

Happy Events: by Janet Waddell

Janet Waddell: After some thought, decided her black-eyed pea plants was the only happy event she could come up with. They are growing great, but her life is pretty boring now.

Starlyn Fikkert: Happy her daughter, son-in-law and 3 grandkids are still here visiting from Houston.

Don Higgins: Always happy to be at a Rotary meeting.

Buddy Brown: Welcome to Ned Barry. Looking forward to hearing about the Guatemalan Literacy project. Glad also that contractor finished removing the tub before the mtg started.

Phil England: Happy to be able to see and be seen and heard at the Rotary meeting today!

Kevin Krauss: Happy to be open for business finally.

Rev. Jimmy Hammond: Happy his favorite restaurant in Downtown St Pete is back open and glad to see that Churches will be able to open again also.

Barbara MacKellar: Happy that her favorite granddaughter will have her Virtual Graduation from the U of Maryland as she receives her Masters Degree.

Guest Speaker—Rotarian Ned Barry: He has been giving this Zoom program on Guatemalan Literacy Project for 4 weeks now and is glad to be back home delivering it to a club in District 6950.

Tami Scheele: Happy to see Ned again. She saw Theresa Pinnix last night. Looking good & bank business is good.

Paul Scheele: Ms. Scheele did give him a \$ for a Happy event! He is happy she has not poisoned or suffocated him in his sleep during their sequestered two months! :) Also, Happy Birthday to **Kevin Fay** (Yvonne's hubby)

David Allen: Happy to have spent some time in beautiful Guatemala. Looking forward to hearing Literacy Project.

David Sideri: Happy to be going to Key West and that Gag grouper season starts on Monday.

Jim Fikkert: Happy to be here.

Richard Breske: Happy to be keeping his hands clean by wrapping them around a **Jack Daniels** bottle.

Jim Andrew: Happy to be here and doing well.

Jerry Krauss: Happy that Kevin brought him his new lease car on Thursday.

Joe Minarik: Happy Seminole Lanes is open and Joey is back to work two days a week.

Yvonne Fay: \$5 Next Thursday they start remodeling house.
Alex Cruz: Happy to find Bee equipment worth \$500 for \$100.

Harry Alchin: Happy to see everyone.

Christine Patel: Had a nice time at Kevin & Mary Ann's party celebrating Jerry and Joan's 65th Wedding anniversary.

Tom Stewart: Enjoying his daughter staying at home again.

Words of Wisdom

“The Noblest Pleasure is the Joy of Understanding”

Leonardo Da Vinci

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

Kenny Krauss won last week's \$10 prize and donated it back to the club. The Jackpot will start at \$182 next week. The Ace of Diamonds will win it!



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This Week's Agenda:

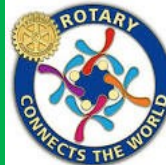
- ✻ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✻ Singing of *God Bless America* or *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✻ Rotary Prayer: **Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert**
- ✻ Rotarian & Guest Introductions: **Cory Krauss, Jim Andrew, Jim F.**
- ✻ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**

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Trivia Questions:

1. How many times has a team from a college in Florida made it to the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four?
2. How many NCAA Basketball National Champions have come from Florida?
3. What river in Florida flows north?
4. What was the largest catfish ever caught?
5. What state leads the nation and the world in unprovoked shark attacks?
6. What percentage of the number of people in the world have died from the Coronavirus?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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!!!
July 9th	Jim Andrew P/C
July 16th	Alex Cruz P/C
July 23rd	Jerry Krauss P/C
July 30th	Jim Fikkert P/C

Missed Last Week:

Theresa Pinnix	Cory Krauss
Wendy Sideri	Jerry Wennlund
Joe Kolodziej	Jim Plunkett
Josh Astarita	Ken Bray
Chantel Wonder	

Red Skelton's tips for a Happy Marriage

**I keep taking my wife everywhere....
But she keeps finding her way back!**

Wedding Anniversaries:

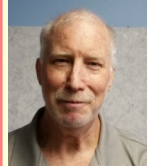
Tami & Paul Scheele 6/1 ...23 yrs

Club Anniversaries:

Jeff MacKellar..... 5/31/18.....2 Yrs
Janet Waddell6/5/146 Yrs

Rotary Connects the World!

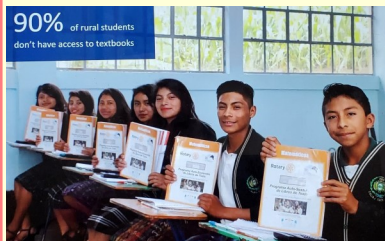
Last Week's Program:



Program Chairman Buddy Brown introduced Ned Barry, fellow District 6950 Rotarian who resides with his wife in Citrus Hills, FL. Ned is on the District 6950 International Service Committee among other things. He gave us a presentation on **Rotary's Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP)**. Three out of four native Mayans in rural Guatemala live in poverty on less than \$4 per day. In some rural regions, two of 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 GLP over the last 20+ years, and 184 clubs are currently participating. This is an international project that any person, Rotarian or not, can physically work on. Local Rotarians administer the project. School is a way to get out of poverty. They learn leadership and problem solving skills. In one school, Middle Schoolers were given a project to work to find out from local farmers how they could help produce better crops. Students learn how to be better citizens, how to manage finances, and through Rotary, how to give to those in their community who are poorer than they are. **GLP** also provides a program to train teachers for the classroom. According to USAID

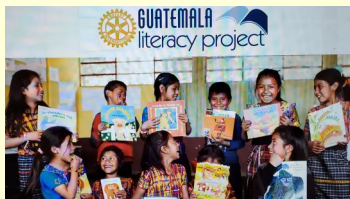


"Educating girls yields a higher rate of return than any other investment available in the developing world." They will be able to add income to the family and they will make sure their children get an education also. Former RI President Ian Riseley was very impressed when he and his wife traveled to Guatemala. He called the **GLP** the "Gold Standard of Rotary Projects" Their Elementary school project concentrates on reading literacy, the middle school program concentrates on technology skills and the high



90% of rural students don't have access to textbooks

school training concentrates on graduation. One young lady whose father did not think it was good to educate his daughter, now believes in the program, as she now makes four times the amount of money that he does.



95% will never graduate high school



Breaking the cycle of poverty



¡Bienvenidos a la inauguración del Programa de Libros de texto

This Week's Rotary Minute:

Rotarian Jim Andrew



Next Week's Rotary Minute:

Rotarian Josh Astarita



Another Lexophile

Bread is a lot like the sun.
It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist!

This Week's Program:

Program Chairman Richard Breske will present his own program titled "**Silver, Gold, Guns, Bullets, Whiskey and a Pound of \$50's**". Knowing Richard, it should be a very interesting and informative presentation!



Next Week's Program:

Program Chairman Phil England will introduce Margo Adams-Reid, who is the *Executive Director* of the **High Point Neighborhood Family Center** located at 5812 150th Ave N in Clearwater. Margo operates a food pantry which provides basic grocery items, such as peanut butter, jelly, bread, hot dog packs, spaghetti and sauce, beans, canned goods and vegetables to families in need.



Committee Chairperson Phil England has rescheduled our Rotary Road Cleanup for Saturday June 13th.

We will gather at **6051 78th Ave at 8am**. The road cleanup usually lasts approximately one hour. To join in, please email Phil at flipenglandbrothers@tampabay.rr.com so he will know who and how many to expect.

In Loving Memory!

John Elias, a member of **Seminole Rotary Club**, passed away Sun May 31st. A Funeral Mass will be held at **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church** this Friday, June 5th at 10:30am followed by a grave side service at **Calvary Catholic Cemetery** - 5233 118th Ave N. They will also have a bigger celebration of life at a later date when things are back to normal.



Last Week's Rotary Minute—Starlyn Fikkert

Starlyn Fikkert was born in Artesia, NM and raised in a small farming town of Hagerman near Roswell, New Mexico. No one talked about aliens or invasion stories until around 1989. Now street lights are in the shape of aliens! Starlyn's Dad trained horses for the Rodeo which was the biggest sport in her high plains desert town. They also helped train riders for the barrel races. She is glad that her parents were very religious and introduced her to the Lord. She has great parents and two great brothers. Starlyn received her degree in Chemistry and taught for a while. Then she realized that she could make much more money in industry. She worked in the oil industry for 35 years. She met Jim Fikkert, the love of her life, and they were married in March of 2010. They moved to Florida in 2014 when they both retired. Here they started their retirement business, **Great Bay Signs**, and joined our Pinellas Park Rotary Club so that they would be involved in the community.

