

Happy Events: by Tim Hammond

In Person:

Josh Astarita: Glad to be back. Went to the *Chiefs/Bucs* game and it was fun. No lines to get beer or get rid of beer!

Jim Fikkert: Happy to have Starlyn back from California.

David Allen: Happy the *Gators* are in the SEC Championship game.

Joe Kolodziej: Happy \$60.00 to be back.

Yvonne Fay: Happy \$2 for having a blonde moment and thinking the Christmas party was last week and she couldn't attend. But now she will since the party is this Friday. Happy to be here today.

Jeff MacKellar: Happy \$2 that the *Bucs* didn't embarrass themselves this week because no game! Happy *Bears* lost to *Lions*.

Tom Stewart: Happy for the Christmas season and the Christmas party.

Joe Minarik: Happy \$2 for the *Gators* win, but sad they have to play Alabama in the SEC Championship game.

Cory Krauss: Happy his cousin, Alex, had her second child.

Theresa Pinnix: Happy to be here. Happy her Regions associate, Mike, is our speaker.

Jerry Krauss: Happy to have new grandchild #7, Bolin Conrad (after his grandfather).

Richard Breske: Happy \$2 that all of his Christmas decorations are up.

Jim Andrews: Happy the weather for the Christmas party is going to be 72 degrees and nice.

Harry Alchin: Happy last Saturday the Seminole Rotary Club had a toy drive. He donated toys and they gave him \$3 donation for our Rotary Club.

David Sideri: Happy \$5 for good weather for the Christmas party tomorrow night.

On ZOOM:

Don Higgins: Going to hear his granddaughter play at *St. Petersburg High School*.

Tami Scheele: Happy to be here.

Kenny Krauss: Happy for the new BBQ grill he got early for Christmas.

Wren Krahl: Happy \$5 that after five weeks her aunt has recovered from COVID-19

Debra Ellis-Abney: Happy \$5 looking forward to the Christmas party tomorrow.

Ken Bray: Happy \$5 for being happy to be here, but sad his golfing partner's wife has COVID-19.

Words of Wisdom

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”

Confucius

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

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Jeff MacKellar won last week's prize of \$10 again and donated it back to the club. This week, the Ace of Hearts will win the



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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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Trivia Questions:

1. On what date does the Chinese New Year begin?
2. Do the majority of the recognized nations around the world celebrate Christmas?
3. What was the name of Will Ferrell's character in the movie, *Elf*?
4. From which major US city can you drive directly south into Canada?
5. How many times does 'Fear Not' appear in the KJV Bible?
6. Who was the first US President to celebrate Christmas in the White House?

Interesting Note:
 Did you know that Will Ferrell once worked as a Mall Santa?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Dec 19th	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec 19th	Christmas Baskets
Dec 24th	MERRY CHRISTMAS (no meeting)
Dec 31st	HAPPY NEW YEAR (no meeting)
Jan 5th	Board Meeting
Jan 7th	Club Assembly - Tom S.
Jan 14th	David Sideri P/C
Jan 21st	Students of the Month

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Barbara MacKellar
Jerry Wennlund	Chantel Wonder
Christine Patel	Kevin Krauss

Rotarian Birthdays:

Chantel Wonder12/3 36 Yrs
Sandy Donaghy 12/1077 Yrs

Visiting Rotarians:

Robert (Bob) Kelzer St Pete Downtown

Questions to Ponder!

"Why is the third hand on the watch called the "second" hand?"



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!

Rotary Opens Opportunities!

Last Week's Program:

Program Chairman Jerry Krauss, subbing for Kevin Krauss, introduced Mike Fleischhauer, who is with Regions Private Wealth Management. Per Jerry, Fleischhauer = "Meat Smasher". Literally, it is Meat cutter or Butcher.

Mike is a Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of South Florida. He holds a Florida Life, Health and Annuity License and is a Certified Financial Planner, as well as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He has more than 22 years of business consulting, personal finance, planning, banking, and wealth & relationship management experience. Mike provided a handout on financial investing, and explained some of the changes regarding IRA accounts, He discussed the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act), the Secure Act, which increased the RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) age from 70 1/2 to 72, tax loss harvesting, estate planning, philanthropic planning and creating a family and business mission statement. He also discussed strategic 2020 year-end planning and tax mitigation considerations. Mike finished his presentation with the raffle of a \$25 gift certificate. Starlyn Fikkert was the lucky winner.



This Week's Program:



Nicole Preil & Jose Ramos-Rodriguez are the Students of the Month for October, and Nicole Hill & Steven Issari are the Students of the Month for December from Dixie M. Hollins High School. They will be joining us in person along with Guidance Counselor, Steve White, at our meeting today.

The Pinellas Park High School Students of the Month for November are Jackson Ailey and Clayton Austin. Verence

Morales-Ramirez and Vivian Mai are the students for December. They will be recording their speeches and Guidance Counselor, Elise Whitley will be putting them into a Powerpoint presentation that she will send in for our viewing today.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE SUNCOAST - PINELLAS PARK

In the December Board meeting, President Tom Stewart asked Richard Breske to find out what special needs the Boys and Girls Club of Pinellas Park might have due to Covid-19. Richard called and talked to Chief Development Officer, Cassie Kackley, who let him know that the Boys and Girls Clubs are tutoring and feeding the students who attend, and they are also sending food home for those students and their families. The Board held a special meeting this past Thursday after our regular luncheon meeting and voted to increase our \$500 usual donation up to \$3,000 this year. Treasurer Harry Alchin wrote the check and Richard delivered the check to Pinellas Park Boys and Girls Club Director, Janet Arnold, pictured here. Cassie Kackley also sent a Thank-you email stating, "Thanks for all your support! I heard the great news, that you dropped off \$3,000 to support our food program at the Pinellas Park Club. Thanks for your commitment and dedication to our local kids. Please thank everyone at the Rotary for us. We truly appreciate your generosity."



Next Year's Program:

Our next program on Thursday, January 7th will be a Club Assembly. President Tom Stewart will review the first half of his presidential year and forecast the next six months. Kevin Krauss will also talk about the plans for this year's Bowl-a-Thon in March or April. Please plan to be there as we will be facing an challenging fundraising year and will need everyone's help to raise the money needed to fund Chantel Wonder's presidential year.



Mark Your Calendar:

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Please let Richard Breske know if you will be helping out with Bell Ringing at Publix at Pinellas Crossings 7333 Park Blvd. He needs two people per shift for seven one-hour shifts from 9am until 4pm.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Thanks to Jerry & Cory Krauss & Christine Patel. Jerry has purchased the food and Christine will sort and prepare the food baskets on Saturday morning. Cory will deliver the baskets to the schools before 8:30am. Many thanks to the Rotarians who have purchased presents for the children & will hand out the food and presents to the families on Sat Dec 19th from 8:30am - 10:30am.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 - 2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT-ELECT - STARLYN FIKKERT
SECRETARY - JANET WADDELL
TREASURER - HARRY ALCHIN
2021 - 2024 BOARD MEMBERS:
JIM ANDREW - TIM HAMMOND - JEFF MacKELLAR

THE BULLETIN STAFF WISHES A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !

MAY EACH OF US HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

MAY THIS UPCOMING YEAR (2021) BRING EACH OF US GOOD HEALTH, PEACE OF MIND, AND A RENEWED SPIRIT AND ENJOYMENT OF LIFE!

