

Happy Events: by Janet Waddell

David Allen: Happy to have so many joining in the Virtual meeting today.

Jim Andrew: Happy to be joining in and happy to have landed a part-time accounting job.

Harry Alchin: Happy to be “getting together” with everyone and glad everyone is doing well.

Jim & Starlyn Fikkert: Happy to have their four grandchildren in town visiting with them this week.

Jeff MacKellar: Glad to have toilet paper and glad his razor still works!

Christine Patel: Happy to share that her grandson learned a new word this week – “Happy”. A good word for these times!

Paul Scheele: Happy to “see” everyone, but unhappy that Pat Minarik is not at our virtual meeting today.

Tami Scheele: Happy everyone made the Virtual meeting and that everyone is healthy.

Tom Stewart: Happy to get together today.

Janet Waddell: Celebrating 26th anniversary of being a cancer survivor. Hopefully, 26 years from now, she will be able to say she survived the COVID-19 virus of 2020!

Ken Bray: Happy for the technology that is allowing this meeting. Next week, his speaker, Dick Crippen, will join us for our Virtual meeting.

Richard Breske: Happy to be anywhere on the “green” side and happy to have enough toilet paper.

Jerry Krauss: Happy to have stuff in the fridge and happy to have seen Dr Pal Nanda joining in our meeting.

Kevin Krauss: Should still be in Europe for his vacation, but had to come home early ten days ago. Glad to be back in the best country - USA

Joe Minarik: Happy \$3 to see everyone, but Paul, Pat is not interested in doing a meeting just to see him!

Barbara MacKellar: Happy that since she and Jeff are isolated that they are getting along! She also paid a hefty \$20 so that she did not have to hear us sing for her birthday! Smart Lady!

Words of Wisdom

“If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging .”

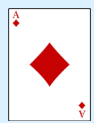
Will Rogers

Club Buddies

Buddy Brown	Jeff MacKellar
Harry Alchin	Doug Oppenheimer
Jim Andrew	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
David Allen	Starlyn Fikkert
Paul Scheele	Nhi Nguyen/Alex Cruz
Josh Astarita	Barbara MacKellar
Wendy Sideri	Jerry Wennlund
	h-Dr Paul Nanda
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

50 / 50

David Allen won the last prize and donated it back to the club. The Jackpot will start at \$94 when we get back and the Ace of Diamonds will win it!



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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. What is the largest country with no declared cases of the Coronavirus?
2. What was Babe Ruth’s real name?
3. What was the name of Jackie Gleason’s first music album, which holds the record for the longest stay on the Billboard Top Ten Charts (153 weeks)?
4. What did ‘USSR’ stand for?
5. Who did Joe Biden say should be the one running for President instead of him?
6. What does the German word ‘Lebensraum’ mean?
7. In what country will the 2022 FIFA World Cup be held?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Apr 7th	Board Meeting—Zoom
Apr 9th	Club Assembly—Zoom
Apr 16th	Students of Month—Zoom.
Apr 23rd	Jerry Wennlund P/C—Zoom
Apr 30th	Law Day Barbara MacKellar
Joint Zoom Mtg with Kiwanis	
May 5th	Board Meeting
May 7th	Students of the month
May 14th	Josh Astarita
May 16th	Road Cleanup-8am

Guests of Rotarians:

Tim HammondSon of Jimmy Hammond

Club Anniversaries:

Phil England.....4/3.....17 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jim & Linda Plunkett 3/18.....31 Yrs
 Jerry & Cheryl Wennlund....3/26.....44 Yrs

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Jerry Wennlund
Josh Astarita	Joe Kolodziej
Theresa Pinnix	Buddy Brown
Cory Krauss	Doug Oppenheimer
Jim Plunkett	Phil England
Chantel Wonder	Alex Cruz

Rotary Connects the World!

This Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Ken Bray** has contacted **Dick Crippen** of the **Tampa Bay Rays'** organization, who will be joining us at our Virtual Meeting this week. Dick has spoken to our club many times in the past and will provide an update on the changes to the Baseball schedule. He will also let us know how the Tampa Bay Rays are adapting and adjusting to the current COVID-19 problems.



Next Week's Program:

There were 22 participants at last week's virtual meeting. Next week, we will be having a Club Assembly, with Rotary President David Allen presiding over the meeting.

A Poem for The Season:

The nightmare ended, and the people came out of their houses.
Back into the world.
And they put their cell phones away, and made eye contact with strangers.
They smiled more, ... and laughed more, ... and talked more...
They didn't worry about followers, ... or views, ... or likes...
They followed God.
They viewed the beauty around them, ... and they liked life.
Life was better now, because the people knew what it was like to lose it.
If only for a season.
And the churches were full, ... and the restaurants were bustling, ...
And the games returned, and the cheer of the crowd was louder than ever.
And the people praised God for rescuing them, ... for saving them.
Not just from the virus, ... but for themselves.
And they were happier and healthier and richer than before, ...
In all of the ways that mattered most.

Author Karen Kingsbury

Ladies Virtual Night Out!

Tami Scheele and Chantel Wonder are spearheading the effort to have a Ladies Virtual Night Out. Contact Tami or Chantel with your cell phone number so they can invite you to the event when it is set up!

Last Week's Program:

For our program last week, **President David Allen** introduced his son, **Dylan Allen**, whose work title is the Donor and Partner Relations for ***A Gift for Teaching***. Dylan has been working with them for two years. In Central Florida, they are the primary provider of free school supplies for Orange and Osceola County teachers. Their mission is to provide classroom resources to empower teachers to inspire future leaders. Their founder first discovered from a teacher that she had a student who had never held a pencil or crayon when he entered school. She gave him his first crayon, a purple one and "Purple Crayon" became a cause. ***A Gift for Teaching*** started in a storefront office in 1998. For over 20 years, they have been changing students' lives by providing free school supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing and any other items that teachers need to help their students become all that they can be.



In Orange & Osceola County, approximately 202,000 students have no money for lunches, almost 15,000 are homeless, and 70% of public schools have students in the high need category (now those numbers may be higher). ***A Gift for Teaching*** now has a yearly budget of \$850,000 and over the last 20 years, they have distributed over \$128.5 million dollars worth of supplies to local teachers. In Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties, many high and middle school students have access to digital learning tools, but only 1/3 of the elementary students have any digital supplies. Their ***AGFT*** store is currently located in Southern Orlando, near the John Young Parkway to help teachers obtain free supplies. Since some teachers don't have time to come to their store, AGFT now has mobile and digital stores with their "Pencil Boy" Programs - "Pencil Boy Express, The Mobile Free Store", "Pencil Boy Express-Osceola" and "Pencil Boy Online- The E-Commerce Free Store."

Their group is affiliated with the national organization, ***Kids in Need Foundation***, and other affiliated groups can be found around the nation.

Another Lexophile
"A will is a dead give-away."

Alternate 50/50
We will be doing a \$2 "Wheel Spin" in lieu of a 50/50. If you would like to be included, contact Harry Alchin before the mtg each wk.