

Happy Events: by Janet Waddell

Kenny Krauss: Fell down last week and bruised his ribs. Happy that he is beginning to feel better.
Janet Waddell: Happy to be able to go for a haircut today. First one in almost 3 months.
Don Higgins: Happy to be here today.
Kevin Krauss: Surprised to see Josh without a shirt today!
Josh Astarita: Happy to have his neighbor, Tiffany Davies, as our speaker today. Also happy to be attending the meeting from his HOT TUB!
Joe Minarik: Happy to have been able to get his hair cut on Tuesday morning. Happy birthday to his wife, Pat.
Tom Stewart: Happy to be here today.
Tom Telfer: Happy to be at our meeting and to be anywhere.
Jim Andrew: Went for a Covid-19 test on Sunday. Happy to find out results are negative.
Richard Breske: Their mutual friend tested positive at Largo Med so the friend has been tested 3 times and is now finally negative
David Allen: Happy that when in NC last weekend they had a light snow and 16 degree weather.
Cory Krauss: Happy to be here as he had to miss last week.
Jim Fikkert: Happy they will have family in again for this weekend.
Jim Hammond: Happy to be with Rotarians today, but missing the good food at Banquet Masters.
Jim Plunkett: Happy to be here again this week.
Yvonne Fay: Happy to be here and happy things are opening back up.
Alex Cruz: Happy to be able to open the Dentist office back up. There were lots of patients ready to come in.
Phil England: Happy \$5 to “see” everyone on the screen and Happy \$5 to be going camping at Ft Desoto this weekend.
Harry Alchin: Happy to have had a hair cut yesterday and going to the dentist today.
Barbara LaFleur: Thanks to Don Higgins for inviting her to our meetings.

Another Lexophile

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

Words of Wisdom
 “In a World where you can
BE ANYTHING... BE KIND.”
 “Be Kind when possible,
 it is always possible!”

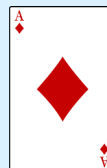
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Club Buddies

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

Cory Krauss won last week’s \$10 prize and donated it back to the club. The Jackpot will start at \$162 next week. 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, Jim Andrew, Jim F.**
- ☼ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**

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Trivia Questions:

1. How many miles from Seattle WA to Miami FL ?
2. Where was the lowest recorded temperature ever in the Continental USA?
3. When did it happen?
4. What was the temperature?
5. Where is the highest elevation on the USA Interstate Hwy System?
6. Who owns Smithfield Packing Co in South Dakota?
7. What is the maximum Gross Weight for a Semi-truck?
8. What is a “reefer” trailer?
9. What is a “Bobtail”?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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
July 2nd	WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT TOM STEWART!!!

Missed Last Week:

Theresa Pinnix	Jeff MacKellar
Dave Sideri	Tami Scheele
Buddy Brown	Paul Scheele
Chantel Wonder	Barbara MacKellar
Wendy Sideri	Jerry Wennlund
Joe Kolodziej	Ken Bray
Christine Patel	Starlyn Fikkert

Visiting Rotarians:

Tom Telfer	London Ontario
Barbara LaFleur	Stowe VT
Peter Sothern	United Kingdom

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jerry & Cheryl Wennlund...3/26.....44 Yrs
 Jerry & Joan Krauss.....4/22.....66 Yrs
 Pete & Sally Hervey.....4/24.....63 Yrs

Red Skelton’s tips for a Happy Marriage.

Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good friends and companionship.
 She goes on Tuesday, I go on Friday’s!

Rotary Connects the World!

This Week's Program:

Program Chairman Harry Alchin will tell us all about what its like to be a long distance truck operator. He will provide personal insight into the Industry, and how vital the trucking industry is to our country and to our economy. Harry has driven over 3.5 million miles during the course of his career as a long distance hauler.



Next Week's Program:

Program Chairman Buddy Brown will introduce **Ned Barry**, a fellow Rotarian and a Principal with **McDonald & Barry Retiree Asset Management (MBRAM)**. Ned has twice served as President for two Rotary Clubs in Iowa. He is currently serving as **Senior Staff** with **Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL)** in Rotary multi-District 6890, 6950 and 6960. He is a multiple **Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Member, Major Donor, and Bequest Society Member**. In Florida, Ned has previously served as Rotary District 6950 Youth Protection Officer, Outbound Coordinator for the Youth Exchange Committee, and as a member of the Technology Advisory Committee and Rotary Means Business Committee. He currently resides with his wife in Citrus Hills, Florida.



Last Week's Program: Program Chairman **Josh Astarita (from the comfort of his Hot Tub!)** introduced **Tiffany Davies**, who is the Vice President of Outreach Development with the **Girl Scouts of America of West Central Florida**. Tiffany earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at **Eckerd College**. Tiffany was previously a Girl Scout Troop Leader and Services Unit Volunteer. She has extensive Sandler training and expertise in grant writing and partnership development. She described the new



challenges facing the organization as a result of the Coronavirus. She stressed virtual program opportunities in reaching out to girls ages 8-13 are in abundance. They currently have a program in place for 140 middle school girls at Pinellas Park Middle School. Their program is focused on reaching out to all young girls for whom the program would be beneficial, even those who have not contacted the organization due to economic or other reasons.

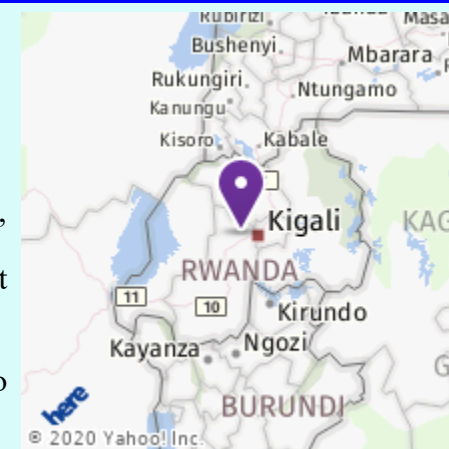


Ned will present a presentation on Rotary's Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP). Jim Plunkett has personally visited Guatemala, including rural Guatemala, on several occasions. Three out of four Mayans in rural Guatemala live in poverty on less than \$4 per day. In some rural regions two out of every three native Guatemalans cannot read or write. 62% of children never make it to middle school (grades 7-9) and 90% of rural middle schools are without any textbooks. Over 600 Rotary Clubs have participated in the **Guatemala Literacy Project** over the last 20+ years, and 184 clubs are currently participating.



Lesson Learned from the Rwanda Horrors:

Rwanda is a relatively small, land locked country in Africa. It is a country with few natural resources. In 1994, over 800,000 people were murdered by their government rulers. The initial strategy was to keep the people ignorant by having no public libraries and destroying all written records. This made it easy for government run news agencies to incite people to kill each other by appealing to their prejudices and disseminating misinformation, or "fake news" over social media. (sound familiar?) As **Michael Crichton** wrote in his famous novel, *Jurassic Park*, **"In the information society, nobody thinks. We expected to banish paper, but we actually banished thought."**



This Week's Rotary Minute:
Rotarian Chantel Wonder



Next Week's Rotary Minute:
Rotarian Starlyn Fikkert



The Rotary Road Cleanup event, originally planned for May 16th, will be rescheduled. The department in the City of Pinellas Park where Phil picks up the supplies was not open last week. **Phil England** will contact the City to set up another date and the info will be available soon.