

Celebrating the West - Epoch Times

With COVID-19 spreading everywhere, these are unsettling times. All of us are self-isolating and cut off from normal routines of social life and work. A byproduct of this unsettling new reality is that we are being more or less forced to spend a lot of time alone with just ourselves. But that's not too bad. Actually, it's an opportunity to reflect a little more deeply on the meaning of our lives, and in the midst of so much uncertainty, to be thankful even to celebrate who we are and what defines us as a people.

In my previous two articles for the Epoch Times, I took aim at how modern multicultural and globalist policies have been undermining the deep—culture distinctiveness of the west in an effort to persuade us - even to shame us - into believing that who we are is nothing special.

But I say enough is enough. The insightful U.S. critic, Irving Babbitt, warned 100 years ago that if we forget who we are, if a civilization begins to drift, the direction is always downward. So I have decided to fight back, and do my bit to stop the drift.

In this article, I want to celebrate some of the precious gifts of our civilization without apology. Because no matter how you look at it, from ancient times until now—shortcomings, mistakes, and disasters notwithstanding—our system for producing human flourishing is plainly one of the most successful ever created. (Part page 1 of 4). Epoch Times Opinion page. April 16-22, 2020

William Gairdner

Another Lexophile

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Words of Wisdom
**“Freedom is never more
 than one generation away
 from extinction.”**

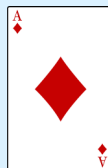
Ronald Reagan

Club Buddies

Buddy Brown	Jeff MacKellar
Harry Alchin	
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 Wheel Spin

Tom Stewart won last week's \$10 prize and donated it back to the club. The Jackpot will start at \$142 next week. The Ace of Diamonds will win it!



Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
Thursday May 7th 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, Jim Andrew, Jim F.
- ✻ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss

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Trivia Questions:

1. Other than a diamond, what is the hardest gem stone?
2. What Tampa Bay Buccaneer QB has the most wins?
3. What is the mortality rate in the US for the Coronavirus?
4. In Pinellas County, how many currently active Coronavirus cases are there?
5. What is the percentage rate of cases in Pinellas County?
6. How many books are there in the New Testament of the Bible?
7. What year was the first Rotary Club formed?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

May 7th	Students of Month-Zoom
May 14th	Josh Astarita P/C - Zoom
May 16th	Road Cleanup-8am
May 21st	Harry Alchin P/C-Zoom
May 28th	Buddy Brown P/C-Zoom
June 2nd	Board Meeting— Zoom
June 4th	Richard Breske P/C
June 11th	Phil England P/C
June 18th	Yvonne Fay P/C
June 25th	D. Allen-Club Assembly

Club Anniversaries:

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

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jerry & Cheryl Wennlund....3/26.....44 Yrs

Missed Last Week:

Theresa Pinnix	Ken Bray
Alex Cruz	Josh Astarita
Buddy Brown	Phil England
Wendy Sideri	Jerry Wennlund
Joe Kolodziej	Cory Krauss

Rotary Connects the World!

Last Week's Program:

The Pinellas Park Rotary Club was happy to welcome the Pinellas Park Kiwanians for Law Day.

Rotarian Barbara Todd MacKellar introduced her daughter, Judge Kimberly Todd, as our Guest Speaker, as we hosted *Law Day* in a joint meeting with the Pinellas Park Kiwanis Club again this year. Judge Todd is a Circuit Court Judge with United Family Court, which is part of the *Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida*, and also referred to as *Early Childhood Court*, a voluntary program for parents with children ages 0 to 3. The goal of the court is to reunite children with their parents as soon as safely possible. The benefits of the program include offering more opportunities for parents to have a voice and also to offer them choices as their case moves forward. The program offers frequent court hearings to discuss progress, more visits with their child, provide co-parenting support with special family sessions, parental education, and family team meetings. The program also offers coaching to help parents succeed with the reunification with their children.



Russia Collins, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Child Welfare and Child Protection Coordinator for fourteen years, assisted Judge Todd in the Power Point presentation. Under their program, one Judge is assigned to hear all of the cases related to a particular family. Many people have several children, and some of

12 Core Components	
Judicial Leadership	Foster Parents/Caregivers as Intervention
Local Community Coordinator	Monthly Family Team Meetings/Early Childhood Consults
Stakeholders Team Focused on Big Picture	Parent-Child Contact
Infants and Toddlers in Out of Home Care	Continuum of Mental Health Services
Valuing Birth Parents	Training and Technical Assistance
Placement and Concurring Plans	Understanding the Impact of our work

the cases involve substance abuse and/or domestic violence. Parents are observed while interacting with their children.

Sessions can involve stakeholders, such as Foster Parents and Step Parents, with the team approach focused on the big picture. There are 12 core components to the program, including Judicial Leadership, a local Community Coordinator, and stakeholders. Attorneys representing the parents and stakeholders are also present at all meetings.



This Week's Program:

This week's meeting will be the first ever Students of the Month program via Zoom, featuring students from:



Dixie Hollins High School

Pinellas Park High School

Alexandria Davies
&
Fjona Merdari

Ani William
&
Tyler Allen

Next Week's Program:

Josh Astarita, our program chairperson, will present Tiffany Davies, Vice President of Outreach Development, with Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Tiffany earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Eckerd College. Prior to joining The West Central Council as staff, Tiffany was a Girl Scout troop leader and Service Unit Volunteer. She was previously employed as Executive Director of the Tampa Attractions Association and was Director of Marketing and Events with Millennium Group. Tiffany is a Change Agent for process improvements, membership growth, and healthy relationships with our volunteers. Tiffany has extensive Sandler training and extensive expertise in grant writing and partnership development.



This Week's Rotary Minute:

Rotarian Tom Stewart

Next Week's Rotary Minute:

Rotarian David Sideri



"The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests."

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Welcome Back
Marie Hacker

We have invited our Rotary Exchange Student from Germany, Marie Hacker to join us at our meetings via

Zoom. We hope she is able to join us soon.