.



## This Week's Program:

**Program Chairman Paul Scheele** will introduce his lovely wife and fellow Rotarian, **Tami Scheele**, who is the **District Membership Chairperson for Area 1 and Area 2**. She will be speaking to us about increasing our club membership and our outreach.



## Last Week's Rotary Moment: DON HIGGINS

Don was born in Canada, but was always sick, so his parents moved him to Florida at the age of 5. He enjoyed going back every summer visiting in the area near where *Green Gables* was written. He attended local schools here and graduated from *Northeast High School* and *St Petersburg Jr College*. He loved math but decided he could do more with an Engineering Degree. During college, he took a summer job at *Florida Power*, working in the new computer department, where he met Charlotte. They married and had two beautiful daughters, Heather and Holly. After college, he started working at *ECL*, but when an opening came up at *Florida Power's* computer department, he took a job with them again and worked there for 25 years. After retirement, he started working from home for an English Company, *Microfocus*, where he became an "email junkie". Don designed a "PC37" and sold the rights to *Microfocus* for 6 figures which has made their retirement very enjoyable. Both of his daughters graduated from UF in Gainesville, married, and gave Don and Charlotte four grandchildren that they love.



## Next Week's Program:

**Program Chairman David Sideri** will talk about electroplating and the work that he does at his company, AdTec II



*You are Invited to the Pinellas Park Rotary Club's*

### **2020 Valentine Party**

**Sat Feb 15, 2020, 5-7:30pm Seminole Lanes-8668 Park Blvd**

**Food - Beverages - Games - Bowling \$25 per person**

**Includes Pizza, Beverages, Bowling & \$5 game card**

**RSVP (call or text) Theresa Pinnix 727-504-0347 before Feb 10th**

**Happy Events 1/16/20 ..... by Janet Waddell**

**Hope Peterson:** Happy \$20 to be here today. She sold her business 6 months ago and is totally enjoying her retirement. Wishes she could have retired 20 years ago!

**Pete Hervey:** Happy to be here with the Students of the Month.

**Theresa Pinnix:** She took Larry shopping this past weekend and she is glad to announce that they found him appropriate clothes for the Wedding. He will NOT be wearing shorts!

**Christine Patel:** Happy to see the Students of the Month. Happy also that her daughter, Alex, has passed her first CPA exam. Three more to go.

**Janet Waddell:** Happy to be back “in the land of the living” after being diagnosed with Influenza A last week. She is now one of the statistics at the CDC.

**Jerry Krauss:** He received an email video from granddaughter, Alex, trying to make his Great-grandson say “Opa”.... Each time he would say “O...ma!”

**Kenny Krauss:** A Happy \$5 to thank his buddy, Theresa Pinnix, for her special present as a reminder of his wife, Carole – a beautiful glass angel ornament.

**Yvonne Fay:** Happy \$2 to be here after a few weeks out sick. Happy New Year to all!

**Richard Breske:** Happy \$2 to be so lucky to win the Grand Jackpot last week – a whopping \$38. He also let us know that he bought the original Tesla stock at \$17 and thought he was making money when he sold it at \$42. Now he wishes he still had the stock as it is now over five hundred!

**Phil England:** Bummed about the Passing of one of the best drummers of all time – Neil Peart

**David Allen:** looking forward to a Cruise to Cuba with Linda.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy to have the Students of the Month here with us today.

**Hope Peterson:** Came back up at the end of the meeting to let everyone know that with all of her time spent up State where they have purchased a new home, she will be joining the E-Club, but will still be coming back to do a makeup with us once a month. She is still planning to stay involved with our club on a part-time basis.

**Words of Wisdom**

**‘The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.’**

*Will Rogers*

**Club Buddies**

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

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**Tom Stewart** won the prize for \$8 and donated it back to the club. The Jackpot starts over at \$8 next week!



Another Lexophile

***Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes!***