

**Happy Events:** by Tim Hammond

**In Person:**

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy to receive a new updated birthday/anniversary list today from Janet.

**Tom Stewart:** Happy to have students here today and missed having them so far this year.

**Alex Cruz:** Glad Paul Scheele is feeling better after the dental work on his tooth at *Confident Smile Dentistry*.

**Joe Kolodziej:** Happy \$20 since he hasn't been here for awhile.

**David Sideri:** Welcome students. He will be fishing in Islamadora in the Florida Keys next week.

**Steve White:** Happy \$4. Glad to be back and bringing four great students.

**Janet Waddell:** Happy to have today's students from *Dixie Hollins* .... Oops ... *Hollins High School*, but it will always be *Dixie* to her.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Happy for the *Lions* win.

**Cory Krauss:** Happy to be here.

**Kevin Krauss:** Happy \$5. Thanks for the belated birthday gifts from Theresa.

**On ZOOM:**

**Don Higgins:** Both of his daughters are graduates of *Hollins High* and his wife is a thirty-five-year employee (Guidance Counselor) so it's hard not to say *Dixie*.

**Kenny Krauss:** Sad \$ because the priest that baptized Kailey passed away on Saturday.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy \$2 for the students & Steve White being here today. Congratulations Theresa.

**Christine Patel:** Family names for Christmas baskets sent out. Happy for Rotarians that are purchasing gifts.

**Debra Ellis-Abney:** Happy Joe Minarik's surgery went well.

**Wren Krahl:** Happy to receive the list of the kids she is buying presents for and excited about seeing the students of the month.

**Words of Wisdom**

**“Moderation in temper is always a virtue, but moderation in principle is always a vice.”**

**Thomas Paine**

**Club Buddies**

Chantel Wonder	Jerry Wennlund
Harry Alchin	Jeff MacKellar
Jim Andrew	Richard Breske
Theresa Pinnix	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Jim Plunkett	Christine Patel
Debra Ellis-Abney	Joe Minarik
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Phil England	Joe Kolodziej
Tami Scheele	Jimmy Hammond
Jim Fikkert	Tim Hammond
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
David Allen	Starlyn Fikkert
Paul Scheele	Alex Cruz / Nhi N.
Barb MacKellar	Wren Krahl / Sean S.
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
Janet Waddell	
	h-Dr Paul Nanda
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

**50 / 50**

**Jeff MacKellar** won last week's prize of \$12 and donated it back to the club. Next week, the Ace of Hearts will win the Jackpot that starts at \$137.



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**

**Thursday Dec 3rd 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 Intro's **Cory Krauss, Alex Cruz & Jim Fikkert**
- ☛ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Kevin Krauss, David S. & Phil E.**

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**Trivia Questions:**

1. In what year was Major League Baseball's first Hall of Fame induction?
2. What was the name of the town where George Bailey lived in the movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*?
3. What would the name of the town have been had George Bailey never been born?
4. Who was the 7th President of the United States?
5. What is Santa Claus' real name?
6. Which country is the world's largest exporter of Christmas trees?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

<b>Dec 8th</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Dec 10th</b>	<b>Kevin Krauss P/C</b>
<b>Dec 11th</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>
<b>Dec 17th</b>	<b>Students of the Month</b>
<b>Dec 19th</b>	<b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</b>
<b>Dec 19th</b>	<b>Christmas Baskets</b>
<b>Dec 24th</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
	<b>(no meeting)</b>
<b>Dec 31st</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
	<b>(no meeting)</b>

**Missed Last Week:**

<b>Wendy Sideri</b>	<b>Barbara MacKellar</b>
<b>Jerry Wennlund</b>	<b>Richard Breske</b>
<b>Jim Fikkert</b>	<b>Starlyn Fikkert</b>
<b>Chantel Wonder</b>	<b>David Allen</b>
<b>Josh Astarita</b>	<b>Yvonne Fay</b>
<b>Joe Minarik</b>	<b>Jim Plunkett</b>
<b>Jimmy Hammond</b>	<b>Tim Hammond</b>
<b>Ken Bray</b>	

**The Art of Insulting!**

"He has a Van Gogh's ear for music."

**Billy Wilder**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Robert (Bob) Kelzer ..... St Pete Downtown

**Another Lexophile**

In a Democracy, it's your vote that counts. In Feudalism, its your Count that votes.

**Rotary Opens Opportunities!**

## **Last Week's Program: Dixie M Hollins HS Students of the Month**

**Ben Kappitt** is a senior in the Cambridge program and the Academy of Entertainment Arts. Currently holding a WGPA of 4.48 and a class rank of 7, he has been involved with the tennis team, garden club, academic team, and National Honor Society. He has accumulated over 100 volunteer hours at Suncoast Hospice, making crafts for the elderly as well as editing lifetime legacy films. He spends most of his free time playing tennis, playing video games, watching movies, and making movies. He has a passion for film and would like to make it his career. To do this, he is currently applying to some of the country's top film schools, including USC, NYU, and UCLA. His dream job is to write and direct films about history. His biggest inspirations are Rod Serling, Ken Burns, and Steven Spielberg. If he could do one thing to change the world for the better, it would be to provide everyone with free, reliable internet access. The internet is becoming more and more essential to our everyday lives. Almost half of the world's population does NOT have access to it. Free Internet access would provide all with endless information and quick communication.



**Jarret Gillan** is a senior in the Cambridge AICE program, which is just one of three fantastic programs offered at Hollins. With a 4.46 WGPA, he currently holds the 12<sup>th</sup> position in the senior class. He was the recipient of the 2020 Anne Frank Humanitarian Award presented by the FL Holocaust Museum. He was recently elected to be the Vice President of the NHS. He holds Office Specialist Master and Visual Design Specialist certifications. He was the lead graphic designer for the Hollins High Newsletter during the 19-20 school year. He has spent lots of time involved in community service with Pinellas Park & Morgan Fitzgerald Middle Schools to market and promote the Cambridge program to incoming families. He has accumulated nearly 1,600 service hours, and his goal is 2,000 hours. He hopes to enter the education field and eventually to become a principal of his own school. He believes that education is one key factor to success, along with hard work.

**Adriana Parra** is a senior enrolled in both the Cambridge and AVID programs. With a 4.46 WGPA and a class rank of 11 of 383, she is furthering her education by taking higher-level college/ dual enrollment classes and participating in academic clubs. In high school, she has been involved in their Food Pantry, their Clothing Closet, Teen Court, National Honor Society, and National English Honors Society. She serves as the secretary of AVID Ambassadors and is on the varsity beach and indoor volleyball teams. Her favorite event is helping with the DHHS food pantry. As a volunteer, she creates and edits an online spreadsheet of all the food donations for that week, organizes the food donated to the pantry, creates inventory logs containing information about new and distributed products in the pantry. She also helps those within her school gain access to the pantry. In her free time, Adriana coaches the 13 Teal team at St. Petersburg Volleyball Club, works as a receptionist and veterinary technician at Parkview Animal Hospital, plays recreational volleyball at Robert's Recreational Center, and participates in many community volunteer opportunities. She hopes to attend a college or university in the Tampa area, majoring in biology on the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Track. After she graduates with a bachelor's degree, she hopes to attend either the University of Florida or Auburn University in their college of Veterinary Medicine.

**Angie Muka** is a senior in the Cambridge program. Her class rank is 2nd with a WGPA of 4.683. She is involved with the Academic Team, previously served as President of the Book Club and is currently the President of Mu Alpha Theta. On the school's varsity swim team prior to COVID, she is now pursuing the Presidency of National Honor Society. She has volunteered at the St. Petersburg Diocese's Catholic Charities, working as an office attendant and helping manage their baby boutique. In her free time, she enjoys reading. Her future aspiration is to be a Neurologist, even though it means many years of school. She is very interested in this specialty. She is checking out a few colleges, but has yet to make a final decision. Given the chance to spend time with a historical figure, she would choose Marsha P. Johnson, an instrumental member in the 1960 LGBTQ rights movement.

## **This Week's Program:**

**Program Chairman Jim Plunkett** will present a thought provoking program on the differences in values that we are seeing in our society today. How did we get to where we are today? Socialism - Climate Change ... What is real and what is political fiction?



## **Next Week's Program:**

**Program Chairman Kevin Krauss** will introduce **Mike Fleischhauer**, who is with **Regions Bank's Private Wealth Management**.



**FRIDAY Dec 11th Pinellas Park Rotary's CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**FUSION RESORT-SKYVIEW TERRACE 290 107th Ave TREASURE ISLAND**  
**Arrive at 5 pm Sunset is 5:30pm Cocktails & Appetizers 5:30 - 6:30pm;**  
**6:45pm-ish family style dinner; 7:30 - 8:30pm Yankee Present Swap**  
**8:30-ish Cookies for dessert! \$60 per person SEE YOU THERE!**

## **Last Week's Program: Pinellas Park HS Students of the Month**

**Jessica Duong** is currently dually enrolled at PPHS and as a senior in the Early College Program at SPC Seminole Campus. Currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class, she plans to transfer to USF after getting her AA degree in May. At USF, she will continue with her coursework in the Pre-Architecture Program. She hopes to get her Masters Degree in Architecture. She enjoys drawing, baking, playing piano, and playing volleyball. She also enjoys volunteering at her church and for the City of Pinellas Park's Halloween Treat Trail. Her short-term goal is to do well in school and her long-term goal is to be able to provide for her family after getting a job. Lastly, she hopes to build a comfortable life for herself and her loved ones.



**Breandra Trepanier** is a senior in the Criminal Justice Academy. She loves to reach out and give back to the community through volunteering, working, and being kind to others. She uses her leadership skills to influence others to work hard for what they want. Sharing her perceptions about the world and gaining an understanding of how other people live is one of her greatest joys. She believes that if we just learn to be respectful, kind, and understanding to one another, the world could be a better place.

**Tatiana Simmons** is an ambitious, creative, and driven high school senior with practiced written communication skills. She is currently ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in her class with a WGPA of 4.47, exemplifying her ability to be responsible with excellent time management skills. She is currently in NHS and the Law Honor Society. She serves as President of Student Government and as the manager of the Track Team. She is a "destination ambassador" for **Visit St Pete/Clearwater** and enjoys serving as a counselor and Trainer for kids. She is also passionate about community service and traveling. Being a lifelong learner will assist her in her pursuit of becoming a future Doctor of Anesthesiology.



**Kurt Tran** has worked very hard ever since grade school to achieve 1<sup>st</sup> ranking in his Senior Class with a WGPA of 4.56. He always strives to do his best in school and never gives up when a challenge is faced. He currently serves as the President of the Asian Student Association Club, that explores Asian culture through many different activities and events. He is also the vice president of Key Club, organizing some of the volunteer events, as well as helping the president. He is a member of the National Honors Society, Science Honors Society, and is working on starting an English Honors Society at PPHS. He plans to major in biochemistry and pursue his passion of being a dentist.

