

**Happy Events Janet Waddell
In Person:**

Joe Minarik: Happy for *Lightning* win. Had a great time bowling in Las Vegas last week with Kevin, Harry, David and his grandson, Alex Brodsky.

David Sideri: Had a great time bowling with the Seminole Lanes team.

Harry Alchin: Had a great time bowling in Las Vegas with the guys. Thanks to Janet who brought his mom, Dorothy, to her house on Tuesday during Elsa.

David Allen: Happy \$2 for *Lightning* win. Looking forward to a great two weeks with Linda in Hawaii.

Don Higgins: Happy \$ for *Lightning* win.

Ken Bray: Happy \$ for *Lightning* win and *Tampa Bay Ray's* sweep over *Cleveland Indians*.

Kevin Krauss: In Las Vegas, he beat Joe, but not David.

Cory Krauss: A Very Happy \$20 to announce that his wife, Katelyn, is pregnant.

Jerry Krauss: A very proud Great Opa. They have picked out the baby's name and he will be named after Jerry's father, Conrad. The baby will be Conrad Cory Krauss.

Barbara MacKellar: Many thanks to Brian Ellis who secured and brought in the picture plaques from the Heroes Luncheon.

Alex Cruz: A very appreciative \$10 as he called Richard Breske who advised him on an electrical problem. Alex is very proud that he did not electrocute himself!

Jeff MacKellar: Happy to have Barbara's granddaughter's stuff out of the garage and he was able to get the car back in.

Yvonne Fay: Her grandbaby is turning 4. Happy for Cory. Congratulations!

Jim Fikkert: Happy to have Manuella here as his speaker.

Richard Breske: Happy \$ for the *Lightning* win, the *Rays* win and the *Red Sox* loss.

Jim Andrew: Happy \$ for the *Lightning* win.

Tim Hammond: Happy \$ for *Lightning* and for Cory.

Janet Waddell: Happy \$5 for Cory, Katelyn, Kevin & Jerry. **Zoom:**

Kenny Krauss: Happy \$5 for Cory be a Dad & Kevin, a new Grandpa. They did a great job for him at *BayCare*.

Jim Plunkett: Happy \$5 for Cory's baby.

Theresa Pinnix: Happy \$5 for Cory, Kevin & Mary Ann

Debra Ellis-Abney: Happy \$5 for Cory's baby and happy that all were safe with Tropical Storm Elsa.

Another Lexophile

**Why did Johnny throw the clock out the window?
Because he wanted to see time fly!**

Words of Wisdom

“When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this, you haven't.”

Thomas Edison

Club Buddies

Chantel Wonder	Janet Waddell
Harry Alchin	Jeff MacKellar
Jim Andrew	Richard Breske
Theresa Pinnix	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Jim Plunkett	Christine Patel
Joe Minarik	Debra Ellis Abney
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Phil England	Bob Kelzer
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 / Sean / Brian
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
	h-Priscilla Kolodziej
h-Dr Paul Nanda	h-Jerry Wennlund
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

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Joe Minarik won last week's prize for \$10 and donated it back to the club. The new jackpot is \$49.00 The new card to draw is the Ace of Diamonds.



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
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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: **Tom Stewart, Kevin K, David S.**

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Trivia Questions:

1. What resident gained fame as the drummer for *The Monkees*?
2. What is the real name of former World Wrestling Champion Hulk Hogan?
3. What Hollywood superstar is currently living in Tampa Bay?
4. What former Tampa High School baseball player won the Home Run Derby in 2019 and 2021?
5. Who did Chris Pratt challenge to a fight while both were filming *Guardians of the Galaxy*?
6. Who invented *Spanx* and is part owner of the *Atlanta Hawks*?

Upcoming Programs & Events

July 16th	Food Packing - M W4Kids
July 22nd	Don Higgins P/C
July 29th	Cory Krauss P/C
Aug 3rd	Board Meeting
Aug 5th	Bob Kelzer P/C
Aug 12th	Wren Krahl P/C
Aug 14th	Special Olympics Bowling
Aug 19th	Kenny Krauss P/C
Aug 26th	Tim Hammond P/C
Sept 2nd	Kevin Krauss
Sept 9th	Jerry Krauss

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Phil England
Josh Astarita	Tami Scheele

Wedding Anniversaries:

Josh & Stephanie Astarita 7/7 14 Yrs

Guests of Rotarians:

Cory Krauss Tom Pellton / Father-in-Law

Rotarian Birthdays:

Jerry Wennlund7/1 72 Yrs
Dr Pal Nanda 7/19 96 Yrs

Questions to Ponder!

Christmas -
What other time of year
do you sit in front of a dead tree
and eat candy out of socks ?

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!

This Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Debra Ellis-Abney** will present **Megan DiBlasi** with *Clothes to Kids*, which provides new and quality used clothing to low income or at-risk school age children, all free of charge.

Megan was born and raised in Palm Harbor and attended Florida State University. She and her husband have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Madison & McKinley, a wild dog named Boomer, and she is passionate about Jesus. She lives by the motto: **“Do for one what you wish you could do for everyone.”**



Next Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Don Higgins** will introduce **Charlie Rogers**, a Rotarian of 42 years with 42 years of perfect attendance. He served as a President's Representative for 8 years; on the Council of Legislation as a Representative for 3 years; Rotary International Training Leader for 2 years; and District 6980 (Central Florida) Governor in 2000-01. He has received many awards and he and his wife are both Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and **Paul Harris Society** members of the **Rotary Foundation**.

Charlie retired from a 34-year career in banking. He and his wife Mary, who is also a Rotarian, reside in Port Richey, Florida. Charlie will be giving us an update on the Rotary effort to eradicate polio. Don remembers when Rotary first started the Polio Plus Campaign and there were millions of cases worldwide. Now we are down to 2 cases total this year in Afghanistan and Pakistan. BUT we need to have 3 years with no new cases to declare victory.



Shekhar Mehta - 2021-2022 Rotary International President

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International.

Shekhar Mehta was born in 1959 in Kolkata, India. A keen academician, he graduated from St. Xavier's College, and has the unique combination of having a Masters in Commerce, and is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary. He founded and is the chair of the *Skyline Group* that is engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing in the state of Rajasthan. He is member of many professional, cultural and charitable organizations. He has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster. He is also a director of *Operation Eyesight Universal* (India), a Canada-based organization. Mehta also pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

Shekhar Mehta joined Rotary in 1985 and is a member of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar. He served as a District Governor in 1999-2000 and was elevated to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-2013. Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and spend more investing in technology.

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Excerpt from Rotary International Website



Last Week's Program:

Program Chairperson **Jim Fikkert** introduced **Manuela Hendrickson**, who provided a presentation about *“The Kind Mouse”*, a local charity dedicated to providing meals and food for local families in need.

Kind Mouse Productions, Incorporated is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization based in St. Pete. Founder Gina Wilkins began helping families and children in Pinellas County who have food insecurity and chronic hunger (meaning that these people are not sure where their next meal is coming from) following an economic downturn in 2012. The 90 day program helps families find food, and housing (through other contacts). Our speaker, Manuel, was born and raised in Germany and was a Foster Parent for many years. She also started and owns her own real estate company, *Realty One Group Sunshine*, based near Tyrone Mall. She dedicates between four to ten hours per month to help out with the *Kind Mouse* food pantry.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, children who received their primary nourishment through free or reduced lunches through the local public school programs, were left without support when the schools were shut down and classes were held primarily on-line. *The Kind Mouse* stepped in to fill this need. In 2019, they held food drives to collect the food and they donated over 123,000 pounds of food to the community.

They also are training the young members to volunteer and provide assistance to their peers.

Children up to 12 years old are “Mice in Training” and those from 12 to 18 years are “Mice Interns” who learn about and help with the program and will be able to be full time volunteers when they turn 18. What a great program of sustainability.

They have their 8th Annual Kind Mouse MOUSEquerade charity fundraiser scheduled for August 21, 2021. Tickets are available and you can also volunteer through their charity web site:

<https://thekindmouse.org>



2020-21 final accounting info recap, courtesy of Treasurer Harry Alchin

Membership Income	\$37,331.86	Administrative Expenses	\$22,261.83
Fundraising Income	\$25,269.94	Fundraising Expenses	\$ 3,125.10
District Grant Income	<u>\$ 5,055.00</u>	Club Service Expenses	\$ 8,248.59
Total Income	\$67,656.80	Foundation & Grant Project Exp	\$15,826.68
		New Generations (Youth) Exp	\$ 3,779.52
		Community Services Exp	<u>\$22,135.76</u>
		Total Expenses	\$75,377.48



Thanks to Immediate Past President Tom Stewart's dedication to our community, we used some of our Club's reserves to help our community during this past trying year. Thanks to the generosity of our Club members, we had extra funds available to use.

Congratulations to all of our Pinellas Park Rotary Club members who worked together to make this another successful year dedicated to *Service Above Self*.

